

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

August 19, 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
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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

1. Presentation of the Hewitt Public Library's Summer Reading Program and Top 10 Readers.
Library Director Matthew Glaser provided a Summer Program update and presented the Library's Summer Reading Program stats and Top 10 Readers.
2. Presentation and discussion of grant programs at the Hewitt Public Library.
Library Director Matthew Glaser presented an update on the Special Projects Grant Programs. Mayor Steve Fortenberry and the Council congratulated the Library staff for seeking grant funding.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND RELATED ACTION

3. Conduct the second of two public hearings on the 2024 Property Tax Rate.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor Steve Fortenberry opened the public hearing at 7:24 PM and called for those wishing to speak regarding the 2024 Property Tax Rate. No one appeared. The public hearing was closed at 7:25 PM.

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

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4. Approval of the minutes for the City Council Special Meeting held August 12, 2024.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve the minutes but to allow for corrections.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
The City Secretary polled the Council.
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
5. Briefing and discussion concerning Financial Statements ending July 31, 2024.
City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the July Financial Statements electronically on August 6, 2024. The Council raised no questions or concerns.
6. Discussion and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2024-10** accepting the 2024 Certified Tax Roll.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented the ordinance and read the caption into the record.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2024-10**, accepting the 2024 Certified Tax Roll.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
The City Secretary polled the Council.
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
7. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2024-07** approving the FY 2024-2025 Master Fee Schedule.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented. He noted that the council will review the water and sewer rates before they become effective.
MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve **Resolution No. 2024-07**, approving the FY 2024-2025 Master Fee Schedule.
SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner
The City Secretary polled the Council.
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None

ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

8. Discussion and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2024-11** adopting the 2024 Property Tax Rate of **\$0.539082**.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented the ordinance and read the caption into the record.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.539082, which is effectively a 3.66% increase in the tax rate, and moved approval of **Ordinance No. 2024-11**.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
The City Secretary polled the Council.
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
9. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the property tax increase reflected in the budget.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented the ordinance and read the caption into record.
MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget.
SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens
The City Secretary polled the Council.
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
10. Discussion and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2024-12** adopting the FY 2024-2025 Annual Operating and Capital Budget.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented the ordinance and read the caption into the record.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2024-12**, adopting the FY 2024-2025 Annual Operating and Capital Budget.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
The City Secretary polled the Council.
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
11. Discussion and possible action concerning canceling the City Council Regular Meeting scheduled for September 2, 2024.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved that the next City Council meeting be held on September 16, 2024.
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce
The City Secretary polled the Council.
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None

ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:43 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

The City Secretary polled the Council.

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

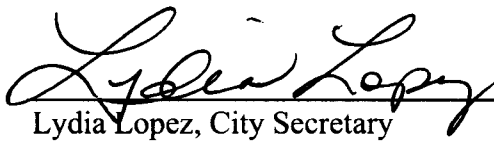
NAYES: None

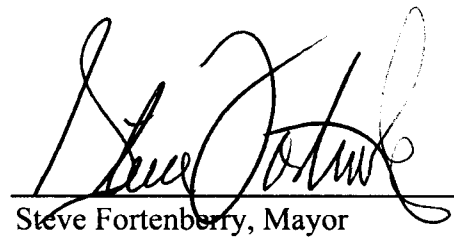
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 09-16-2024

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor