

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

September 18, 2023 at 7:00 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

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)

1. Introduction of new Assistant Chief of Police.

Police Chief John McGrath introduced the incoming Assistant Police Chief Heath Vanek, who will begin his new position on October 1, 2023.

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

2. Approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2023.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved approval of the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
3. Presentation of the report from the 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.
4. Briefing and discussion concerning Financial Statements ending August 31, 2023.
City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the August Financial Statements electronically for the Council to review and inquired if the Council had any questions. The Council raised no questions or concerns.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding a request from Randy Rodriguez for a waiver of penalty and interest on property taxes.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to waive the penalties and interest on property tax as requested by Randy Rodriguez.
SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, and Bruce
NAYES: Fortenberry
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
6. Discussion and possible action to ratify the expenditure of \$96,775.19 for the purchase of one Administrative and one Investigative vehicle for the Police Department.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Johnny Price moved to ratify the expenditure of \$96,775.19 to Bird Kultgen Ford for the vehicles purchased by the Police Department.
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

7. Discussion and possible action to authorize the City Manager to renew an existing Interlocal Agreement with the City of Waco for The Heart of Texas Regional Marketing Plan.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved approval to authorize the City Manager to renew an existing Interlocal Agreement with the City of Waco for The Heart of Texas Regional Marketing Plan.
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 concerning the selection of an architect for the design phase of Fire Station No. 2.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to select Martinez Architects for the design proposal for Fire Station No. 2.
SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
9. Briefing and possible action on **Resolution No. 2023-08** amending Texpool authorized representatives.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved approval of **Resolution No. 2023-08** amending Texpool authorized representatives.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
10. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2023-09** approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the Company's 2023 Rate Review Mechanism Filings.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved approval of **Resolution No. 2023-09** approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division.
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:43 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancala

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

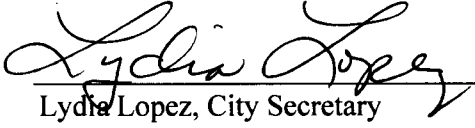
NAYES: None

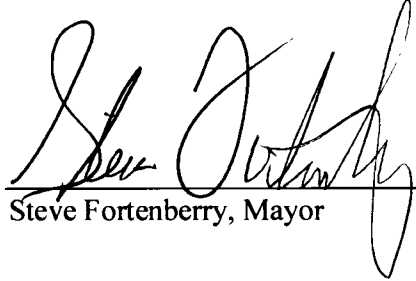
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 10-02-2023

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor