



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING

November 27, 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, and announced a quorum was present. Council Member Johnny Price was absent.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Briefing and discussion concerning request for variance to the sign ordinance (Agenda Item 4).
City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Community Development Director Tracy Lankford. Mr. Lankford briefed the Council on the sign variance request and responded to Council questions.
2. Presentation of Department Spotlight.
Human Resources Director Jessica Higgins presented the department spotlight for the Library.
3. Briefing and preview on the website redesign.
City Secretary Lydia Lopez presented a preview of the website redesign project.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Steve Fortenberry adjourned the Workshop meeting at 6:53 PM.

REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Regular meeting to order, and announced a quorum was present. Council Member Johnny Price was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Steve 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

4. Public hearing and possible action on **Ordinance 2023-13** granting a request for a variance to the sign ordinance for a sign located at 343 Enterprise Blvd. as prescribed in Chapter 58 Sign Regulations.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor Steve Fortenberry opened the hearing at 7:03 PM and called for those wishing to speak in favor. Gregg Murrt, 106 Vintage Park Blvd., Houston, TX, and Tommy Reynolds, 2703 W. Mockingbird Lane, #100, Dallas, TX, appeared in support and to answer questions. Mayor Steve Fortenberry called for those wishing to speak against it. No one appeared. The public hearing was closed at 7:06 PM. Mr. Thomas read the ordinance caption into the record.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2023-13** granting the sign variance request located at 343 Enterprise Drive for a twenty-four-foot-tall pylon sign as presented.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price

MOTION PASSED.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

5. Approval of minutes for the Special Meeting of November 13, 2023.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve the minutes as presented but allow for corrections.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price

MOTION PASSED.

6. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2023-15** casting votes to elect the Directors for the McLennan Central Appraisal District for the 2024 term.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented. After discussion, the Council agreed to split the city's voting entitlements among the current members at 12 each.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve **Resolution No. 2023-15**, casting votes to elect the Directors for the McLennan Central Appraisal District by splitting the 64 voting entitlements to current board members at 12 votes for each of the five members.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price

MOTION PASSED.

7. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2023-16** approving the renovation and construction of an addition to the McLennan Central Appraisal District Office, and approving the financing arrangement for the renovation and construction of the project.

City Manager Bo Thomas initiated the agenda item and introduced Chief Appraiser Joe Don Bobbit, R.P.A. Mr. Bobbitt presented the request.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve **Resolution No. 2023-16** approving the renovation and construction of an addition to the McLennan Central Appraisal District Office, and approving the financing arrangement for the renovation and construction of the project.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price

MOTION PASSED.

8. Discussion and possible action on renewal of an Agreement with Valley View Consulting, L.L.C., for a period of two years ending December 31, 2025, with the option to extend an additional one or two year increments.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved that the agreement with Valley View Consulting, L.L.C. be renewed for a period of two years ending December 31, 2025, with the option to extend in additional one or two year increments.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price

MOTION PASSED.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding the annual consumer price increase (CPI) to solid waste rates for Republic Services.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Republic's Municipal Services Manager Robyn Mota was present to answer questions. A discussion was held regarding the recycling process and ways to save cost.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to authorize the CPI increase as requested by Republic Services.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price
MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Steve Fortenberry recessed the Special Meeting at 7:26 PM to convene for the following Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Notice is given that a closed meeting will be held pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code (V.T.C.A.) so that the Council may deliberate regarding economic development negotiations, and/or other matters as authorized under the Texas Government Code. (Project Possibility)

Mayor Fortenberry reconvened the Special Meeting at 8:26 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:26 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Price

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: _____

ATTEST:

Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

Steve Fortenberry, Mayor