

MINUTES
Special meeting of the City Council
Municipal Building
West 3rd Street and Texas Boulevard
Texarkana, Texas
Wednesday, December 9, 2009
11:30 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
Robin Court	Councilmember, Ward 6

and

Scott Norton	Councilmember, Ward 5 – was absent
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Also present were: Mayor Stephen Mayo, Charlie Bassett, CFO (Acting City Manager), Police Chief Dan Shiner, Craig Lindholm, Shirley Jaster, Libby Nix, Robby Robertson, Pam Burns, David Orr, Vicki Melde, Jerry Sparks, and Kyle Dooley.

Closed Session:

The City Council convened in open session at 11:45 a.m.

Invocation The Invocation was given by Councilman Bob Bruggeman.

Pledge to the Flag: The Pledge was led by Councilman Bob Bruggeman.

Open Forum:

Mr. David Erwin asked if the parking was going to be limited or reduced in the downtown enhancement program proposed. Craig assured him there was no plan to limit, reduce or meter the downtown parking.

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

Public Hearing on Texas Transportation Program Grant Application – Kayla Wood presented a power point relating to the Texas Department of Transportation Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program application for the downtown enhancement. Questions were fielded from the public regarding the following:

1. Brian Goesl of TRAHC wanted to know if the landscaping of the enhancement project would take out the trees they have planted. Craig told him they planned a

meeting with the various owners, etc to determine the proper landscaping for the area.

2. Michael Friedman asked if receipt of the grant was an assurance. Kayla indicated they had a good chance to receive the money but there was no assurance of the receipt. The project will not be awarded until August 1020 and would not begin until January 2011.
3. Robin Court asked if Mr. Friedman was concerned about the area in front of his business and he was assured the work would take place there also. He was in favor of the work.
4. Robin asked if future grant programs were planned to continue working in the downtown area and was assured they would be reapplying when it was available..

Consideration / Approval of Consent Agenda items

The Mayor asked for a vote to consider approval of all of the following consent agenda.

1. Consider Ordinance No. 186-09 approving the submittal of an application to the Texas Department of Transportation Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program.
2. Consider Ordinance No. 187-09 issuing a purchase order to the LDV, Inc. of Burlington, Wisconsin for the purchase of a mobile communications vehicle.
3. Consider Ordinance No. 188-09 authorizing the CEO/City Manager to enter into a contractual agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. to provide engineering services required to prepare the Stormwater Management Design Manual for the City of Texarkana, Texas.

The following Councilmembers voted to approve the above consent agenda:

Derrick McGary voted to approve and Robin Court seconded the vote.

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

Noes: None

Closed Session:

The City Council convened in closed session at **12 Noon** pursuant to one or more of the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code):

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| § 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

Adjournment:

The Council adjourned at 1:29 pm with no further action taken.

STEPHEN A. MAYO, MAYOR

PAMELA N. BURNS,
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY