



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • NOVEMBER 16, 2020

Council Chambers**Special Meeting****12:00 PM**

220 TEXAS BLVD.
TEXARKANA, TX 75501

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bob Bruggeman	Mayor	Present	
Jean H. Matlock	Ward 1	Absent	
Mary Hart	Ward 2	Absent	
Betty Williams	Ward 3	Present	
Christie Alcorn	Ward 4	Absent	
Bill Harp	Ward 5	Absent	
Jay Davis	Ward 6	Present	

City Staff: City Manager Shirley Jaster, Jennifer Evans, and David Orr.

Legal Counsel: Jeff Lewis.

II. ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

Consideration/Approval of "Canvass of Special Election" certification of the precinct election returns of the Special Election held on November 3, 2020, for the petition-initiated ballot measure to amend the City Charter by adding new Section 17 to Article XVII, titled "Collective Bargaining Impasse" summarized as follows:

"Amending the City Charter, Article XVII, "General Provisions", by adding new section 17, "Collective Bargaining Impasse", which would authorize only the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 367 (IAFF Local 367) to determine when the City and IAFF Local 367 reach an impasse (that is, cannot agree) regarding the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement; authorize only IAFF Local 367 to force the City to submit all issues in dispute between them to compulsory arbitration; create a three-member Arbitration Board and a procedure for selecting the members; restrict the evidence that the Arbitration Board may consider in making its decision; and result in any decision of at least two of the three members of the Arbitration Board on any issue in dispute being final, binding, and enforceable against both the City and IAFF Local 367 which cannot be overruled or changed by the City Council".

Pursuant to Texas Election Code Section 67.004(a), two members of the local authority constitute a quorum for purposes of canvassing an election.

The Mayor, Council Member Williams and Council Member Davis proceeded with the canvass of the Special Election held on November 3, 2020, for the purpose of amending the City Charter by adding new Section 17 to Article XVII, titled "Collective Bargaining Impasse".

1. Motion to accept the canvass.

(12:24 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
SECONDER:	Jay Davis, Ward 6
AYES:	Bruggeman, Williams, Davis
ABSENT:	Matlock, Hart, Alcorn, Harp

III. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

(12:24 p.m.)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jay Davis, Ward 6
SECONDER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
AYES:	Bruggeman, Williams, Davis
ABSENT:	Matlock, Hart, Alcorn, Harp



Jennifer Evans
City Secretary



Bob Bruggeman
Mayor