

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

March 17, 2025, 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

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., announced a quorum was present. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce was absent.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Presentation of the FY 2023-2024 audit report by Chris Pruitt, Partner with Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP.

Chris Pruitt, Partner with Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP, presented the FY 2023-2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. He stated that the City has received an unmodified ("clean") opinion. He noted that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City, and no material weaknesses were identified. For the acceptance of the audit report, see the Regular meeting agenda item #4 below.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to adjourn the workshop meeting at 6:44 p.m.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Bruce

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 p.m. and announced a quorum was present. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce 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 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. Approve the minutes of the March 3, 2025, City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.

SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Bruce

MOTION PASSED.

3. Briefing and discussion concerning Financial Statements ending February 28, 2025.

City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the February 28, 2025, Financial Statements electronically on March 7, 2025, for review. The Council raised no questions or concerns.

4. Motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).
City Manager Bo Thomas stated that Chris Pruitt, a Partner with Patiillo, Brown & Hill, LLP, presented the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) during the workshop.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to accept the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as presented.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Bruce

MOTION PASSED.

5. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of roof repairs for the City of Hewitt Community Services building.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved to approve the purchase of roof repairs for the Community Services Building from Roof On Texas for \$28,509.50.
SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Bruce
MOTION PASSED.
6. Discussion and possible action on the bid award for 2023 - E. Wall Street and Briarfield Improvements.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Council Member Michael Bancale inquired about the significant price differences in the bid. City Engineer Miles Whitney responded to the Council's questions.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve the bid award for 2023 - E. Wall Street and Briarfield Street to Holy Contractors, LLC for \$1,420,333.82 and authorize a 10% contingency of the awarded contract amount to be used at the discretion of the City Manager for any unforeseen issues during construction.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Bruce
MOTION PASSED.
7. Discussion and possible action to approve the expenditure of \$587,983.83 for the purchase of Motorola Solutions Flex Suite Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System (CAD/RMS), including associated hardware and software for use by the Police and Fire Departments.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve the expenditure of \$587,983.83 to Motorola Solutions for the Flex Suite CAD and RMS system for the Police and Fire Departments, with a total five-year cost of \$838,955.83 and to authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year contract with Motorola Systems to provide system service and maintenance.
SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Bruce
MOTION PASSED.
8. Discussion and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2025-07** canceling the May 3, 2025, Special Election as prescribed in the Texas Election Code.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented and read the ordinance caption in the record.
MOTION: Council Member Johnny Stephens moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2025-07**, canceling the May 3, 2025, Special Election as prescribed in the Texas Election Code.
SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None
ABSENT: Bruce
MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

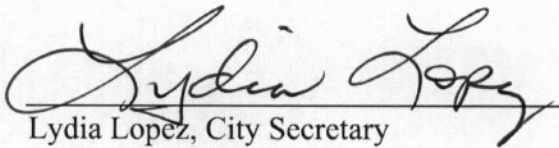
NAYES: None

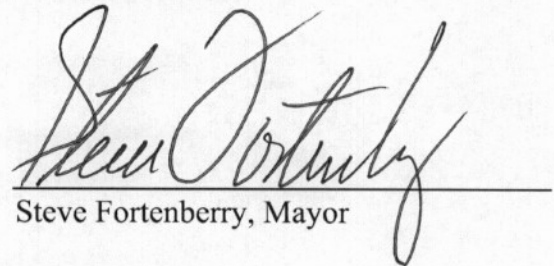
ABSENT: Bruce

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 04-07-2025

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor