
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderpersons was held in the Courtroom at City Hall at 6:04 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2025. Mayor Betty Alford-Olive presided.

Roll call was as follows:

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

Absent: Darry Green, (District D)

The Invocation was given by Mr. Bradford. Mayor Alford-Olive led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Darry Green arrived at the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

The meeting recessed to enter into the Sales Tax District No. 1 meeting at 6:06 p.m.

The Sales Tax District recessed to hear Public Comments at 6:07 p.m.

Ms. Mary Hawkins, 120 Meeks Street, asked about payment she had not received for cleaning property. The Council discussed the process of obtaining payment for work done for the City of Bastrop. Attorney Devin Jones said proper paperwork is needed to process payment.

The meeting returned to the Sales Tax District No. 1 meeting at 6:54 p.m.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:03 p.m.

Mr. Henry Doaty asked what the Eastside Movement is and how it works. Ms. Carolyn Harris, 521 Oliver, commented the Eastside Leadership Movement is an organization that hosts events to benefit the local community.

Mr. W.W. Whitmore thanked the City of Bastrop for celebrating the 48th annual Juneteenth event. Ms. Latetao Hutchinson announced a Juneteenth event would be held at the Robinson-Williams Restoration of Hope Center June 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The Mayor announced Juneteenth celebrations would be at both Dotson and Ralph George parks Saturday, June 14, 2025. Mayor Betty Alford-Olive also announced the FY 2025-2026 would be available for inspection June 13, 2025. The adoption of the budget has been scheduled for June 30, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting April 10, 2025 and Special Meeting April 17, 2025, Regular Meeting May 8, 2025 and Special Meeting May 27, 2025 were approved with possible corrections on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Bradford followed by vote of three. Mr. J. Green and Mr. Loche were absent.

Mr. J. Green and Mr. Loche returned to the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee Report was accepted on a motion by Mr. J. Green, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote.

The Planning and Zoning Committee Report was presented by Chairperson, Ms. Debbie Rogers.

Ms. Tappin asked for an update on the improvements to Highland Street. Special Projects Coordinator Jake Orrels reported the contract was pending. Once executed, work will proceed.

The following establishment was approved for a liquor license on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. D. Green, followed by a vote of 4-1. Mr. Bradford voted no:

Tobacco Maxx	Class A	\$400.00
1421 South Washington Avenue	(Retail Dealer, Off Premises, Only)	

Resolution 25-2101, to adopt the ad valorem millage rates for Tax Year 2025, was approved on a motion by Mr. Loche, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a vote of 3-2. Mr. Bradford and Mr. D. Green voted no.

Peoples Water manager Mr. Doil Nelson explained sewer rates, CIP annual increase. The Council discussed the sewer rates, CIP annual increase.

The request for a Special Use Permit for the property located at 1711 Corky Avenue was granted, pending inspection, on a motion by Mr. Loche, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote.

The request for a Special Use Permit for the property located at 607 Orion Drive was tabled on a motion by Mr. J. Green, seconded by Mr. Loche, followed by a unanimous vote.

The Zoning Application for the property located at 131 Elm Street was tabled on a motion by Mr. D. Green, seconded by Mr. Bradford, followed by a unanimous vote.

The Zoning Application for the property located at 102 S. Washington Street was tabled on a motion by Mr. D. Green, seconded by Mr. Bradford, followed by a unanimous vote.

The CEA with Eastside Movement using District B. Funds was approved on a motion by Mr. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was expanded to discuss ambulance service and the police department on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Bradford, followed by a unanimous vote.

The Council discussed the use of supplemental patrols by the Morehouse Sheriff's Office during a shortage of Bastrop Police officers.

The Council discussed the status of acquiring the services of supplemental ambulance services for psychiatric patients at Morehouse General Hospital.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Bradford, followed by a unanimous vote.