



CITY OF TEXARKANA

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA • NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Council Chambers

Special Meeting

12:15 PM

220 TEXAS BLVD.
TEXARKANA, TX 75501

Mayor

Bob Bruggeman

Ward 1

Jean H. Matlock

Ward 3

Betty Williams

Ward 5

Bill Harp

Ward 2

Mary Hart

Ward 4

Christie Page

Ward 6

Jay Davis



I. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO ELECTED OFFICIALS**II. ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION**

Consideration/Approval of "Canvass of General Election" certification of the precinct election returns of the General Election held on November 2, 2021, for electing a Mayor and Council Member for Ward 2.

Jean Matlock, Council Member for Ward 1, was on the November 2, 2021, general election ballot as **unopposed**.

1. Ordinance No. 2021-114 canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on November 2, 2021 for the purpose of electing a Mayor, a Council Member for Ward One (1), and a Council Member for Ward Two (2).

Public Hearing:

Council Vote: November 15, 2021

III. ADJOURNMENT

Jennifer Evans
City Secretary

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City of Texarkana, Texas

Briefing Sheet

Version:
Update Date: 11/12/2021 10:01 AM

Lead Department: City Manager **Action Officer:** Jennifer Evans, City Secretary
Ordinance No. 2021-114 canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the
General Election held on November 2, 2021 for the purpose of electing a
Subject: Mayor, a Council Member for Ward One (1), and a Council Member for Ward
Two (2).

Briefing: 11/15/2021 **Public Hearing:** **Council Vote:** 11/15/2021

Item Schedule

Updates/History of Briefing:

NOT APPLICABLE

Executive Summary and Background Information:

Texas Election Code, Chapter 67 "Canvassing Elections", outlines the time and procedure for local canvassing of election results.

The City Council is hereby adhering to this portion of the election code with the proposed ordinance.

Potential Options:

- None
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Fiscal Implications:

None

Staff Recommendation:

To canvass the election results and declare elected Bob Bruggeman as Mayor and Mary Duhart Hart as Council Member for Ward Two (2); also, to declare elected, Jean H. Matlock as Council Member for Ward One (1), who ran **unopposed** on the November 2, 2021 general election ballot.

Advisory Board/Committee Review:

NONE

Board/Committee Recommendation:

NOT APPLICABLE

Advisory Board/Committee Meeting Date and Minutes:

NOT APPLICABLE

City of Texarkana, Texas

Attachments

- a. 2021-114 ORD CANVASS MayW1W2 for 11.02.21 (DOCX)
- b. 2021-114 Appendix 'A' Gen. Elect. Results (DOCX)
- c. 2021-114 Goals & Perspectives (DOCX)

Staff Coordination

City Manager	Jennifer Evans	Department Head Review	Completed
	11/12/2021 10:04 AM		
City Manager		City Manager Review	Pending
City Council	Vicky Coopwood	Meeting	Pending
12:15 PM			11/15/2021

Meeting History

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-114

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS, ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR, A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR WARD ONE (1), AND A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR WARD TWO (2); AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Texarkana, Texas, on July 12, 2021, duly passed an Order of Election (amended on August 9, 2021) calling a general election to be held on November 2, 2021, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, a Council Member for Ward One (1), and a Council Member for Ward Two (2) in the City of Texarkana, Texas; and

WHEREAS, by the filing deadline for a place on the general election ballot on August 16, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., Jean H. Matlock, Council Member for Ward One (1), was unopposed, and was listed on the general election ballot as an "unopposed" candidate; and

WHEREAS, said general election for a Mayor, and a Council Member for Ward Two (2), was duly held at the time and places specified after due notice was given by posting and by publication as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the official election returns were filed with the Mayor and City Secretary for all citywide precincts for Mayor and for all Ward Two (2) precincts as required by law and the results have been tabulated and set forth in **Appendix "A"** attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Texas Election Code, the City Council of the City of Texarkana is required to canvass the returns and declare the results of the election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: The Mayor be and is hereby directed to deliver to **Bob Bruggeman and Mary Duhart Hart**, the persons for whom votes have been polled for the office of Mayor, and Ward Two (2) respectively, and **Jean H. Matlock**, unopposed for the office of Ward One (1), a certificate of election, naming therein the offices to which the candidates have been elected, the date on which such election was held, and shall sign the same and cause the seal of the City to be impressed thereon, pursuant to Section 67.016 of the Texas Election Code; the said certificates are to be prepared by the City Secretary for the Mayor's signature as soon as possible after the completion of the canvass and passage of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: Pursuant to Article V, Section 5 of the City Charter, the winning candidates shall subscribe to his and her oath of office within thirty days of the date of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED in Special Council Session on this the 15th day of November, 2021.

ATTEST:

JENNIFER EVANS, CITY SECRETARY

BOB BRUGGEMAN, MAYOR



General Election Results

November 2, 2021

Mayor, Ward 1, Ward 2

All Election Results – TOTALS

Total Number of Votes Cast	3304
Total Number of Votes Cast (Absentee)	46
Total Number of Votes Cast (Early In-Person)	1477
Total Number of Votes Cast (Election Day)	1781
Total Number of Overvotes	1
Total Number of Undervotes	61
Total Number of Counted and Uncounted Ballots Cast	13 (Pending PVBB Decision)

Individual Candidate Results - TOTALS

MAYOR	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day	Total
Bob Bruggeman	24	995	1206	2225
Brian Matthews	21	470	554	1045

WARD 1

Jean H. Matlock – **Unopposed**

WARD 2	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day	Total
Mary Duhart Hart	11	83	68	162
Mary Philips	0	42	56	98

Developing Perspectives and Goals Pending Approval by the City Council:

Perspectives	Goals
Serve the Community	☐ Promote an Environmentally Sensitive & Livable Community ☐ Provide a Safe Community ☒ Deliver Quality Services ☐ Foster a Healthy Community
Run the Operations	☐ Enhance Community Preparedness & Responsiveness ☐ Maximize Partnership Opportunities ☒ Provide Courteous & Responsive Customer Service ☐ Model a Positive City Image ☒ Deliver Efficient Services ☐ Cultivate Community Involvement & Access
Manage the Resources	☐ Maintain Fiscal Strength ☐ Maximize Utilization & Resources ☐ Invest in Infrastructure & Transportation
Develop Personnel	☐ Develop a Skilled & Diverse Workforce ☐ Create a Positive & Rewarding Work Culture

Perspectives and Goals Additional Comments:

NONE

Resource Impact:

Staff time required if item is approved: No Additional

Other Potential Impacts:

NONE APPLICABLE

Public Information Plan:

☐ Newspaper Notice (Required by Statute)	☐ Public Hearing (Required by Statute)
☐ Public Forum/Input Session	☐ Press Release
☐ E-News Distribution	☐ Website Notice
☐ Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	☐ Special Mailing
☐ Flyers Posted	☐ Banners Posted
☐ Survey	☐ Automated Phone Call
☒ None Required	☐

Other: