

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

October 7, 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. Swearing-in ceremony of Sergeant Richard Neyens and Assistant Police Chief Joseph Chavez.

Police Chief John McGrath introduced the newly promoted Sergeant Richard Neyens and Assistant Police Chief Joseph Chavez. Chief McGrath administered the oath of office to Assistant Police Chief Chavez. His wife, Veronica, pinned him. Assistant Police Chief Chavez administered the ceremonial oath and then pinned Sergeant Neyens.

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 received any public comment forms. The City Secretary received no public comment forms.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

2. Approval of the minutes for the City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting held on September 16, 2024.
MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved approval of the minutes but to allow corrections.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
3. Discussion and possible action on purchasing fire equipment with funds obtained through Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) funding.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Council Member Michael Bancale commended the Fire Department for their service to other communities in need.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to authorize the Fire Department to use TIFMAS funds to purchase additional equipment for an amount not to exceed \$43,000.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
4. Discussion and possible action to approve the expenditure of \$566,332 for the purchase and upfitting of four 2023 Ford Police Explorers and two 2025 Ford Police Explorers, along with the purchase and upfitting of two Ford Police F150 vehicles for the Police Department.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve the expenditure of \$556,332 to Dana Safety Supply, Inc., for four 2023 Ford Police Explorers, two 2025 Ford Police Explorers, and two Ford Police F150 vehicles for the Police Department.
SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
5. Discussion and possible action to approve an easement encroachment license on an unused utility easement located at 121 Emmalyn Drive.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve an easement encroachment license on an unused utility easement at 121 Emmalyn Drive.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

6. Discussion and possible action to authorize the City Manager to renew an existing Interlocal Agreement with the City of Waco for The Heart of Texas Regional Marketing Plan.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved approval to authorize the City Manager to renew the existing Interlocal Agreement with the city of Waco for The Heart of Texas Regional Marketing Plan.
SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
7. Discussion and possible action on the appointment of Rodney "Rod" Goble as Hewitt's Associate Municipal Court Judge.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved to approve the appointment of Rodney "Rod" Goble to serve as the City of Hewitt's Associate Municipal Court Judge.
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
8. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2024-09** submitting a candidate nomination for the McLennan Central Appraisal District Board of Directors for the year 2025.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented. There were no prospective names suggested, and no action was taken.

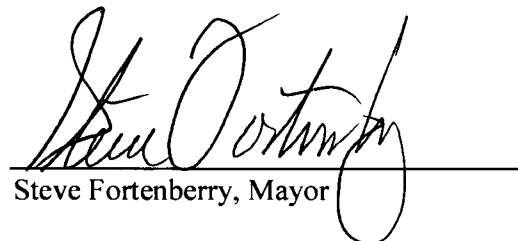
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:31 p.m.
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

Approved: October 21, 2024

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor