

## MAYOR ELECT MARK BRIGGS BIO

**Name:** Mark Briggs **Age:** 58 **Length Of Residence In El Lago:** 20 years

**Address:** 303 Cedar Lane **Residence In Texas:** Native

**Geographic Location You Came From:** Local

**Reason For Coming To This Area:** Native

**Employer:** HPP Corp.

**Title/Occupation:** General Manager

**Education, Special Training, and or Military Service:** B. S. Geology from UT Austin (1985), US Navy Deep Sea Diver (1976 - 1981)

**New Candidate: What Are Your Reasons For Filing For Office And What Are Your Goals And Objectives For Office If Elected?** I have now been on City Council for a little less than a year – being elected to Position 5 in May of 2016. It has been one of the strangest journeys of my professional life. I've been in successful business for decades, was in the military as well – and have worked around City, State and Local government most of my professional life.

In the past I had been to El Lago City Council meetings sporadically over the last 20 years - having lived here since 1997, and had always seen them as fairly professional, pretty straightforward affairs where the City bills were approved and the financials discussed, some special items were on the Agenda, and that was pretty much it. Not a lot of drama – small town government. Most of the Council seemed pretty well informed of what was on the Agenda.

But what I found when I became part of this government was that the newest administration had radically changed the style of government from what I had observed in the past, and what I knew of how other successful cities ran. Thankfully – that is about to change. It was never my intention when recruited for Council to ever be the Mayor of this City – but someone professional must step in and arrest this slide. This is what we will do:

**We will immediately reverse this current madness of hiding the City financials from the Council and the citizens.**

- 1) We will ask you if we can spend your money – every month.
- 2) We will tell you how it is spent – every month.
- 3) The City will sponsor two parties a year – City Celebration and the Christmas Party. All other activities will have private sponsors and the City will allow access to facilities.
- 4) We will assemble a real permits and inspection program – not the joke we have today.
- 5) We will create a long-term Transportation and Infrastructure Plan with input from the citizens.
- 6) We will create a long-term Parks Master Plan with input from the citizens. This will include City entrances, as well as bathrooms in the park(s) and other necessary items.
- 7) We will, like other responsible cities, budget for these items the citizen's desire and accrue funds for them – constructing when the plan requires.
- 8) We will create and implement professional management systems at City Hall – and move away from the King/Queen feudal system we have today.
- 9) We will focus on Courtesy to our citizens in all encounters, Accountability to the public purse, Professional treatment of all, and Efficient prosecution of our duties.

We will employ new people. We will not be sucked into petty disputes. We will respect the citizens and their needs. We will not over-function and over-analyze simple everyday problems. What I have experienced in the past year on Council is utter nonsense. Don't put up with it. Demand excellence and accountability for your tax dollars. It's your City. On May 6th, go Vote.