

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Hewitt Public Safety Facility - Training Room, 100 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 Bill Fuller

Council Member Bob Potter

Council Member Charles D. Turner

Council Member Wilbert Wachtendorf

INCOMING MEMBERS:

Johnny Price

Johnny Stephens

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 members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

1. Presentation of Department Spotlight
Human Resource Manager Jessica Higgins presented the staff of the Parks Department and highlighted some of the department's accomplishments and responsibilities.
2. Special presentation of proclamation in recognition of "National Police Week".
Mayor Fortenberry presented the proclamation to Police Chief Jim Devlin and staff.

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, or acting on any comments or items that have not been properly posted on the agenda. Mayor Fortenberry recognized Jeanne Passalugo, 137 E. Chapman Rd., who suggested Council consider resident only voting in their Ward during the redistricting process. No one else appeared.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 2, 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, Wachtendorf, Bancale, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented prospective applicant Brian Dalrymple. A brief interview was held.

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved to approve the appointment of Brian Dalrymple to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term expiring in June 2024.

SECOND: Council Member Fuller

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

5. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING APRIL 30, 2022.

City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the April Financial Statements electronically on May 5, 2022, and inquired if Council had any questions. The Council raised no questions or concerns. No action was required.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SURPLUS INVENTORY.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented a proposed list of surplus items ready for liquidating.

MOTION: Council Member Wachtendorf moved approval of surplus items list for release to auction.

SECOND: Council Member Turner

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

7. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MASTER INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRACTING SLURRY SEAL SERVICES OR OTHER STREET MAINTENANCE SERVICES.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Fuller moved approval to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Master Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the City of Grand Prairie for the purpose of contracting slurry seal services from Viking Construction, Inc.

SECOND: Council Member Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

8. AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR SLURRY SEAL SERVICES WITH VIKING CONSTRUCTION, INC., \$123,034.16.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Bancale moved to authorize the purchase of slurry seal services from Viking Construction, Inc., \$123,034.16

SECOND: Council Member Turner

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

9. AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR SLURRY SEAL SERVICES FOR THE PARKING LOTS AT HEWITT AND WARREN PARKS WITH VIKING CONSTRUCTION, INC., \$37,724.60.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Wachtendorf moved to authorize the purchase of slurry seal services from Viking Construction, Inc., \$37,724.60.

SECOND: Council Member Turner

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REDISTRICTING CITY OF HEWITT WARDS.

City Manager Bo Thomas recapped Mike Morrison's presentation at the May 2nd City Council meeting and requested Council provide direction on the proposed redistricting of the wards as presented by Mike Morrison.

MOTION: Council Member Wachtendorf moved approval of the proposed boundaries as outlined by Mr. Morrison to review for federal and state requirements and further compliance with City Charter.

SECOND: Council Member Turner

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Fortenberry recognized outgoing Council Members Bill Fuller and Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf who served as members of the Hewitt City Council for terms of 20 years and 16 years respectively. City Manager Bo Thomas presented them with crystal awards engraved with their years of service.

OATH OF OFFICE AND CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

11. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE AND ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION TO ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS.

City Secretary Lydia Lopez administered the Oath of Office and issued Certificates of Election to the newly elected Council. The newly elected Council Members took their seat.

Mayor Fortenberry recessed the regular meeting to convene the following Executive Session at 7:52 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Notice is given that a closed meeting will be held pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (V.T.C.A.) so that the Council may discuss personnel matters regarding the appointment of officers (Council Members) to serve in the positions of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Fortenberry reconvened the regular meeting at 8:02 PM.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM.

Mayor Fortenberry called for nominations for the selection of Mayor.

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved to nominate Steve Fortenberry as Mayor.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Fortenberry called for nominations for the selection of Mayor Pro Tem.

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved to nominate Michael Bancale as Mayor Pro Tem.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Price moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:04 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Erica Bruce

AYES: Bruce, Turner, Price, Potter, Stephens, Bancala, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: _____

ATTEST:

Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

Steve Fortenberry, Mayor