



## **CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING**

**January 8, 2024 at 6:30 PM**

**Hewitt City Hall, 200 Patriot Court, Hewitt, TX 76643**

### **MINUTES**

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**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. Presentation of gym reimbursement program.

*Human Resources Director Jessica Higgins presented an overview of the program.*

##### **WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Workshop meeting at 6:44 PM.

**SECOND:** Council Member Bob Potter

**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. Swearing-in ceremony of Sergeant Justin Johnson and Assistant Police Chief Heath Vanek.  
*Police Chief John McGrath provided a brief bio for both Sergeant Johnson and Assistant Police Chief Heath Vanek. Chief McGrath administered the ceremonial oath of office to Assistant Police Chief Vanek. Assistant Police Chief Vanek administered the ceremonial oath of office to Sergeant Johnson. Family members pinned badges on both Sergeant Johnson and Assistant Police Chief Vanek.*

## 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

3. Approval of minutes for the Special Meeting of December 11, 2023.  
**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved approval of the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Brad Turner  
**AYES:** Bancale, Potter, Price, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**MOTION PASSED.**
4. Briefing and discussion concerning the Financial Statements ending November 30, 2023.  
*City Manager Bo Thomas advised Finance Director Lee Garcia, previously sent the November 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. Presentation of the report from 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.*
6. Discussion and possible action on the 2024 Interlocal Agreement for Household Hazardous Waste Collection with the City of Waco.  
*City Manager Bo Thomas presented.*  
**MOTION:** Council Member Brad Turner moved approval of the 2024 Interlocal Agreement for Household Hazardous Waste Collection with the City of Waco and authorized the City

Manager to execute all documents and allocate funding for the cost of participation.

**SECOND:** Council Member Johnny Stephens

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

7. Discussion and possible action on an appointment to the Board of Adjustment.

*City Manager Bo Thomas presented. The Council expressed their appreciation to Mr. King for his interest in volunteering for board service.*

**MOTION:** Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve the appointment of Drexel King to the Board of Adjustment, with a term expiring in December 2025.

**SECOND:** Council Member Johnny Price

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

8. Discussion concerning the May 4, 2024 General Election.

*City Manager Bo Thomas presented and advised that future Council meetings will be impacted by the General Election and that meetings could be moved to the Public Safety Facility or meeting dates could potentially be altered.*

Mayor Steve Fortenberry recessed the Regular Meeting at 7:24 PM to convene the following Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Notice is given that a closed meeting will be held pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (V.T.C.A.) so that the Council may discuss personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee (**City Manager's evaluation**).

Mayor Steve Fortenberry reconvened the Regular meeting at 7:51 PM.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member Michael Bancale moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:51 PM.

**SECOND:** Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce

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

**NAYES:** None

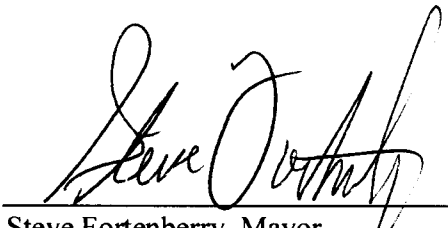
**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

Approved: 01-22-2024

ATTEST:

  
Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

  
Steve Fortenberry, Mayor