

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING

December 9, 2024 at 6:15 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 - 6:15 PM

WORKSHOP DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:15 PM, announced all members were present, and declared a quorum.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Introduction and demonstration of the new Council computers.
City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Wanda Brooks, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager, and Lydia Lopez, City Secretary, who briefly demonstrated the newly installed Council computers.
2. Presentation on bid results for the construction of Fire Station No. 2.
City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Ricardo Martinez, Martinez Architects, L.L.C., who summarized the bid process and bid evaluation results for the construction of Fire Station No. 2.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:40 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

3. Approve minutes of the November 18, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
4. Discussion and possible action on reappointments to the Parks and Beautification Committee.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve Richard Driver's and Vernon Bailey's reappointment to the Parks and Beautification Committee, with terms expiring in December 2026.
SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
5. Discussion and possible action on a reappointment to the Library Board.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Johnny Stephens moved to approve Julie Holcomb's reappointment to the Library Board for a two-year term ending in December 2026.
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

6. Discussion and possible action on an appointment to the Library Board.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved to approve the appointment of Kevin Lightfoot to the Library Board with a term expiring in December 2026.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
7. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a John Deere 60P mini excavator and hydraulic hammer.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve the purchase of a John Deere 60 P mini excavator and hydraulic hammer from RDO Equipment Co. for \$80,737.36.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
8. Discussion and possible action to award a bid for the construction of Fire Station No. 2.
City Manager Bo Thomas summarized Martinez Architects' presentation on the bid process and evaluation criteria at the Workshop Meeting.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to award the bid to Baird Williams Construction and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
The City Secretary polled the Council for the vote.
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
9. Discussion and possible action on the 2025 Interlocal Agreement for Household Hazardous Waste Collection with the City of Waco.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve the 2025 Interlocal Agreement for Household Waste Collection with the City of Waco and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents and allocate funding for the cost of participation.
SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

10. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2024-16**, opting into the global opioid settlement with Kroger Co., and authorizing the Mayor to execute an additional settlement agreement.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve **Resolution No. 2024-16**, opting into the global opioid settlement with Kroger Co., agreeing to the allocation sheet, and authorizing the Mayor to execute this additional settlement agreement.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

11. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2024-17**, authorizing the City Manager to renew an agreement with the Greater Hewitt Chamber of Commerce for the marketing and promotion of Hewitt.

City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Executive Director Alissa Cady, who gave a brief presentation on the Chamber's collaborative partnership with the city.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve **Resolution No. 2024-17**, authorizing the City Manager to renew the agreement with the Greater Hewitt Chamber of Commerce for the marketing and promotion of Hewitt.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce

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 Special Meeting at 7:33 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

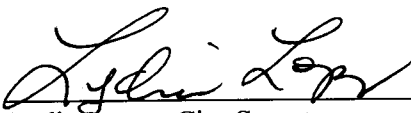
NAYES: None

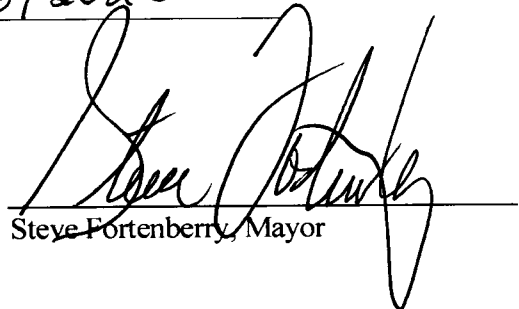
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 1/6/2025

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor