



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 1, 2023 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 – **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

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, announced all members were present, and declared a quorum was present.

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 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 recognized Ryan "RJ" Pase. Mr. Ryan "RJ" Pase, 133 Oklahoma Avenue, suggested that consideration be given to changing the uniform election date from May to November in light of the McLennan County vote totals. The City Secretary received no other public comment forms.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of the City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting of April 17, 2023.

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

SECOND: Council Member Erica Bruce

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

NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

2. 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 listed projects.

3. Discussion and possible action on the reappointment of members to the Board of Adjustment.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented the list of eligible reappointees and advised that Charles Howard had declined reappointment. Therefore, the board now has two vacancies, one regular and one alternate position.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale moved approval of the reappointment of Douglas Bergen, R. Don Vardeman, and Royce W. Smith.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

4. Discussion of the FY 2023-2024 Budget Calendar.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented the budget calendar.

5. Briefing and discussion concerning Council priorities for budget preparation.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented information on the 2023 Preliminary Value Estimates provided by McLennan County Appraisal District. He further asked the Council to provide guidance on any priorities. Mayor Pro Tem Bancale requested that consideration be given to the sustainability of any budgetary items.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale moved to adjourn the Regular meeting at 7:35 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

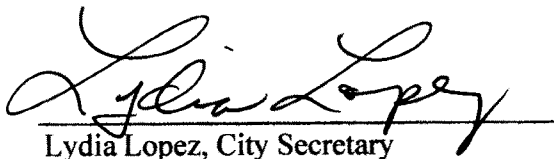
NAYES: None

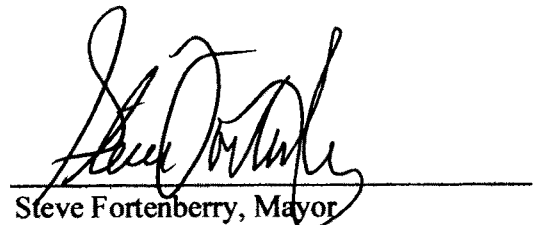
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 05-15-2023

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor