

MINUTES
Special Meeting of the City Council
And Budget Workshop
Municipal Building
West 3rd Street and Texas Boulevard
Texarkana, Texas
Monday, August 31, 2009
Budget Workshop to begin at 10:30 a.m.
Special Meeting to begin at 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 at 10:30 a.m.:

Derrick McGary	Councilmember, Ward 1
Willie Ray	Councilmember, Ward 2
Bob Bruggeman	Councilmember, Ward 4
Scott Norton	Councilmember, Ward 5

Members Absent:

Tina Veal-Gooch, Ward 3
Councilmember Robin Court, Ward 6

Also present were: F. Larry Sullivan, CEO/City Manager, Craig Lindholm, Charlie Bassett, CFO, Kerry Meredith, City Secretary, Chief Shiner, Jim Powell, Jeff Heminger, David Orr.

Budget Workshop

Dr. Sullivan explained that we would like to postpone budget approval until September 14, 2009 due to technicality between State laws and the City Charter pertaining to the posting notice. Dr. Sullivan also spoke relative to the fleet situation of the City.

Break at 11:50 a.m.

Roll Call at 12:15 p.m.

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

Members Absent:

Councilmember Robin Court, Ward 6

Budget Workshop Continued

Fleet and budget discussion continued.

Julie Ray Harrison states that organizations are shutting down and would recommend no more than a 1% or 1.5% COLA increase for City employees.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Open Forum

Public Hearing and Public Readings of Resolutions or Proposed Ordinances and Reports

Action/Discussion Items

1. Public Hearing and consider Ordinance No. 120-2009 adopting and appropriating resources for the budget beginning October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010.

Mayor Mayo declared Public Hearing Open. 1:16 p.m.

Dr. Sullivan recommended postponing.

Mayor Mayo declared the Public Hearing Closed. 1:18 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bruggeman that the action item be postponed until September 14, 2009, seconded by Councilmember McGary with the amendment below.

Amendment: Including Fleet Project with budget adoption to be held on September 14, 2009.

The following Councilmembers voted:

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

Noes: None

2. Public Hearing and consider Ordinance No. 121-2009 approving the Texarkana Water Utilities FY 2010 budget in the amounts shown on the attachment.

Mayor Mayo declared Public Hearing Open. 1:26 p.m.

Dr. Sullivan recommended postponing.

Mayor Mayo declared the Public Hearing Closed. 1:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGary that the action item be postponed until September 14, 2009, seconded by Councilmember Ray with the amendment below.

Amendment: Current staff number to be frozen with no additional staff to be added and move budget adoption to September 14, 2009.

The following Councilmembers voted:

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

Noes: None

Council Requests for Discussion

Dr. Sullivan mentioned that we have received a Transit Architect-Rendering of the Grim Hotel.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Norton that this meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilmember Ray. 1:50 p.m.

The following Councilmembers voted:

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

Noes: None

Stephen A. Mayo, MAYOR

Kerry Meredith, CITY SECRETARY