



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

February 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Hewitt Public Safety Facility - Training Rm, 100 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 Special Meeting to order at 7:00 PM, announced all members were present and declared a quorum.

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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

1. Briefing and discussion on the Solar Eclipse 2024.

Assistant City Manager Jim Devlin highlighted the staff's efforts to prepare for the Total Solar Eclipse 2024 that will occur on Monday, April 8, 2024, from 1:37 pm - 1:42 pm (estimated time).

PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND RELATED ACTION

2. Public hearing on Storm Water Mitigation as required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

City Manager Bo Thomas stated that TCEQ requires this annual public hearing to allow residents to speak about drainage and stormwater issues. Mayor Steve Fortenberry opened the hearing at 7:21 PM and called for those wishing to speak. No one appeared. The public hearing was closed at 7:21 PM.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

3. Approval of the minutes for the City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting of February 5, 2024.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve the minutes as presented.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

4. Briefing and discussion concerning Financial Statements ending January 31, 2024.

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

5. Discussion and possible action on the use of Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) funds for equipment purchases.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented requests to use TIFMAS funds to purchase various equipment for the new fire engine. Also, included for replacement were three (3) current Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) located in our city facilities. The total amount of funds to expend will not exceed \$65,000.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of the use of TIFMAS funds for the purchase of additional equipment and the replacement of the City's AEDs.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

6. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2024-02** authorizing publication of the Notice of Intention to issue certificates of obligation; and resolving other matters relating to the subject.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mr. Thomas noted the amount was set at \$4 million to allow the Council the flexibility to adjust the amount borrowed in light of any unexpected costs for the Commerce Park Water Plant Improvements - Contract 2 - Ground Storage Tank and Pump Station. Bids will be brought forward for Council consideration either on March 4 or March 18. SAMCO Managing Director Ryan Cunningham was present to respond to Council questions.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of **Resolution No. 2024-02** authorizing the publication of the Notice of Intention to issue certificates of obligation and resolving other matters relating to the subject.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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 at 7:41 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: _____

ATTEST:

Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

Steve Fortenberry, Mayor