

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

March 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM

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

MINUTES

Steve Fortenberry, Mayor, Ward 3

Michael S. Bancale, Mayor Pro Tem, At-Large – **Vacant**, 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

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.127, on a regular, non-emergency basis, members may attend and participate in the meeting remotely by video conference. Should that occur, a quorum of the members will be physically present at the location noted above on this agenda.

WORKSHOP MEETING - 6:30 PM

WORKSHOP DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:30 PM and announced a quorum was present. Council Member Erica Bruce joined the meeting remotely by video conference.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

- 1. PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2021-2022 AUDIT REPORT BY CHRIS PRUITT, PARTNER, PATTILLO, BROWN & HILL, LLP.** City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Chris Pruitt who presented the FY 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. He stated the financial statements fairly present the City's financial position, and the audit identified no material weakness. See agenda item number #4 in the Regular Meeting agenda for the acceptance of the audit report.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to adjourn the Workshop meeting at 6:45 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fortenberry called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM and announced a quorum was present. Council Member Erica Bruce joined the meeting remotely by video conference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO THE HEWITT PUBLIC LIBRARY - 2022

ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARIES AWARD.

Eric Ames, Past President of the Library Board, presented the award to Library Director Waynette Ditto. Mrs. Ditto individually recognized the Library staff for their hard work and dedication. She also thanked members of the Library Board and Friends of the library who were present for their support. Mayor Fortenberry expressed appreciation to Mrs. Ditto and staff for making Hewitt's Public Library an outstanding Library.

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 no public comment forms.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 06, 2023.

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

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

4. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR).

City Manager Bo Thomas noted that a full presentation was held during the workshop.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to accept the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as presented.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

5. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2023.

City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the February 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.**

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD.

City Manager Bo Thomas advised that the Library Board currently has a vacancy and an application was received from Delores K. Sincerney who expressed an interest in serving. Mrs. Sincerney was present if Council had any questions.

MOTION: Council Member Johnny Stephens moved to approve the appointment of Delores K. Sincerney to the Library Board for an unexpired term ending in December 2023.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF HEWITT POLICE VEHICLES.

City Manager Bo Thomas and Assistant City Manager Jim Devlin presented.

MOTION: Council Member Johnny Price moved to authorize the purchase of three Chevrolet Tahoe PPVs in the amount of \$212,974.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM UTEC AND UTEM FOR WAIVER OF PENALTY AND INTEREST ON PROPERTY TAX.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale moved to waive the penalties for UTEC and UTEM. Mayor Pro Tem Bancale amended the motion to waive penalties **and interest** on property tax for UTEC and UTEM.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

9. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF HEWITT DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN.

City Manager Bo Thomas asked Utilities Director Kevin Reinke to summarize the Drought Contingency Plan and the outlook for Summer 2023. General discussion was held concerning the daily production of wells, monitoring high volume use, and ways to encourage compliance through incentivizing versus penalizing.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to adjourn the Regular meeting at 8:13 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

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

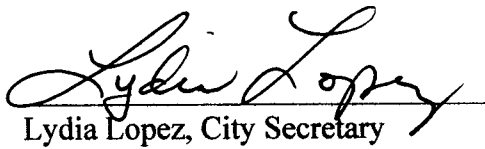
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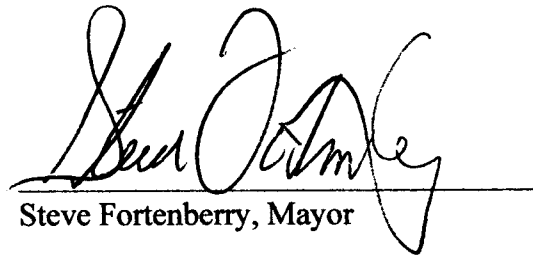
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 04-03-2023

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor