

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

November 13, 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

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and announced a quorum was present. Council Member Johnny Price was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

1. Proclamation declaring "Municipal Court Week".

Mayor Fortenberry presented the proclamation to Court Administrator Elvira Leyva. Mrs. Leyva expressed appreciation to the Mayor & Council, City Manager Bo Thomas, and Assistant City Manager Jim Devlin for their support.

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 Workshop/Regular Meeting held October 16, 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, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price

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 October 31, 2023.

City Manager Bo Thomas advised Finance Director Lee Garcia, previously sent the October Financial Statements electronically for the Council to review and he inquired if the Council had any questions. The Council raised no questions or concerns.

5. Discussion and possible action to award Goddard Enterprises with upgrading the City of Hewitt's outdoor warning siren system.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval to authorize Goddard Enterprises to perform the outdoor warning siren system upgrade in the amount of \$172,182.73.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stevens

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price

MOTION PASSED.

6. Discussion and possible action on Brush Truck Skid Unit replacement and upfitting.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved approval of the use of TIFMAS funds to purchase a replacement skid unit, (pump and tank), along with additional wildland firefighting equipment and associated modifications of the truck bed for storage capacity, for an amount not to exceed \$27,000.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price

MOTION PASSED.

7. Discussion and possible action to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Martinez Architects for the architectural design of Fire Station 2.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved approval to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Martinez Architects for an amount not to exceed \$310,000.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price

MOTION PASSED.

8. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2023-12** amending and adopting the City of Hewitt's Investment Policy.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented. He noted no changes were needed.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of **Resolution No. 2023-12** amending and adopting the City of Hewitt's Investment Policy.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price

MOTION PASSED.

9. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2023-13** approving financing terms with _____ for a term of _____ years at _____%.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented the results of the bids received.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved approval of **Resolution No. 2023-13** accepting the bid from Cogent Bank for a term of three (3) years at a rate of 4.55%.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price

MOTION PASSED.

10. Discussion and possible action on approving **Resolution No. 2023-14** authorizing the City's membership in the Texas SmartBuy Program.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Johnny Stephens moved approval of **Resolution No. 2023-14** authorizing the City's membership in the Texas SmartBuy Program.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price

MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:34 P.M.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

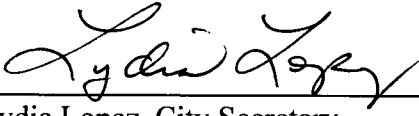
NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price

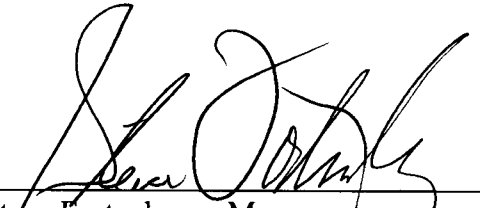
MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 11-27-2023

ATTEST:



Lydia Lopez, City Secretary



Steve Fortenberry, Mayor