

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

May 02, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Hewitt Public Safety Facility, 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 Bob Potter

Council Member Bill Fuller

Council Member Charles D. Turner

Council Member Wilbert Wachtendorf

WORKSHOP MEETING - 6:00 PM

WORKSHOP DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and announced all members were present.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED FUTURE DEBT AND THE IMPACT ON TAX RATES.

Managing Director Andrew Friedman with Samco Capital Markets, Inc. made a presentation regarding a proposed Certificate of Obligation Issuance, complete with the timeline for Council action to proceed with issuance and discussion on tax rate management.

2. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING A SEWER BACKUP CLAIM AT 926 ROLLING HILLS DRIVE.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented a summary of the claim received from the homeowner. Mr. Thomas noted that the homeowner filed a claim with the City's insurance carrier, Texas Municipal League (TML), who denied the claim. He further advised that there was an agenda item in the Regular Meeting for Council to take action on how to proceed.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:47 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Fuller

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

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 Council Members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

- 3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF "MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK".** Mayor Fortenberry presented proclamation to City Secretary Lydia Lopez.

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

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Fortenberry reordered the agenda as follows:

- 7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SEWER BACKUP DAMAGES AT 926 ROLLING HILLS DRIVE.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented a recap of the Workshop discussion.

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved approval to authorize the City Manager to cover the damages up to \$25,611 but require the dual signature of the contractor and homeowner.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2022.

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

SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

5. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT FROM CITY ENGINEER MILES WHITNEY, P.E. -

➤ **UPDATE ON PENDING UTILITY PROJECTS.**

➤ **UPDATE ON PENDING STREET PROJECTS.**

➤ **UPDATE ON PENDING DRAINAGE PROJECTS.**

6. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION REGARDING AN UPDATE TO THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS FOR HEWITT WARD BOUNDARIES.

Dr. Mike Morrison presented an update to the redistricting process and a draft plan for redrawing Ward boundaries. Dr. Morrison noted that Council must agree that the proposed plan satisfactorily serves the city's needs. City Attorney Mike Dixon stated this item could be brought back for council action at the next regular meeting.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06 CASTING VOTES TO ELECT A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MCLENNAN COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT DISTRICT. City Manager Bo Thomas presented instruction on the process for casting votes.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Bancale moved approval of **Resolution No. 2022-06** casting the votes as follows: 10 – Charles D. Turner; 5 – Steven Dutschmann; 5 Woodway – David Mercer.

SECOND: Council Member Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

9. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING COUNCIL PRIORITIES FOR BUDGET PREPARATION. City Manager Bo Thomas invited the Council to provide input and feedback regarding their priorities for developing the proposed budget. Each Council Member commented on their preferences. Council Member Bruce requested the City Manager to present his priorities.

ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND: Council Member Turner

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: _____

ATTEST:

Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

Steve Fortenberry, Mayor