



CITY OF TEXARKANA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • JANUARY 29, 2018

Conference Room

Workshop Meeting

5:30 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	Late	5:45 PM
Mary Hart	Ward 2	Present	
Betty Williams	Ward 3	Present	
Christie Alcorn	Ward 4	Absent	
Bill Harp	Ward 5	Present	
Josh Davis	Ward 6	Present	

Staff Present: City Manager Shirley Jaster, Jennifer Evans, Kyle Dooley, J.D. Phillips, Jim Powell, J.W. Bramlett, and Lisa Thompson.

Legal Counsel: Jeff Lewis.

Appointed Regional Water Liaison: Steve Mayo.

RIVERBEND ROLL CALL

Mayor Bruggeman introduced Marshall Wood who then proceeded with a roll call for Riverbend Water Resources District members.

Present: Jim Green, Fred Milton, Kelly Mitchell, and Marshall Wood.

Absent: Sean Rommel.

Also in attendance was Riverbend Executive Director/CEO Liz Fazio Hale.

II. MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Bruggeman welcomed all in attendance and reminded everyone that the last council meeting held on January 22, 2018 had an agenda item related to the development and location of a new water intake structure at Lake Wright Patman.

Council had questions and Mr. Mayo was not in attendance at that council meeting. Council decided to postpone the vote on that agenda item and host this workshop to gain additional insight.

Mr. Mayo said he had additional information to share with the city attorney and city council and therefore asked for a closed session.

III. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Bruggeman stated that additional legal matters needed to be brought to the attention of the council before proceeding with the agenda item. Participation of the appointed regional water liaison and former mayor, Steve Mayo, would be necessary to the legal matter under consideration.

The City Council then convened into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with the city attorney on additional legal matters regarding the agenda item pertaining to the water intake structure at Lake Wright Patman.

IV. RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION

V. GUESTS FOR DISCUSSION - RIVERBEND WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT

VI. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION - WATER INTAKE STRUCTURE AT LAKE WRIGHT PATMAN

Riverbend Members in Summary: Riverbend is a good choice to facilitate the intake structure project overall. While water rates remain low for citizens, infrastructure is aging rapidly so there is much work to be done. It is vitally important to keep the process moving forward in order to meet the growing region's future water needs. Riverbend has been working diligently to represent the city's interests and asked the council for its support.

City Council in Summary: There is a need for solid understanding before casting a vote on a matter that will affect Texarkana for the next several decades. New council members should be fully informed in order to understand why the joint resolution is before the council. The council has a huge responsibility and accountability to its citizens. The council shares the mission of Riverbend and is willing to work together. The council thanked Riverbend for its patience, enduring work, and service in its behalf.

Steve Mayo gave his assurance to facilitate better future communications. It is important that new council members are comfortable with their decision making. The City Council and Riverbend are on the same team and each want the process to be done right.

VII. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Bruggeman thanked all in the audience for attending the meeting which included: Texarkana, Arkansas Mayor Ruth Penney Bell and Ward 6 Director Terri Peavy, Scott Norton - TexAmericas Center Executive Director/CEO, Jimmy Cochran - Mayor of Hooks, Texas, Tom Whitten - Bowie County Commissioner, and Van Alexander - Texarkana, Texas Budget Advisory Committee Member.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
7:22 p.m.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Harp, Ward 5
SECONDER:	Betty Williams, Ward 3
AYES:	Bruggeman, Matlock, Hart, Williams, Harp, Davis
ABSENT:	Alcorn



Jennifer Evans
City Secretary



Bob Bruggeman
Mayor