

**MINUTES**  
**Special Meeting of the City Council**  
**Municipal Building**  
**West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Texas Boulevard**  
**Texarkana, Texas**  
**Wednesday, August 12, 2009**  
**12:00 p.m.**

An Open Meeting will be held concerning the following subject:

**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 via Videoconference

Councilmember Robin Court located at:  
University of Texas  
George Sanchez Building, Room 324  
1912 Speedway, Austin, Texas 78721

Also present were: F. Larry Sullivan, CEO/City Manager, Craig Lindholm, Charlie Bassett, CFO, Kerry Meredith, City Secretary.

**Pledge**

Bob Bruggeman

**Open Forum**

**Action Items**

1. Public Hearing and consider Ordinance No. 113-09 adopting the fiscal year 2009-2010 Action Plan for use of Community Development Block Grant funds.

Mayor Mayo declared Public Hearing Open. 12:13 p.m.

Bradley Johnson spoke and stated the bonds used destroyed his home; he stated he didn't get a copy of the plan in time; claims harassment by the City employees; thinks the funds are being misappropriated.

Craig Lindholm gave presentation to explain the 2009-2010 Action Plan. Stated it is about \$16k more than last year.

Councilmember Robin Court asked how do we prioritize the destructions and how many can we destruct with these funds. Craig responded that the ones with the most hazards, such as those being used for drug houses or those that pose a health risk, are torn down first; downed houses in neighborhoods that receive many complaints are second and the red tagged homes are third. Craig also stated that they should be able to demolish 30-40 homes a year.

Councilmember Tina Veal-Gooch asked what happens after a home is torn down. Craig responded and stated the lot says in the owner's name because they might want to re-build. It costs between \$50-\$70 to mow a lot for actual costs.

Councilmember Tina Veal-Gooch stated that New York was creating “green spaces” on unkept lots and wanted to know if that was a possibility here. Craig said he would like to see the City have the ability to put a lien on residential lots after demolition.

Mayor Mayo asked Craig if the City could mow lots that were owner/tenant occupied and Craig responded that we could.

Councilmember Robin Court would like to raise the price on the fee for mowing people’s yards for them.

Dr. Sullivan asked Craig to bring back to the Council a Plan of Action for the year.

Bradley Johnson spoke again of his past issues with the City.

Mayor Mayo told Mr. Johnson that he and the Council are fully aware of his situation.

Bradley Johnson requested all the numbers for HUD.

Dr. Sullivan stated he already provided him with that information the day before.

Mayor Mayo asked Mr. Johnson if he had any other questions.

Bradley Johnson stated that Craig lied about the plan being at the Library.

Mayor Mayo declared the Public Hearing Closed. 12:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ray that the action item be approved, seconded by Councilmember Bruggeman. 12:41 p.m.

The following Councilmembers voted:

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

Noes: None

**Consideration / Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

1. Consider Ordinance No. 106-09 authorizing the CEO/City Manager to enter into a two month extension of current Texas DSHS Title X Family Planning.
2. Consider Ordinance No. 107-2009 authorizing the CEO/City Manager to enter into a two month extension of current Texas DSHS Title V Family Planning.
3. Consider Ordinance No. 112-2009 authorizing the CEO/City to enter into a contract with Texas DSHS to provide funding for the Immunization Program.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bruggeman that the consent agenda be approved, seconded by Councilmember McGary. 12:42 p.m.

The following Councilmembers voted:

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

Noes: None

**Closed Session**

The City Council will convene 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): 12:20 p.m.

§ 551.071

Private consultation with the Legal Counsel

§ 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

**No Action Taken**

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilmember McGary that this meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilmember Norton. 2:10 p.m.

The following Councilmembers voted:

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

Noes: None

Absent for Closed: Councilmember Court

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**Stephen A. Mayo, MAYOR**

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**Kerry Meredith, CITY SECRETARY**