

# HEWITT TEXAS

## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

January 21, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Hewitt City Hall, 200 Patriot Court, Hewitt, TX 76643

## MINUTES

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**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.*

#### 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

1. Approve minutes of the January 6, 2025, City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting.  
**MOTION:** Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of 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.**

2. Briefing and discussion concerning the Financial Statements ending December 31, 2024.  
*City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the December Financial Statement electronically on January 7, 2025, for review. The Council raised no questions or concerns.*
3. Discussion and possible action on approving the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2024.  
*City Manager Bo Thomas presented the quarterly investment report prepared by Valley View Consulting, LLC.*  
**MOTION:** Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve the Quarterly Investment Report as of December 31, 2024.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Michael Bancalé  
**AYES:** Bancalé, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**MOTION PASSED.**

#### **ADDENDUM TO AGENDA**

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a 2024 F150 for use in the Parks Department.  
*City Manager Bo Thomas presented.*  
**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford F150 4X2 regular cab from Chastang Ford for the amount of \$37,957.00  
**SECOND:** Council Member Brad Turner  
**AYES:** Bancalé, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**MOTION PASSED.**

#### **RECESS REGULAR SESSION TO CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Mayor Steve Fortenberry recessed the Regular Session to convene to the following Executive Session at 7:14 PM.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Notice is given that a closed meeting will be held under 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 (**City Manager's evaluation**).

#### **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

*Mayor Steve Fortenberry reconvened the Regular Session at 8:16 P.M.*

5. Discussion and possible action on evaluation/employment of City Manager (if needed).  
*Council Member Brad Turner requested that this item be postponed to the City Council Regular Meeting on February 3, 2025, to allow the Council more time to evaluate all the data.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member Bob Potter to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM.

**SECOND:** Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce

**AYES:** Bancala, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry

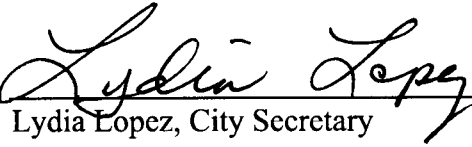
**NAYES:** None

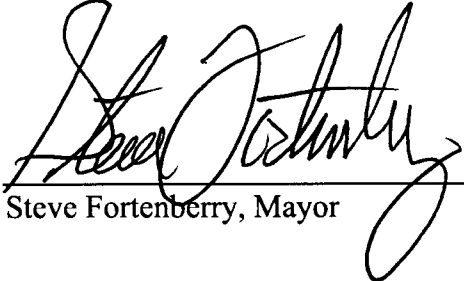
**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

Approved: 2/3/2025

ATTEST:

  
Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

  
Steve Fortenberry, Mayor