
THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS

The Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderpersons was held in the Courtroom at City Hall at 5:44 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2024. Mayor Betty Alford-Olive presided.

The Invocation was offered by Mayor Betty Alford-Olive. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Darry Green.

Roll call was as follows:

Present: Angela Moore, (District A), Charles Bradford (B), Darry Green (District D), James Green (District C), Howard Loche (District E)

Absent: None

The Mayor announced a Veterans luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m. Thursday, November 7, 2024.

Mr. J. Green made a motion to expand the agenda to discuss all financial records of the City of Bastrop, and other documents requested by Mr. Bradford. Ms. Tappin seconded. The motion failed due to the City Charter rule found in Section 14 states that special meetings cannot expand except with the unanimous consent of the Mayor and Board. Ms. Joann Bradford, 1320 South Washington Street, requested the financial records requested by the Council be provided for discussion. Members of the Council asked why the request was not added to the agenda. The Mayor stated she had not heard from any Council Member until the meeting. Ms. Tappin said Mr. Bradford polled Council members and they agreed they wanted to discuss the matter at the meeting. Ms. Tappin requested Attorney Jones to explain subpoena power. Mr. Jones stated the Council would have to give itself the power, via legislation, to subpoena records before it could do so Mr. J. Green rescinded the motion to address at the next regular meeting. Mr. Bradford made a motion to have the Attorney file a subpoena to require the financial documents requested. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

The Council discussed the \$550,000.00 that appears in the 2024-2025 budget under the American Rescue Plan to repair water damage at City Hall. Attorney Jones explained funds would need to be allocated by December 31, 2024 or the money would be lost. Ms. Tappin expressed the Council needed to discuss how to use the funds. Attorney Jones recommended a liaison who agreed to answer questions about ways to appropriately allocate funds. Mr. D. Green stated the

Council should have received the budget plan because it did not know what could be spent. The Mayor responded that the spending plan and budget message were included in the budget in July. Mr. Bradford said, “don’t sit there and tell a lie.” After additional discussion, Mr. Loche expressed the Council’s desire to have input in the decision. The Mayor told Council Members she planned to allocate \$30,000 for each district for infrastructure and address adjudicated property. Mr. Bradford made a motion that the City receive a written denial from the insurance company to cover the cost of repairs before allocating rescue funds. The motion died due to lack of a second. The Mayor and Council discussed whether the City should consider filing an insurance claim while it allocates repairs through rescue funds. After discussion, Mr. Bradford apologized for his earlier statement.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bradford, seconded by Mr. J. Green, followed by a unanimous vote.

BETTY ALFORD-OLIVE, MAYOR

MONICA AUSTIN, CITY CLERK