

**MINUTES**  
**Special Meeting of the City Council**  
**Municipal Building**  
**West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Texas Boulevard**  
**Texarkana, Texas**  
**Monday, June 13, 2011**  
**6:00 PM**

**Call to Order by Mayor Mayo, Roll Call, Establishment of Quorum**

The following Councilmembers were present at meeting:

Derrick McGary	Councilmember, Ward 1	Bob Bruggeman	Councilmember, Ward 4
Willie Ray	Councilmember, Ward 2	Bill Miller	Councilmember, Ward 5
Tina Veal-Gooch	Councilmember, Ward 3	Josh Davis	Councilmember, Ward 6

Also present were: Mayor Stephen A. Mayo, F. Larry Sullivan, City Manager, Charlie Bassett, Pam Burns, Craig Lindholm, Vick Melde, Jerry Sparks, David Orr, Danny Presley, Robby Robertson, Kyle Dooley, Judge Sherry Jackson, Jeff Heminger, Web Stanley, Bill King, and Jeffery Lewis, Legal Counsel.

**Invocation and Pledge**

The Invocation and pledge was given by Councilmember Derrick McGary.

**Discussion:**

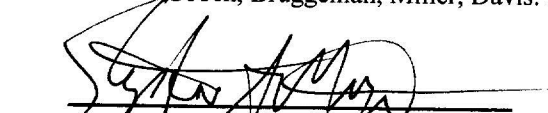
Discussion of Regional Water Needs:

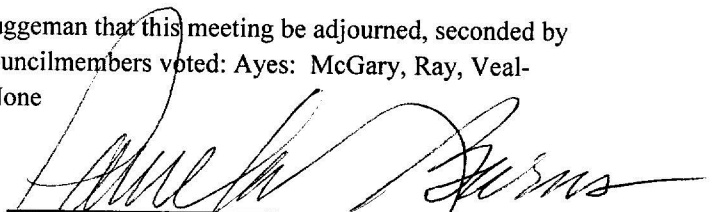
1. Wayne Smith, Arkansas Mayor, spoke regarding the lack of communication and the various letters regarding the issues with operating procedures and the employment of Bill King as the Director. Mayor Mayo and several Councilmembers interacted with questions and comments.
2. Charles Markam, a Texarkana, Texas Citizen and previous Texarkana, Texas Public Works employee, spoke regarding the differences with the two Cities. He said he was here when it started and that they are 'married' and need to find a solution.
3. Dwayne Hall, Texarkana, Arkansas Citizen and Miller County Patriot, thanked them for the meeting and suggested the two Councils meet with a fair and open meeting. He offered to facilitate a place for the meeting. He also suggested that a Board be instituted to manage Texarkana Water Utilities so that the area will have good representation.
4. Ruth Davis, Texarkana, Arkansas Board Member, indicated they were ready to sit down and talk with the Council but did not want the Patriots to facilitate the meeting nor did she want the City Managers or lawyers to be present. She did not think they needed further studies.
5. Charles Markam spoke briefly again indicating he did not think the Board was a solution.
6. LeRoy Dodd, Texarkana, Texas Citizen, felt the two sides needed to put aside distractions and put the Citizens first. He thought the important thing was consistent service and being efficient and ethical.
7. Mayor Wayne Smith spoke once again regarding the need to build a treatment plant and limit the cost to citizens. He felt Riverbend was created to have lower rates, but was concerned that they might want to sell our water rights.
8. Jack Ballard, Texarkana, Texas citizen, felt there were bigger issues than personnel that should be addressed because of the need for more water in the Dallas Metroplex. He felt the Cities need to concentrate on making things better for the area.

9. Bill Cork, Executive Director/CEO, TexAmericas Center, answered questions and gave a presentation regarding the negotiations with the City regarding the water treatment systems at the TexAmericas properties associated with the Red River Army Depot and Lone Star-Day & Zimmerman.
10. Dr. Jane Morris, New Boston Citizen, felt that the situation was difficult and gave her support to Bill King as an employee. She did not think TexAmericas was for the common good.
11. Nancy Clemons, Douglasville, Texas Citizen and Region D Water Board Member invited the Council to a Region D Water Board meeting, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 PM. She felt they would benefit from attending this meeting.
12. Benjamin Dennis, Texarkana, Texas Citizen, commended the Council for their actions and believed the jobs at Red River needed to be protected. He feels the two cities are more like Siamese Twins than married. HE read some information that led him to believe the purchase of a water system needed to be put before the citizens to decide in an election. He wanted more communication between the two cities.
13. Laney Harris, Texarkana, Arkansas Board member, expressed his desire for the two councils to meet and leave the 3<sup>rd</sup> party out of the equation.
14. Bonnie Judd, a Texarkana, Texas Citizen, was concerned with the cost to the citizens regarding a new treatment plant and other negotiations.
15. Dr. James Presley, Bowie County resident, feels that the economy dictates where the new plant should be located. He says DFW is not going to take water. He thinks Northeast Texas Planning Group is protecting the water. Selling water and water rights are two different issues. He thinks they need to settle their arguments.
16. Dale Yarnel, former retired TWU employee thinks it would be crazy to build the water plant at Red River.
17. Wayne Cranfield of Hooks, Texas, is a member of the TexAmerica Board and wanted the council to know they are for the area as a whole not just for TexAmerica. They promote regional development and want what is best for all the citizens.
18. Dennis Lewis, a retired Army employee, wanted to thank the Council for their support and asked them to consider the future.
19. Charlene Grandberry of Douglasville, Texas wanted the people to be aware they need to stand up for their rights and be heard.
20. Benjamin Dennis commented on a state permit issued for the Lake Reservoir.
21. Shirley Shumake of DeKalb is on the Region D Water Board and she indicated the water level could be raised to sell water but not to give up the rights to the water. She felt there could be a population increase in the increase in the next few years that needed to be considered when calculating water needs.

**Adjournment 8:55 p.m.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Bruggeman that this meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilmember McGary. The following Councilmembers voted: Ayes: McGary, Ray, Veal-Gooch, Bruggeman, Miller, Davis; Noes: None

  
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 STEPHEN A. MAYO, MAYOR

  
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 PAMELA N. BURNS, ASST. CITY SECRETARY