

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

July 3, 2023 at 5:30 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 - 5:30 PM

WORKSHOP DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Workshop Meeting to order at 5:30 PM, announced all members were present, and declared a quorum. Council Member Michael Bancale attended the meeting remotely by video conference.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Briefing and discussion concerning sign variance request (Agenda Item 3).
City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Community Development Director Tracy Lankford. Mr. Lankford briefed the Council on the sign variance request.
2. Presentation and discussion concerning FY 2023-2024 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented key facts regarding the contents of the FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget, which is available on the city's website and on file in the City Secretary's Office. Mr. Thomas stated that the FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget was balanced including the 90-day reserve requirement, unrestricted reserves, and that the proposed tax rate is the same as the current tax rate.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Workshop meeting at 6:43 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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. Council Member Michael Bancale attended the meeting remotely by video conference.

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 inquired if the City Secretary received any public comment forms. The City Secretary received no public comment forms.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND RELATED ACTION

3. Public hearing and action on **Ordinance 2023-06** granting a request for a variance to the sign ordinance for a sign located at 337 Enterprise Blvd. as prescribed in Chapter 58 Sign Regulations.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor Steve Fortenberry opened the hearing at 7:03 PM. Mayor Fortenberry called for those wishing to speak in favor. Jordan Neal, representing the applicant, appeared in support of the request. Mayor Fortenberry called for those in opposition. No one appeared. The public hearing was closed at 7:05 PM.

MOTION: Council Member Johnny Price moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2023-06** granting a request for a variance to the sign ordinance for property located at 337 Enterprise Blvd. for a twenty-six-and-1/2-foot-tall pylon sign as presented.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4. Approve minutes of the City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting of June 19, 2023.

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

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce

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 list of projects.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding a request from Josie Rendon for waiver of penalty and interest on property taxes.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Johnny Price moved to waive the penalties for property taxes due January 31, 2023, for Josie Rendon at 1215 Oakmanor Circle, Hewitt, Texas, 76643.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.
7. Discussion and possible action on FY 2023-2024 Member Funding Assessments for the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve the funding assessments for the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District for FY 2023-2024.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.
8. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2023-04** accepting a new utility easement and authorizing the City Manager to execute any instruments necessary or appropriate to carry out the abandonment on behalf of the City of Hewitt.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve **Resolution No. 2023-04** accepting a new utility easement and authorizing the City Manager to execute any instruments necessary or appropriate to carry out the abandonment on behalf of the City of Hewitt.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Fortenberry recessed the Regular Session to convene the following Executive Session at 7:23 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 Session at 7:47 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to adjourn the Regular meeting at 7:47 PM.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce

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

NAYES: None

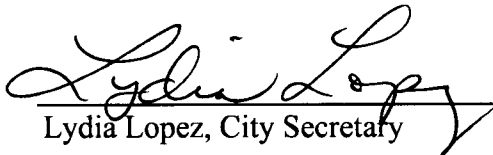
ABSENT: None

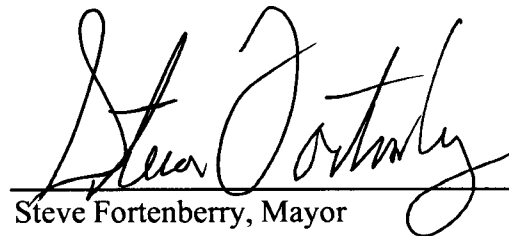
MOTION PASSED.

07-17-2023

Approved:

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor