

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

July 17, 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 TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and announced a quorum was present. Council Member Michael Bancale attended the meeting remotely by video conference. Council Members Johnny Price and Johnny Stephens were absent.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Presentation and discussion concerning FY 2023-2024 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget.

City Manager Bo Thomas distributed an updated handout detailing the sales tax history and discussed sales tax revenue. He further reviewed the 2023 Preliminary Totals, 2023 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet, Certificates of Obligation and the impact on the tax rate, cost of living adjustment, SAFER Grant, proposed Master Fee Schedule, and water rate plan.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:50 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price and Stephens

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 and announced a quorum was present. Council Member Michael Bancale attended the meeting remotely by video conference. Council Members Johnny Price and Johnny Stephens were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Steve Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

2. Special presentation from the Hewitt Police Department.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented Assistant City Manager Jim Devlin with his "Retired" Chief of Police badge. Devlin served 14 years with the Hewitt Police Department and 11 years as the Police Chief.

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 Steve 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 Workshop/Regular Meeting of July 3, 2023.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve the minutes but to allow for corrections.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancalé, Potter, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Price and Stephens
MOTION PASSED.
4. Discussion and reminder concerning Cyber Security Training mandated by House Bill (HB) 3834.
City Manager Bo Thomas reminded the Council of the required cyber security training and the deadline for completion by August 4, 2023.
5. Update on Hewitt Public Library policy.
Library Director Waynette Ditto presented an update to the following library policies:
 - *Request for reconsideration of Library Materials Policy*
 - *Library Circulation Services Policy*
 - *Library Collection Development Policy*
6. Update on Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Program Deployments.
Fire Chief Jonathan Christian presented an update on the TIFMAS deployments to Perryton and Matador, TX, in response to tornado damage.
7. Briefing and discussion concerning Financial Statements ending June 30, 2023.
City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the June Financial Statements electronically for the Council to review. He inquired if the Council had any questions. The Council raised no questions.

8. Discussion and possible action on approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2023.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented a summary of the investment report prepared by Valley View Consulting, L.L.C.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve the quarterly report as of June 30, 2023.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price and Stephens

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 District.

City Manager Bo Thomas advised that the Council recently submitted their vote for the McLennan County 9-1-1 Emergency Assistance District. The election was conducted, and since neither of the candidates received more than 50% of the votes, a run-off between Ryan Holt and Henry Van Smith is being held.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to submit Ryan Holt as Hewitt's nominee.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price and Stephens

MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:48 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

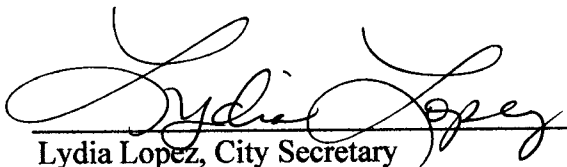
NAYES: None

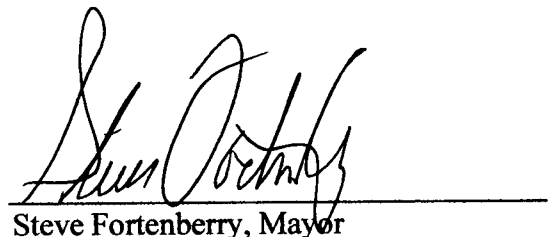
ABSENT: Price and Stephens

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 08-07-2023

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor