



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 20, 2024 at 7:00 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

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 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 asked if any public comment forms had been received. There were none.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

1. Recognition of departing council member Johnny Price.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented a plaque to departing council member Johnny Price and expressed appreciation for his service on behalf of the City Council and staff. Mayor Fortenberry invited Mr. Price to share comments. Mr. Price expressed his appreciation and shared that it had been an honor serving on a great council.

2. Oath of Office Swearing-in for Steve Fortenberry and Johnny Stephens.
The oath of office was administered to the following officials: Steve Fortenberry and Johnny Stephens.

Mayor Steve Fortenberry recessed the regular meeting to enter into executive session at 7:07 PM.

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.

3.
 - a. Organization of new City Council - Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem
 - b. Council Vacancy - Ward 1

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Fortenberry reconvened the regular meeting at 7:53 PM.

4. Discussion and possible action concerning Executive Session items if any.
 - a. Organization of new City Council - Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem
MOTION: Council Member Erica Bruce moved to nominate Steve Fortenberry as Mayor.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, Fortenberry, and Bancale
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

MOTION: Council Member Johnny Stephens moved to nominate Erica Bruce as Mayor Pro Tem.
SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner
AYES: Potter, Stephens, Turner, Fortenberry, and Bancale
NAYES: None
ABSTAINED: Bruce
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

- b. Council Vacancy - Ward 1 - ***No Action Taken***

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

5. Approval of minutes for the City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting held May 6, 2024.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved approval of the minutes as presented.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Turner, Stephens, Bancale, Potter, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES:
ABSENT:
MOTION PASSED.
6. Briefing and discussion concerning Financial Statements ending April 30, 2024.
City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the April Financial Statements electronically on May 3, 2024 for review. Council raised no questions or concerns.
7. Discussion and possible action on an appointment to the Parks and Beautification Committee.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented the application of Richard Driver to the council for appointment to the Parks and Beautification Committee. Council Member Brad Turner shared that Mr. Driver would be a great addition to the Committee.
MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved approval to appoint Richard Driver to the Parks and Beautification Committee with a term expiring in December 2024.
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce
AYES: Turner, Stephens, Bancale, Potter, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES:
ABSENT:
MOTION PASSED.
8. Discussion and possible action concerning the appointment of a member to seat two (2) with McLennan County 9-1-1 Emergency Assistance District.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented the ballot for seat two (2) with McLennan County 9-1-1 Emergency Assistance District.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to cast Hewitt's vote in favor of Jim Devlin to the McLennan County 9-1-1 Emergency Assistance District.
SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens
AYES: Turner, Stephens, Bancale, Potter, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES:
ABSENT:
MOTION PASSED.

9. Discussion and possible action concerning the Reimbursement Agreement Preliminary Engineering Services with Union Pacific Railroad Company, granting the City Manager the authority to execute all documents pertaining to the agreement.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved approval of the Reimbursement Agreement Preliminary Engineering Services with Union Pacific Railroad Company, granting the City Manager the authority to execute all documents pertaining to the agreement.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce

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

NAYES:

ABSENT:

MOTION PASSED.

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

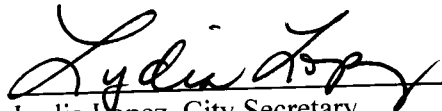
City Manager Bo Thomas asked the Council to communicate any budget priorities as of now and to share that council would see this item for the next couple of meetings.

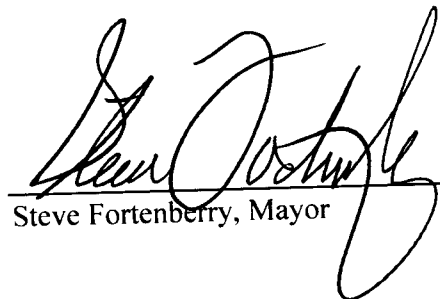
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fortenberry adjourned the meeting at 8:08

Approved: 06-03-2024

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor