

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Municipal Building
West 3rd Street and Texas Boulevard
Texarkana, Texas
Monday, April 26, 2010
6:00 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 Arrived at 6:10 p.m.
Tina Veal-Gooch	Councilmember, Ward 3
Bob Bruggeman	Councilmember, Ward 4
Scott Norton	Councilmember, Ward 5
Robin Court	Councilmember, Ward 6 Via Videoconference: University of Texas George Sanchez Building, Room 324 1912 Speedway, Austin, Texas 78721

Also present were: F. Larry Sullivan, CEO/City Manager, Shirley Jaster, Officer Ed Emilia, Craig Lindholm, Chief Shiner, Vicki Melde, Pam Burns, Kerry Meredith, City Secretary, Jerry Sparks.

Closed Session (6:05 p.m.)

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):

§ 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

The City Council will reconvene in open session at 7:00 p.m. to take any final action, decision, or vote on a matter deliberated in closed session.

Invocation and Pledge

The Invocation and pledge was led by Councilmember Derrick McGary.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Norton recommended that Jason Overmeyer be appointed to the Historic Commission.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bruggeman that the above appointment be made, seconded by Councilmember Ray.

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

Presentations

Keep Texarkana Beautiful Beautification Awards presented by Trish Reed
Home of the Month: Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Curry – 3323 Pine Street
Business of the Month: Henry's Child Development Center – 3115 West 15th Street

Open Forum

Ben Dennis stated that the council meetings were reduced from two meetings to one since Mayor Mayo took office. He believes the citizens are better served with two meeting a month and one meeting is cutting access to the elected government. Mr. Dennis said the council was not accessible. 7:34 p.m.

Consideration / Approval of Consent Agenda Items

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 22, 2010.
2. Consider approval of the minutes of the special meeting held on April 8, 2010.
3. Consider Ordinance No. 065-10 repealing General Provisions, Chapter 1, Section 1-5, Failure to Pay Fine and Recommendation of New Ordinance, Chapter 1, Section 1-5, Authority to Issue Citations.
4. Consider Ordinance No. 66-10 amending the Code of Ordinances Section 29-27.2 Water Rate Adjustments.
5. Consider Ordinance No. 67-10 amending Chapter 5, Article III, Substandard Buildings, Structures, and Property Maintenance Standards.
6. Consider Ordinance No. 70-10 amending Chapter 4, Animal Care and Control regarding dangerous dogs.
7. Consider Ordinance No. 071-10 repealing Ordinance No: 058-2010 to include F. Larry Sullivan, Ed. D., CEO/City Manager as the authorized individual to execute all documents related to the preparation of the application and to execute any HOME agreement and changing the grant request from \$450,000 to \$416,000.
8. Consider Ordinance No. 072-10 repealing Ordinance No: 059-2010, to include F. Larry Sullivan, Ed. D., CEO/City Manager as the authorized individual to execute all documents related to the preparation of the application and to execute any 2010 Texas HOME Program Home Buyer Assistance Grant agreement.
9. Consider Ordinance No. 073-10 authorizing a 2010 ARK-TEX Council of Governments (ATCOG) Solid Waste Program Grant application.

10. Consider Ordinance No. 074-10 authorizing the CEO/City Manager to terminate the lease with Liberty-Eylau Independent School District for that certain tract of land known as Grandview Park.
11. Ordinance No. 75-10 amending Ordinance 39-2010 for a purchase agreement with Quest Communications, LLC of Austin, Texas for Cisco Systems Hardware and switch equipment to reflect current shared arrangement between the Texarkana, Texas Water Department and the Texarkana, Arkansas Water Department, d/b/a Texarkana Water Utilities (TWU) percentage .
12. Ordinance No. 76-10 amending Ordinance 40-2010 for Lease/Purchase Agreement with Dell Marketing, LP of Round Rock, Texas to reflect current shared arrangement between the Texarkana, Texas Water Department and the Texarkana, Arkansas Water Department, d/b/a Texarkana Water Utilities (TWU) percentage .

A motion was made by Councilmember McGary that the consent agenda be approved, seconded by Councilmember Bruggeman. 7:38 p.m.

The following Councilmembers voted:

Ayes: McGary, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Bruggeman, Norton, Court
Noes: None

Action / Discussion Items

1. Public Hearing and consider Ordinance No. 68-10 amending PD-02-3(GR) for site plan approval on Lot 1, Clear Water Creek Addition being a part of the G. Brinlee HRS, A-18, located in the 4100 blk. of Gibson Lane. Steve Avard, owner.

Mayor Mayo declared the public hearing open.
Steve Avard spoke on behalf of this item.
Mayor Mayo declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Norton that this item be approved, seconded by Councilmember Veal-Gooch. 7:40 p.m.

The following Councilmembers voted by:
Ayes: McGary, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Bruggeman, Norton, Court
Noes:

2. Public Hearing and consider Ordinance No. 69-10 rezoning a certain 0.45 acre tract of land in the M.E.P. & P Rwy. Co. Survey, A-421 (Tract 41B), located at 1901-1905 Mall Drive. PD-Office to PD-General Retail. Stephen Raffaelli, owner.

Mayor Mayo declared the public hearing open.
Stephen Raffaelli spoke on behalf of this item.
Mayor Mayo declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bruggeman that this item be approved, seconded by Councilmember Ray. 7:45 p.m.

The following Councilmembers voted by:

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

Noes:

3. Discussion and consideration of Ordinance No. 019-10 authorizing the issuance of "City of Texarkana, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2010" and resolving other matters incident and related thereto.

This item was postponed to the May 24, 2010 regular City Council meeting. 7: 46 p.m.

Reports/Information/Review Items

City received notification of the Brownfield Grant Award for \$400k.

Mayor Mayo asked that the staff put something on the next agenda to show how accessible City Council is.

Adjournment 7:53 p.m.

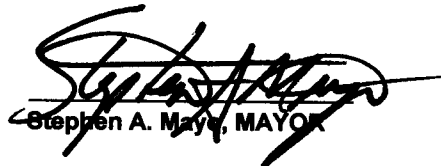
A motion was made by Councilmember Ray that this meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilmember Bruggeman.

The following Councilmembers voted:

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

Noes: None


Kerry Meredith, CITY SECRETARY


Stephen A. Mayo, MAYOR