

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

September 16, 2024 at 6:30 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 - 6:30 PM

WORKSHOP DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Presentation by Martinez Architects regarding the architectural design of Fire Station 2.
City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Justin Meyers, a partner of Martinez Architects. Mr. Meyers presented an overview of the Project Description and the Design-to-Budget Approach, cost estimates and bid alternates for consideration, proposed building and site design, and a 3-D Design Visualization. He recommended that bid invitations be sent before the holiday season and that a maximum of three (3) Bid Alternates be included.

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.

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

2. Approval of the minutes for the City Council Regular Meeting held on August 19, 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: 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, P.E., presented a review of the listed projects and responded to Council questions.
4. Briefing and discussion concerning Financial Statements ending August 31, 2024.
City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the August Financial Statements electronically on September 6, 2024, for review. The Council raised no questions or concerns.
5. Discussion and possible action to approve the architectural rendering of Fire Station 2 and authorization to proceed with the bid process.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented and advised that the bid process includes the alternate bids for 3rd Apparatus Bay and Side-Folding Garage Bay Doors with the option to add one more alternate item for a maximum of three. A general discussion was held about alternate bids. Fire Chief Jonathan Christian responded to the Council inquiries.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve the architectural rendering of Fire Station 2 and authorization to proceed with the bid process.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

6. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2024-08** approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) and the Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the Company's 2024 Rate Review Mechanism Filing.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented and read the resolution caption into the record.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve **Resolution No. 2024-08**, which approves a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and the Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division, regarding the Company's 2024 Rate Review Mechanism Filing.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

7. Discussion and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2024-13** amending Ord. No. 2022-13, abolishing one Police Lieutenant position and creating a second Assistant Police Chief position.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented and read the ordinance caption into the record.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2024-13**, abolishing one Police Lieutenant position and creating a second Assistant Police Chief.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

8. Discussion and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2024-14** amending Chapter 58 "Sign Regulations" in the City of Hewitt Code of Ordinances.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented and read the ordinance caption into record.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of **Ordinance No. 2024-14** amending Chapter 58, "Sign Regulations," by adding section 58.12 to the City of Hewitt Code of Ordinances.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Steve Fortenberry recessed the Regular Session at 7:40 PM to convene the following Executive Sessions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Notice is given that a closed meeting will be held pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code (V.T.C.A.) so that the Council may deliberate regarding economic development negotiation and other matters as authorized under the Texas Government Code (**Kirby Smith Machinery, Inc.**).

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**).

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Steve Fortenberry reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:56 PM.

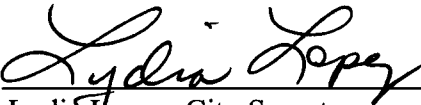
9. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of the Municipal Court Judge.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to appoint Will Hutson as Municipal Court Judge.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
The City Secretary polled the Council.
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

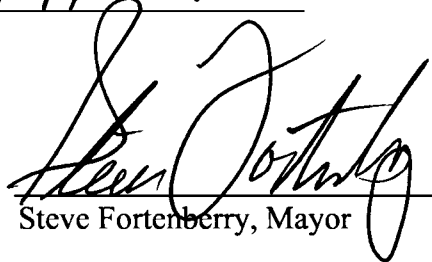
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 PM.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 10/7/2024

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor