

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

October 2, 2023 at 6:30 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 - 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, announced all members were present, and declared a quorum.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Briefing and discussion concerning the Capital Improvement Projects on Briarfield and E. Wall Streets.

City Manager Bo Thomas introduced City Engineer Miles Whitney, P.E. Mr. Whitney presented two cost comparison options (curb and gutter or ribbon curb) for the street reconstruction projects on Briarfield and E. Wall Streets. He sought Council direction on how to prepare the bid documents for solicitation.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce to adjourn the Workshop at 6:58 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)

2. Special presentation to the Hewitt Police Department by Belton Police Chief Gene Ellis on behalf of the Texas Police Chiefs Association in recognition of reaccreditation as a Texas Best Practices Recognized Agency.
Belton Police Chief Gene Ellis, representing the Texas Police Chiefs Association, presented the Certificate of Reaccreditation for the Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Accreditation Program to Police Chief John McGrath and the Hewitt Police Department.
3. Special presentation by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Erica Bruce.
Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce thanked Mayor Steve Fortenberry, Assistant City Manager Jim Devlin, and Police Chief John McGrath for volunteering to model designer handbags for the Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children 2023 Waco Designer Purse Bingo fundraiser.

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 noted the City Secretary received a public comment form from James Russo. Mr. Russo, 105 Russell, appeared to seek assistance from the Council regarding a parking issue on his street. Mayor Fortenberry asked City Manager Bo Thomas to review the matter.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting held September 18, 2023.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved approval of the minutes as presented but to allow for correction.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

5. Discussion and possible action authorizing the purchase and construction of a new pavilion in Warren Park.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval to authorize the purchase and construction of the new Warren Park Pavilion by Rice Construction Services, LLC, for \$68,400.00.
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
6. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2023-10** submitting a candidate nomination for the McLennan Central Appraisal District (MCAD) Board of Directors for the year 2024.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor Fortenberry inquired if any Council Member wanted to be considered a candidate nominee. No one volunteered. The Council took no action.
7. Discussion and possible action on Amended Technology Use Of City Equipment policy.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved approval of the amended Technology Use of Equipment Policy.
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 **Ordinance No. 2023-12** adopting a temporary construction speed zone of 45 miles per hour on IH 35 southbound frontage road during the construction of a right turn lane onto Alliance Parkway.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of **Ordinance No. 2023-12** adopting a temporary construction speed zone of 45 miles per hour on IH 35 southbound frontage road during the construction of a right turn lane at Alliance Parkway.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:38 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

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

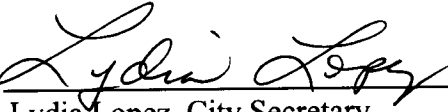
NAYES: None

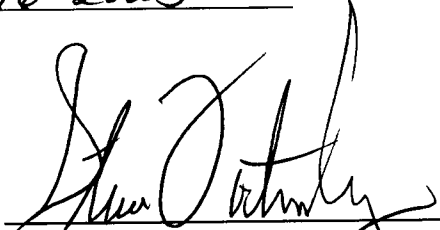
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 10-16-2023

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor