

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING - AMENDED

June 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

Steve Fortenberry, Mayor, Ward 3

Erica Bruce, Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 3 – Michael S. Bancale, Council Member, At-Large

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

Bob Potter, Council Member, Ward 2 – Brad Turner, Council Member, Ward 1

WORKSHOP MEETING - 6:00 PM

WORKSHOP DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:00 PM, announced all members were present, and declared a quorum.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Briefing and discussion on proposed future debt and the impact on tax rates.
Senior Managing Director Andrew Friedman of Samco Capital Markets, Inc. presented the proposed Certificates of Obligation Issuance and Tax Rate Management Discussion, complete with the timeline for Council action to proceed with issuance.
2. Elected Officials Orientation.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented a comprehensive orientation for all Council members.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Workshop meeting at 6:54 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

AYES: Bancale, Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, 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 Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM, announced all members were present, and declared a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

3. Special presentation to the Hewitt Public Library "Volunteer of the Year".

Library Director Waynette Ditto presented the "2022-2023 Volunteer of the Year Award" to Thomas Warkentine. Mr. Warkentine volunteered over 200+ hours since 2020.

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

4. Approve minutes of the City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting of May 15, 2023.

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

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens

AYES: Bancale, Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, 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.

City Engineer Miles Whitney presented a review of the listed projects.

6. Discussion and possible action on Police Department Taser proposal.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Bancale moved to approve the purchase of the thirty-one (31) Tasers and associated equipment as presented for \$88,193.74.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

7. Discussion and possible action authorizing the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-03** directing publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation; and resolving other matters relating to the subject.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented and stated the timing was good for Council to consider the issuance with no adverse impact on the tax rate.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve the adoption of **Resolution No. 2023-03** directing the publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation, and resolving other matters relating to the subject.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
8. Discussion and possible action on reappointments to the Planning & Zoning Commission.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented members eligible for reappointment.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved approval of the reappointment of the Planning & Zoning Commission members Dustin Crawford, Bobby Drake, Michael Lee Hix, and Travis Bailey for a two-year term ending in June 2025.
SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
9. Discussion and possible action on the City of Hewitt's vote for Seat One of the McLennan County 9-1-1 Emergency Assistance Board of Managers.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented. The Council asked for a recommendation. Assistant City Manager Jim Devlin recommended City of Waco Assistant City Manager Ryan Holt.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of the City of Hewitt's vote for Ryan Holt for Seat One of the McLennan County 9-1-1 Emergency Assistance District Board of Managers.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
10. Briefing and discussion concerning Council priorities for budget preparation.
City Manager Bo Thomas advised that this agenda item allows the Council to provide input regarding priorities for developing a proposed budget. No input was provided.
11. Elected Officials Orientation (Continued from Workshop, if needed).
This item was completed during the Workshop portion of the meeting.

Mayor Fortenberry recessed the Regular Meeting to convene the following Executive Session at 7:35 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Notice is given that a closed meeting will be held pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code (V.T.C.A.) so that the Council may deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property - 15 acres on Alliance Parkway.

Mayor Fortenberry reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:27 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Regular meeting at 8:28 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

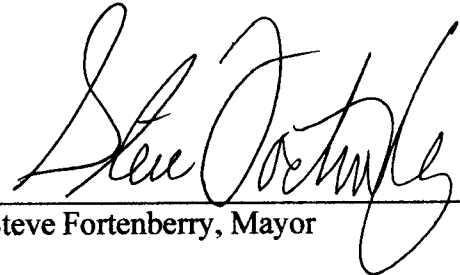
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 06-19-2023

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor