

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

March 07, 2022 at 6:00 PM/7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

Steve Fortenberry, Mayor, Ward 3

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

Wilbert Wachtendorf, Council Member, Ward 1 – **Bill Fuller**, Council Member, Ward 2

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Steve Fortenberry

Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale

Council Member Erica Bruce

Council Member Bob Potter

Council Member Bill Fuller

Council Member Charles D. Turner

MEMBER ABSENT:

Council Member Wilbert Wachtendorf

The meeting will be streamed live on the city's website at www.cityofhewitt.com/790/Hewitt-TX-TV.

WORKSHOP MEETING - 6:00 PM

WORKSHOP DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Workshop meeting to order at 6:00 PM and announced all the Council Members were present, except for Council Member Wilbert Wachtendorf.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE FY 2020-2021 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR) BY DIANA WARD, CPA, JAYNES, REITMEIER, BOYD & THERRELL.

City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Ms. Diana Ward, who presented the FY 2020-2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. She stated that the financial statements fairly present the City's financial position, and the audit identified no material weaknesses. **See item #5 in the Regular Meeting Agenda for the acceptance of the audit report.**

2. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE PROCESS AND COSTS FOR REDRAWING THE CITY'S WARD MAP.

City Attorney Mike Dixon introduced Baylor University Professor of Law Michael Morrison, who presented an initial report on the redistricting process. Professor Morrison also noted an additional requirement imposed by the City's Charter requiring each ward should contain approximately the same number of qualified voters. Finally, professor Morrison responded to the Council 's inquiries about the process.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:54 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Fuller

AYES: Bruce, Turner, Fuller, Potter, Bancale, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Wachtendorf

MOTION PASSED.

REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and announced all the Council Members were present, except for Council Member Wilbert Wachtendorf.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Steve 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.

Mayor Steve Fortenberry inquired if any citizens submitted public comment forms. City Secretary Lydia Lopez stated she received no public comment forms. No one appeared.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ACTION

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON STORM WATER MITIGATION AS REQUIRED ANNUALLY BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ).

City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor opened the hearing at 7:03 PM and called for those wishing to speak about drainage and stormwater issues. No one appeared. The public hearing was closed at 7:04 PM. No action was required.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2022.

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved approval of the meeting minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.

SECOND: Council Member Fuller

AYES: Bruce, Turner, Fuller, Potter, Bancale, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Wachtendorf

MOTION PASSED.

5. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR).

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Bancale moved to accept the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as presented.

SECOND: Council Member Turner

AYES: Bruce, Turner, Fuller, Potter, Bancale, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Wachtendorf

MOTION PASSED.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2022-02 AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION TO THE 380 AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF HEWITT AND ATWOOD DISTRIBUTING, LP D/B/A ATWOOD RANCH AND FARM.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved to approve **Resolution No. 2022-02** authorizing an extension agreement between the City and Atwood Distributing, LP d/b/a Atwood Ranch and Farm.

SECOND: Council Member Potter

AYES: Bruce, Turner, Fuller, Potter, Bancale, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Wachtendorf

MOTION PASSED.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03 OPTING INTO THE GLOBAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT, AGREEING TO THE ALLOCATION TERM SHEET, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ADDITIONAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved to approve **Resolution No. 2022-03.**

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Bancale

AYES: Bruce, Turner, Fuller, Potter, Bancale, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Wachtendorf

MOTION PASSED.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04 AUTHORIZING PROJECT(S) FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARP ACT), FUNDING ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY AND THE TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Bancale moved to approve **Resolution No. 2022-04** authorizing the Hewitt and Commerce Park Water System Improvements project for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP Act) funding.

SECOND: Council Member Turner

AYES: Bruce, Turner, Fuller, Potter, Bancale, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Wachtendorf

MOTION PASSED.

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04 DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 7, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION TO BE ELECTED TO OFFICE AND CANCELING THE GENERAL ELECTION AS PRESCRIBED IN THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2022-04** cancelling the City's General Election and declaring unopposed candidates elected office.

SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller

AYES: Bruce, Turner, Fuller, Potter, Bancale, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Wachtendorf

MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Fuller moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:21 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Turner

AYES: Bruce, Turner, Fuller, Potter, Bancale, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Wachtendorf

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: _____

ATTEST:

Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

Steve Fortenberry, Mayor