



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

July 15, 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
Bob Potter, Council Member: Ward 2 – **Brad Turner**, Council Member: Ward 1
Vacant Seat, Council Member: Ward 2

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 a quorum was present, and noted that Council Member Michael Bancale was absent.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

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

City Manager Bo Thomas stated that the following Department Directors would highlight essential items in their budgets.

Police Chief John McGrath - Vehicle purchases, and Motorola upgrades

Fire Chief Jonathan Christian - Update on the new Fire Station #2

General Services Director Scott Coleman - Slurry Seal projects, Pickup purchase, Batwing Shredder, and Mini-X Shredder Attachment

Utility Services Director Kevin Reinke - Generator Maintenance; Equipment (mini-excavator, backhoe), and Engineering fee for future expansion

Human Resources Director Jessica Higgins - Explained the process for the development of the salary survey, and market adjustments

Mr. Thomas ended the budget discussion with a planned Capital Improvement Projects summary.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:47 PM.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Bancale

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 a quorum was present, and noted Council Member Michael Bancale was absent.

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 Officers Jacob Cameron Elkins and Marco Antonio Rocha.

Police Chief John McGrath introduced two newly hired Police Officers, Jacob Cameron Elkins and Marco Antonio Rocha. Chief McGrath administered the oath of office. Officer Elkins and Officer Rocha were pinned by family members.

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 inquired if the City Secretary received any public comment forms. The City Secretary received no public comment forms.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

3. Approval of minutes for the City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting held July 1, 2024.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.

SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Bancale

MOTION PASSED.

4. Briefing and discussion concerning Financial Statements ending June 30, 2024.
City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the June Financial Statements electronically on July 8, 2024, for review. The Council raised no questions or concerns.
5. Discussion and possible action on approval of the Quarterly Investment Report ending June 30, 2024.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented the Quarterly Investment Report as prepared by Valley View Consulting, LLC.
MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve the Quarterly Investment Report as of June 30, 2024.
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce
AYES: Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Bancale
MOTION PASSED.
6. Discussion and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2024-09** adopting the 2024 Amended Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented amendments to the plan and read the ordinance caption into the record.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2024-09** adopting the 2024 Amended Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Bancale
MOTION PASSED.
7. Continued discussion concerning FY 2024-2025 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget (if needed).
City Manager Bo Thomas stated that this item was placed on the agenda for continued Council discussion of the proposed budget if needed.

Mayor Fortenberry recessed the Regular Session to convene for the following Executive Session at 7:33 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 (Municipal Court Judge).

Mayor Fortenberry reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:59 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:01 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

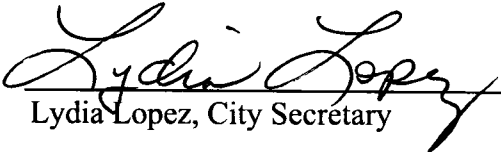
NAYES: None

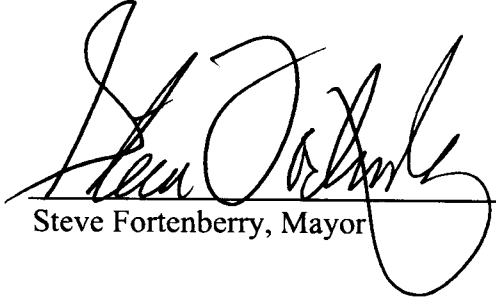
ABSENT: Bancala

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 08 - 05 - 2024

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor