

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

October 21, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Hewitt Public Safety Facility - Training Rm., 100 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

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:30 PM and announced a quorum was present. Council Member Johnny Stephens was absent.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Briefing and discussion concerning Fiscal Year 2024-2025 water and wastewater rates.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented information concerning the proposed water and wastewater rates for FY 2024-2025.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:42 p.m.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Stephens

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 and announced a quorum was present. Council Member Johnny Stephens was absent.

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 Steve 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 City Council Regular Meeting minutes held on October 7, 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, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Stephens
MOTION PASSED.
3. Presentation of the report from the 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 the Council's questions.
4. Discussion concerning Financial Statements ending September 30, 2024.
City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the September Financial Statements electronically for review. The Council raised no concerns or questions.
5. Discussion and possible action on approving the Quarterly Investment Report ending September 30, 2024.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented the Quarterly Investment Report as presented by Valley View Consulting, LLC.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of the Quarterly Investment Report ending September 30, 2024.
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Stephens
MOTION PASSED.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a 2024 F250 with a utility bed for use in the Utilities Department.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve the purchase of a 2024 F250 XL 4x4 with a utility bed from Sam Pack's Five Star Ford for \$80,867.81
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Stephens
MOTION PASSED.
7. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a 2024 F250 for use in the Street Department.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford F250 SD Crew Cab from Chastang Ford for \$55,765.00.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Stephens
MOTION PASSED.
8. Discussion and possible action on purchasing a Fire Engine with an approximate three-year lead time.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to authorize the City Manager or his designee to purchase a Fire Engine in the amount of \$998,547.04 from Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC.
SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Stephens
MOTION PASSED.
9. Discussion and possible action to approve **Resolution No. 2024-10** authorizing the City Manager to enter into a 380 Agreement for Economic Development with Kirby-Smith Machinery, Inc.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve **Resolution No. 2024-10** authorizing the City Manager to enter into a 380 Agreement with Kirby-Smith Machinery, Inc.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Stephens
MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:32 PM.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce

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

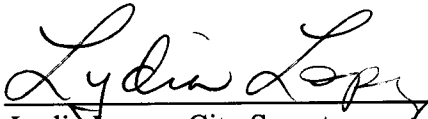
NAYES: None

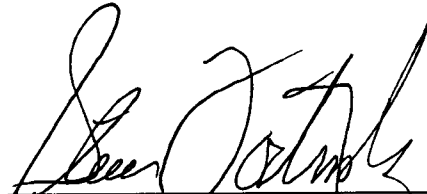
ABSENT: Stephens

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 11-04-2024

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor