

**MINUTES**  
**Special Meeting of the City Council**  
**Municipal Building**  
**West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Texas Boulevard**  
**Texarkana, Texas**  
**Tuesday, September 21, 2009**

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 11:15 a.m.:

Willie Ray	Councilmember, Ward 2
Tina Veal-Gooch	Councilmember, Ward 3
Bob Bruggeman	Councilmember, Ward 4
Scott Norton	Councilmember, Ward 5

Members Absent:

Derrick McGary	Councilmember, Ward 1
Robin Court	Councilmember, Ward 6

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

**Invocation and Pledge**

The Invocation and Pledge was given by Councilmember Scott Norton.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing on Tax Rate**

Mayor Mayo declared the Public Hearing open. 12:12 p.m.

John Power spoke against the tax increase due to bad timing with economy. He gave a handout and made a presentation.

Dr. Sullivan discussed the difference between outright paying for vehicles and occurring debt.

Mayor Mayo talked about the average household amount and how much the proposed rate would make it.

Glenn Johnson wanted more information about the fleet replacement schedule. He would like the information provided to the Blue Ribbon Committee.

Mayor Mayo said that information is available to anyone and we will get him one.

Mr. Johnson also spoke regarding the two proposed new roads, Morris and Moores.

Deanna Montoya of Ward 6 does not want her taxes increased. The college and county are talking about raising taxes as well. She made the statement that there were no Hispanics represented on the Blue Ribbon Committee.

Wayne Poe of Ward 1 said he could not afford more taxes. He owns rental property and resides in the Rosehill neighborhood where he grew up. He also does not believe employees need to take city vehicles home.

Dr. Sullivan explained that only those subject that are on clock 24 hours and are a part of emergency personnel, take them home.

Charles Adams wants to know if Liberty Eylau is in the city limits. He said he hasn't seen the street sweeper in a long time. His social security and military pay is not increasing, so do not increase taxes now.

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

### **Closed Session**

The City Council may 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):

- § 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

No Action taken

### **Adjournment**

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

The following Councilmembers voted:

Ayes: McGary, Ray, Bruggeman, Norton,

Noes: None

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**Stephen A. Mayo, MAYOR**

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**Kerry Meredith, CITY SECRETARY**