

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

April 1, 2024, at 6:00 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

WORKSHOP MEETING - 6:00 PM

WORKSHOP DECLARATION OF A

QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:00 PM, announced all members were present, and declared a quorum.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Briefing and discussion concerning the City of Hewitt's Strategic Plan 2024-2029.
Utility, Police, Fire, and Community Development
City Manager Bo Thomas introduced each department head, who presented updates on the department's strategic plan.
Utility - Presented by Utility Director Kevin Reinke
Police - Presented by Police Chief John McGrath
Fire - Presented by Fire Chief Jonathan Christian
Community Development - Presented by Community Development Director Tracy Lankford

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:56 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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 7:01 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. Presentation and discussion by the Greater Hewitt Chamber of Commerce.
Executive Director Alissa Cady expressed appreciation for the city's partnership and highlighted the Chamber's activities for the past year. Mayor Steve Fortenberry commended the Chamber for all they do for the community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council invites citizens to speak on any topic not 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 minutes of the City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting of March 18, 2024.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale 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. Presentation of report from City Engineer Miles Whitney, P.E.
Update on pending utility projects.
Update on pending street projects.
Update on pending drainage projects.
The City Engineer presented a review of the listed projects.
5. Discussion and possible action to award a depository services contract to Independent Financial and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and all necessary agreements.
City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Tim Pinon of Valley View Consulting. Mr. Pinon presented a recap of the Request for Applications (RFA) process for the Banking Depository Services. He stated that Valley View Consulting concurs with the staff in accepting the

Independent Financial Bank application.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to award Independent Financial a depository services contract and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and all necessary agreements.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

6. Update on Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Program Deployments.

Fire Chief Jonathan Christian presented an update on the TIFMAS Panhandle Deployment. He stated that this was the largest Texas wildfires on record. Council Member Michael Bancale commended the Fire staff for their willingness to serve.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:34 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

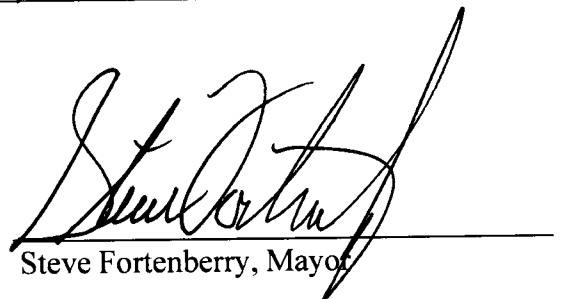
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 04-15-2024

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor