

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

November 21, 2022 at 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

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

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

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. Mayor Fortenberry mentioned the passing of Council Member Charlie Turner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLES D. "CHARLIE" TURNER † -- (This item was not listed on the printed agenda)

Mayor Steve Fortenberry acknowledged the 40 years of service Council Member Charlie Turner devoted to the City of Hewitt. A moment of silence was called in honor of Council Member Turner.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY LIBRARY DIRECTOR WAYNETTE DITTO REGARDING THE NOTIFICATION OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY TO FUND MOBILE HOTSPOTS AND CHROMEBOOKS.

Library Director Waynette Ditto proudly announced the award granted in the amount of \$113,472 to fund mobile hotspots and Chromebooks to citizens who cannot afford the service.

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY LIBRARY DIRECTOR WAYNETTE DITTO REGARDING THE GRANT AWARD FUNDING FROM THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION FOR THE LIBRARY TRAILER AND NOTIFICATION OF THE HEWITT PUBLIC LIBRARY'S ACCREDITATION.

Library Director Waynette Ditto announced the grant award of \$51,228 to fund the library trailer project. Ms. Ditto also stated that the Hewitt Public Library was accredited again. Mayor Pro Tem

Michael Bancale recognized the library staff for the hard work and dedication to seek other sources of funding and for providing excellent programs.

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 one public comment form. Ann Schiltz, 1220 Dendron, appeared to commend city employees for making Hewitt a great place to live and to pay tribute to Council Member Charlie Turner for his service and legacy.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 07, 2022.

MOTION: Council Member Erica Bruce moved approval of the minutes but to allow for corrections.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

4. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2022.

City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the October Financial Statements electronically for the Council to review and inquired if Council had any questions. Council raised no questions or concerns. **No action was required.**

**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.**

City Engineer Miles Whitney presented a review of the list of projects. Council took no action.

6. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A PIERCE FIRE ENGINE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$841,133.22 AS PER THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (HGAC) QUOTE.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Johnny Stephens moved to approve the purchase of the Pierce Fire Engine in the amount of \$841,133.22 as per the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) quote.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: _____

ATTEST:

Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

Steve Fortenberry, Mayor