

# HEWITT TEXAS

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 3, 2024 at 7:00 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  
**Bob Potter**, Council Member: Ward 2 – **Brad Turner**, Council Member: Ward 1  
**Vacant Seat**, Council Member: Ward 2

### 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: Citizens 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. Recognition of HR Director Jessica Higgins on being the recipient of the Human Resources Impact Award of Honor at the TMHRA Annual Conference in Denton, Texas, on May 8, 2024. *City Manager Bo Thomas recognized HR Director Jessica Higgins for receiving the Human Resources Impact Award of Honor. This award recognizes a local government HR department that has developed innovative programs and/or services to solve municipal human resources management problems and/or enhance the organizational culture.*

## REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

2. Approval of minutes for the City Council Regular Meeting held May 20, 2024.  
**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve the minutes as presented but allow for corrections.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Michael Bancale  
**AYES:** Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**MOTION PASSED.**
3. 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.*
4. Discussion and update regarding wastewater flows and capacity demands between the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Bullhide Wastewater Treatment Plant. Including estimated costs and potential financing.  
*City Manager Bo Thomas and City Engineer Miles Whitney presented an update regarding future capacities between the Bullhide Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant. The council's consensus was to place the item on the next agenda for action.*
5. Briefing and discussion concerning Council priorities for budget preparation.  
*City Manager Bo Thomas asked the Council to communicate any budget priorities to assist with the budget process. Council Member Michael Bancale requested that staff prioritize budget requests that enhance customer service, save staff time, and plan for the expansion of the lift station. Mayor Fortenberry inquired about the future development of the new Fire Station and staffing.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:03 PM.

**SECOND:** Council Member Bob Potter

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

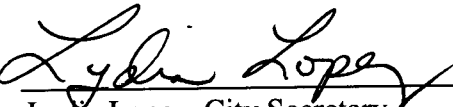
**NAYES:** None

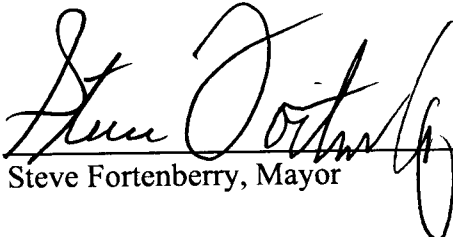
**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

Approved: 06-17-2024

ATTEST:

  
Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

  
Steve Fortenberry, Mayor