

# HEWITT TEXAS

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 06, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Hewitt City Hall, 200 Patriot Court, Hewitt, TX 76643

### MINUTES

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**Steve Fortenberry**, Mayor, Ward 3

**Michael S. Bancale**, Mayor Pro Tem, At-Large – **Vacant**, Council Member, Ward 1

**Johnny Stephens**, Council Member, Ward 1 – **Johnny Price**, Council Member, Ward 2

**Bob Potter**, Council Member, Ward 2 – **Erica Bruce**, Council Member, Ward 3

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.127, on a regular, non-emergency basis, members may attend and participate in the meeting remotely by video conference. Should that occur, a quorum of the members will be physically present at the location noted above on this agenda.

#### REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM

#### DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fortenberry called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM, announced all members were present, and declared a quorum.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council invites citizens to speak on any topic not already scheduled for a public hearing. The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Council from discussing, responding to, or acting on any comments or items not properly posted on the agenda. [Note: Members of the public who wish to speak must complete a “Public Comment Form” and present it to the City Secretary before the meeting.]

Mayor Fortenberry read the statement above and inquired if the City Secretary received any public comment forms. The City Secretary received no public comment forms.

#### REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

##### 1. PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON THE TEXAS INTRASTATE FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM (TIFMAS) PROGRAM.

Fire Chief Jonathan Christian presented an update on the seven deployments that Fire Department staff had participated in, summarized the TIFMAS cost and reimbursements, shared plans for future program participation, and possible use of remaining funds.

**2. PRESENTATION OF THE HEWITT BALLISTIC SHIELD PROJECT.**

Police Chief Jim Devlin reported that the Texas Office of the Governor – Criminal Justice Division awarded \$13,552.08 to Hewitt Police Department for three ballistic shields for the School Resource Officers who serve Midway Independent School District.

**3. PRESENTATION OF HEWITT'S 2022 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT.**

Police Chief Jim Devlin stated the 2022 Racial Profiling Report was provided in the packet for Council's review as required by the Code of Criminal Procedures and the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. He also noted that the Department received zero racial profiling complaints for 2022.

**4. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2023.**

**MOTION:** Council Member Bob Potter moved approval of the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.

**SECOND:** Council Member Erica Bruce

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

**5. PRESENTATION OF CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT BY CITY ENGINEER MILES WHITNEY, P.E.**

➤ **UPDATE ON PENDING UTILITY PROJECTS.**

➤ **UPDATE ON PENDING STREET PROJECTS.**

➤ **UPDATE ON PENDING DRAINAGE PROJECTS.**

City Engineer Miles Whitney presented a review of the list of projects.

**6. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE FOR THE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF THE AUTOMATED METER READING SYSTEM.**

Utilities Director Kevin Reinke presented the update on the repair/replacement program of the automated meter reading system for a cost of \$41,100.00.

**7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DUKE'S ROOT CONTROL FOR CCTV OF GRAVITY SANITARY SEWER MAINS.**

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

**MOTION:** Council Member Johnny Stephens moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Duke's Root Control in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 to camera trouble areas identified in the initial I & I study.

**SECOND:** Council Member Johnny Price

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WACO FOR THE EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY.**

City Manager Bo Thomas presented the terms of the interlocal agreement with the City of Waco, which authorized the exchange of real property to transfer the historical use pumping permit of the Webo Plant 3 well site to the City of Hewitt.

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale moved approval of **Resolution No 2023-01** authorizing the City Manager to execute the interlocal agreement with Waco immediately upon approval of the Southern Trinity Water Conservation District approval of the transfer of the pumping permit.

**SECOND:** Council Member Bob Potter

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

**9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02 ORDERING A JOINT GENERAL ELECTION, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE MCLENNAN COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR, AND ESTABLISHING EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTERS AND DATES/TIMES OF OPERATION.**

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

**MOTION:** Council Member Bob Potter moved approval of **Ordinance No 2023-02** ordering the Joint General Election to be held on May 6, 2023; authorizing the city manager to execute Election Services Contract with the Elections Administrator of McLennan County.

**SECOND:** Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

**10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING RESCHEDULING THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023 TO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023.**

City Manager Bo Thomas advised that the next Council meeting falls on President's Day, an official city holiday, and he further asked Council to consider rescheduling the meeting to February 21, 2023. The Council concurred to reschedule the meeting to Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Regular meeting at 7:47 PM.

**SECOND:** Council Member Bob Potter

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

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Steve Fortenberry, Mayor