



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

May 6, 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 6:01 PM, announced all members were present, and declared a quorum.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Briefing and discussion concerning an update to the City of Hewitt's Strategic Plan 2024-2029 - Library Director Matthew Glaser.
City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Library Director Matthew Glaser, who presented an update to the Library's Strategic Plan.
2. Briefing and discussion concerning a zone change request (Agenda Item 4).
City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Community Development Director Tracy Lankford, who briefed the Council on the zone change request.
3. Briefing and discussion concerning the City of Hewitt's current debt and outstanding principal in the General Fund and Utility Fund.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:43 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 7:00 pm, announced all members were present, and declared a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Steve Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND RELATED ACTION

4. Public hearing and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2024-04** to change the zoning of a portion of James Sprowl Survey, Ab 817, being a 36.838-acre tract located at the southwest corner of the intersection of S. Hewitt Dr. and Interstate 35, from R-1 Single Family Residential District and C-O Outdoor Commercial District to C-2 General Commercial District.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor Steve Fortenberry opened the public hearing at 7:03 pm and called for those wishing to speak in favor of the request. The following appeared to respond to questions: Jonathan Kirby, 2600 N. Central Express Way, Richardson, Texas. Mayor Fortenberry called for those wishing to speak against it. No one spoke against the request. The public hearing closed at 7:04 pm.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve **Ordinance 2024-04** to change the zoning of a portion of James Sprowl Survey, Ab 817, a 36.838-acre tract located at the southwest corner of the intersection of S. Hewitt Dr. and Interstate 35 from R-1 Single Family Residential District and C-0 Outdoor Commercial to C-2 General Commercial District.
SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price
AYES: Bancale, Price, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
5. Public hearing and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2024-08** on the petition of the owner, Intrust Properties, Ltd, for annexation, the City of Hewitt intends to annex a 1.077-acre tract of land in the Carlos O'Campo Grant, Abstract 32, in McLennan County, Texas and being that portion of a called 81.664 acres of land described in a deed to Intrust Properties, Ltd of record as Instrument 2004032031 in the Official Public Records of McLennan County.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor Steve Fortenberry inquired if any responses had been received. Mr. Thomas stated that no responses were received directly or from the website. Mayor Steve Fortenberry opened the public hearing at 7:14 pm and called for those wishing to speak in favor or against the request. No one appeared. The public hearing was closed at 7:14 pm. Mr. Thomas read the ordinance caption into the record.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve **Ordinance 2024-08** authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents related to the ordinance as presented.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bruce, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bancale, Price, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

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 Steve Fortenberry read the statement above and inquired if the City Secretary had received any public comment forms. The following appeared before the Council to speak: Sally Goldman, President of the Library Board, expressed appreciation for installation of the automated doors; Angela Richter of 206 Chelsea Dr expressed concerns about the flooding in her neighborhood; and Aimee Farris of 204 Chelsea Dr also shared concerns about the flooding in her neighborhood. No other public forms were received.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

6. Approval of minutes of the City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting held on April 15, 2024.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve the minutes as presented.
SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner
AYES: Bruce, Turner, Potter, Stephens, Bancale, Price, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
7. 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.
8. Discussion and presentation of the Summer Reading Program with the Hewitt Public Library.
City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Library Director Matthew Glaser, who presented an overview of the Summer Reading Program.
9. Discussion and possible action approving **Resolution 2024-03** authorizing the City Manager and the City of Hewitt Police Chief to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Midway Independent School District Police Department to communicate and coordinate the jurisdiction of law enforcement services.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Assistant Police Chief Heath Vanek answered questions.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve **Resolution 2024-03** authorizing the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Midway ISD and the Police Chief to execute the Non-Terminal Agreement.
SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price
AYES: Bruce, Price, Bancale, Potter, Turner, Stephens, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

10. Discussion of the FY 2024-2025 Budget Calendar.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented the FY 2024-2025 Budget Calendar.

11. Briefing and discussion concerning Council priorities for budget preparation.

City Manager Bo Thomas asked the Council to communicate any budget priorities as of now to help direct our efforts in the budget process. Council Member Michael Bancale expressed appreciation to the staff for the Five-Year Strategic Plan, the vision for retaining our employees, and the staff's due diligence on spending money where it needs to be spent. He asked the staff to continue that due diligence. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce requested information on salary comparison with the surrounding area, the proposed salary structure for Fire staff, and more details on the proposed Lift Station.

12. Discussion and possible action to ratify the expenditure for the emergency repair of Ritchie Plant Well #6, pump, motor, and other equipment to Jurgensen Pump, LLC, not to exceed \$160,000.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to ratify the expenditure for the emergency repair of Ritchie Plant Well # 6 not to exceed \$160,000.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

13. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution 2024-04** selecting an elected official of the City of Hewitt as the City's nominee to serve as a member of the governing body of the McLennan County Rural Transit District.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:10 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

NAYES: None

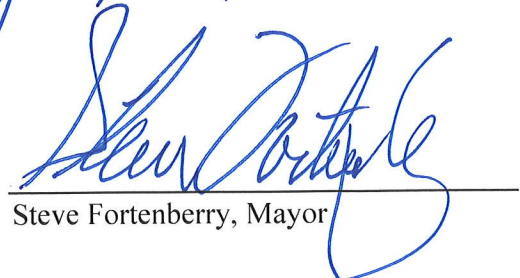
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: May 20, 2024

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor