

**MINUTES**  
**Special meeting of the City Council**  
**Municipal Building**  
**West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Texas Boulevard**  
**Texarkana, Texas**  
**Wednesday, June 3, 2009**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Call to Order by Mayor Mayo, Roll Call, Establishment of Quorum:**

The following Councilmembers were present:

Derrick McGary	Councilmember, Ward 1
Willie Ray	Councilmember, Ward 2
Tina Veal-Gooch	Councilmember, Ward 3
Bob Bruggeman	Councilmember, Ward 4
Scott Norton	Councilmember, Ward 5
Robin Court	Councilmember, Ward 6

Also present were: F. Larry Sullivan, CEO/City Manager, Mayor Stephen Mayo, Shirley Jaster, Charlie Bassett, CFO, Police Chief Dan Shiner, Craig Lindholm, Pam Burns, David Orr, Vicki Melde, Jerry Sparks, Mashell Daniel, Yana Sutton, and Kyle Dooley.

**Closed Session:**

The City Council convened in closed session pursuant to one or more of the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code):

§ 551.071	Private consultation with the City Attorney
§ 551.072	Discussing or deliberating purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property
§ 551.073	Discussing or deliberating negotiated contract for prospective gift or donation
§ 551.074	Discussing or deliberating appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee
§ 551.076	Discussing or deliberating the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices
§ 551.084	Investigation; exclusion of witness from a hearing during examination of another witness
§ 551.087	Discussing economic development negotiations or offer of financial or other incentives to business prospects

The City Council reconvened in open session at 10:00 a.m. to take final action, decision, and vote on matters deliberated in closed session.

**Invocation** The Invocation was given by Councilman Derrick McGary.

**Pledge to the Flag:** The Pledge was led by Councilman Derrick McGary.

**Open Forum**

**Consideration / Approval of Consent Agenda items:** All items were pulled for consideration.

1. Consider Ordinance No. 076-09 adopting a substantial amendment to the CDBG fiscal year 2008-2009 action plan to accommodate additional funding available through Title XII of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Mayor declared the public hearing open.

Rev. Willie Williams requested information on how the funds would be dispersed for Ordinance 076-09 pertaining to the amendment for Community Development Building Grant funds. Craig Lindholm explained this was stimulus money that was being dispersed and the funds were to assist in several projects for the City such as the drainage project, farmer's market project, housing and business development in the areas designated by grant criteria.

Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Assistant City Secretary, Pam Burns, read the caption to the ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Willie Ray that the consent item be approved and seconded by Councilmember Derrick McGary.

The following Councilmembers voted:

Ayes: McGary, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Bruggeman, Norton, Court

Noes: None

2. Consider Resolution No. 077-09 appointing a Mayor Pro Tem June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robin Court that Bob Bruggeman be appointed Mayor Pro Tem and seconded by Councilmember Derrick McGary.

The following Councilmembers voted:

Ayes: McGary, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Bruggeman, Norton, Court

Noes: None

3. Consider Ordinance No. 078-09 awarding a bid and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contractual agreement with the successful bidder for the Plantevigne Street Drainage Improvement Project.

Shirley explained this neighborhood has been in need of drainage work for some time. The neighborhood has cooperated with right-of-ways and is excited about the project. Ms. Ray thanked Dr. Sullivan for pressing forward with this project. In turn Dr. Sullivan thanked Ms. Ray for her participation and dedication to see this project to completion.

Assistant City Secretary, Pam Burns, read the caption to the ordinance.

Robin Court asked to abstain from voting because the contractor was a relative of her husband.

A motion was made by Councilmember Willie Ray and seconded by Councilmember Derrick McGary.

The following Councilmembers voted by roll call:

Ayes: McGary, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Bruggeman, Norton, (Court abstaining)

Noes: None

4. Consider Ordinance No. 079-09 authorizing the Texarkana Texas Police Department and Teen Court to apply for a grant from the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office.

Dr. Sullivan indicated the need for the funding for both Teen Court and the Police Department for future projects.

Assistant City Secretary, Pam Burns, read the caption to the ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Willie Ray and seconded by Councilmember Bob Bruggeman.

The following Councilmembers voted:

Ayes: McGary, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Bruggeman, Norton, Court

Noes: None

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Willie Ray that this meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilmember Scott Norton. 10:45 a.m.

The following Councilmembers voted:

Ayes: McGary, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Bruggeman, Norton, Court

Noes: None

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STEPHEN A. MAYO, MAYOR

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KERRY MEREDITH, CITY SECRETARY