

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

November 07, 2022 at 6:45 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

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

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

WORKSHOP MEETING - 6:45 PM

WORKSHOP DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:45 PM and announced a quorum was present. Council Member Charlie Turner was absent.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT.

Human Resources Director Jessica Higgins presented the department spotlight for the Utilities Department.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the workshop meeting at 6:52 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM and announced a quorum was present. Council Member Charlie Turner was absent.

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, or acting on any comments or items that have not been properly posted on the agenda. [Note: Prior to the meeting, the citizen must complete a “Public Comment Form” and present it to the City Secretary.]

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

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2022.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancala moved approval of the minutes but to allow for corrections.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2022-15 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER HEWITT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE MARKETING AND PROMOTION OF HEWITT.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Executive Director Alissa Cady expressed appreciation to Mayor and Council for the City’s partnership.

MOTION: Council Member Johnny Stephens moved approval of **Resolution No. 2022-15** authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Greater Hewitt Chamber of Commerce for the marketing and promotion of Hewitt.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

4. CONTINUED DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE 2022-2027 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE - FIRE DEPARTMENT.

City Manager Bo Thomas stated Fire Chief Jonathan Christian would wrap up the previous Workshop presentation on the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Update. Chief Christian provided his recommendations on a timeline for the planning process (new engine, station design/planning, and additional staffing plan). The Council discussed lead time for bidding out the new engine, financing of the engine, and if the current station will accommodate the additional staffing plan. Mr. Thomas further explained the funding for the engine would come from current certificates of obligation and discussed options for future financing of the other items in the plan. He also mentioned the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant opportunity that provides financial assistance to help fire departments fund the proper staffing to comply with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards for response time.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: _____

ATTEST:

Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

Steve Fortenberry, Mayor