

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 2024 at 6:15 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
Bob Potter, Council Member: Ward 2 – **Brad Turner**, Council Member: Ward 1
Vacant Seat, Council Member: Ward 2

WORKSHOP MEETING - 6:15 PM

WORKSHOP DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:16 PM, announced all members were present, and declared a quorum.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Presentation and discussion concerning FY 2024-2025 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget (preview).

City Manager Bo Thomas presented a preview of the FY 2024-2025 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget. He highlighted the following:

- *General Budget Information - (Projected tax rates, personnel proposed changes, salary survey, Capital Items - short-term financed)*
- *General Fund Projection by Category*
- *Calculation of Estimated Tax Revenue*
- *General Fund Budget*
- *Utility Fund Projection by Category*
- *Drainage Fund by Category*
- *Capital Outlay Short-Term Financing.*

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:54 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner

AYES: Bancale, Potter, 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

2. Swearing-in and pinning ceremony for newly hired Police Officer Jacob Ruiz.
Police Chief John McGrath introduced newly appointed Police Officer Jacob Ruiz and administered the ceremonial oath of office. His fiancé, Shelby Lintelman, pinned Officer Ruiz.
3. Special presentation of the Texas Municipal Clerk's Office Achievement of Excellence Award.
City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Waco City Secretary Michelle Hicks, Treasurer of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc., Executive Board. Ms. Hicks presented the Achievement of Excellence Award to City Secretary Lydia Lopez. She noted the award recognizes municipal clerk offices throughout the state for their adherence to federal, state, and local statutes that govern the necessary standards to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office.

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: Public members 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 had received any public comment forms. The City Secretary did not receive any public comment forms.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4. Approval of minutes for the City Council Regular Meeting held on June 3, 2024.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
5. Briefing and discussion concerning Financial Statements ending May 31, 2024.
City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the May Financial Statements electronically on June 6, 2024, for review. The Council raised no questions or concerns.

6. Discussion and possible action on reappointment(s) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented the members who were eligible for reappointment.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved approval of the reappointment of the Planning & Zoning Commission members Brian Dalrymple and Walt Peterson for a two-year term ending June 2026.
SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
7. Discussion and reminder concerning Cybersecurity training mandated by House Bill (HB) 3834.
City Manager Bo Thomas reminded the Council of the deadline (July 5, 2024) to complete the cybersecurity training required by all elected officials.
8. Discussion and possible action approving **Resolution No. 2024-05** extending the current contract with Allied Waste, Inc. d.b.a. Republic Services of Itasca, for the collection and disposal of residential, commercial, and industrial solid waste and the residential collection of recyclable material within the corporate limits of the City of Hewitt, Texas.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented a summary of the amendments and revisions to the current contract and an updated rate schedule. A general discussion was held concerning the contract terms, recycling, and service issues. Robyn Mota, Manager, Municipal Services, Republic Services, was present to respond to the Council's questions.
MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved approval of **Resolution No. 2024-05**, approving the contract extensions, amendments, and rate schedule between the City of Hewitt and Allied Waste Systems, Inc. d.b.a. Republic Services of Itasca for a term of five years, effective July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2029.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
9. Discussion and possible action to provide staff direction on wastewater flows and capacity demands between the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Bullhide Wastewater Treatment plant.
City Manager Bo Thomas summarized the options presented to the Council at the last two Council meetings and stated that directing wastewater flows to the Central plant is the best option for Hewitt.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved staff to pursue the option of directing more flows to the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant.
SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

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

City Manager Bo Thomas stated that this was another opportunity for Council input regarding budget priorities. Mayor Fortenberry expressed his contentment with the strategic plans presented by the staff. No other comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:46 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

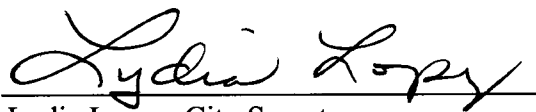
NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

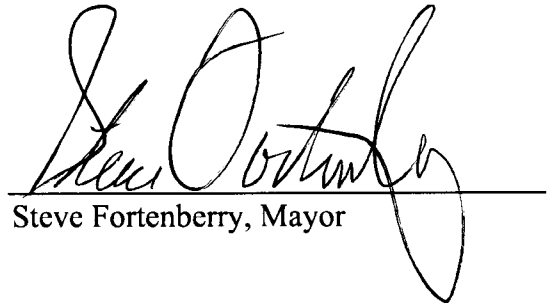
MOTION PASSED.

Approved: July 1, 2024

ATTEST:



Lydia Lopez, City Secretary



Steve Fortenberry, Mayor