

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

April 7, 2025, at 6:00 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
WORKSHOP MEETING - 6:00 PM

WORKSHOP DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., announced a quorum was present. Council Member Brad Turner arrived at 6:15 p.m.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Briefing and discussion concerning the City of Hewitt's Strategic Plan 2025-2030.
Police, Utilities, Fire, Community Development
City Manager Bo Thomas introduced each department head, who presented updates on the department's strategic plan.
Police - Presented by Police Chief John McGrath
Utilities - Presented by Utilities Director Kevin Reinke
Fire - Presented by Fire Chief Jonathan Christian

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:51 p.m.

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 p.m., announced all members were present, and declared a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Steve Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND RELATED ACTION

2. Public hearing and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2025-08** granting a request for a variance to the sign ordinance for a sign located at 311 Enterprise Blvd. as prescribed in Chapter 58 Sign Regulations.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented and read the ordinance caption into the record. Mayor Steve Fortenberry opened the hearing at 7:04 p.m. The applicant, Sandi Kirkwood, with Pusher Signs, appeared in support. No one spoke against it. The public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2025-08**, granting a variance to the sign ordinance for property located at 311 Enterprise Blvd. for a thirty-foot-tall pylon sign, as presented.

SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

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 the minutes of the March 17, 2025, City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of the minutes but to allow for corrections.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

4. Presentation of the City Engineer's Report by 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. reviewed the listed projects.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the authorization of a contract for slurry seal services with Viking Construction for \$176,257.27.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented a list of streets scheduled for slurry seal work.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval to authorize the contract for Slurry Seal services from Viking Construction for \$176,257.27.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
6. Discussion and possible action on repairs to the rear bay doors at the Fire Station.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the repairs/upgrades of the fire station bay doors, as presented, for \$14,298.
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
7. Discussion and possible action on awarding a bid for capping Old Lorena well to Jurgensen Pump in the amount of \$59,250.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to authorize the use of Certificate of Obligation funds (2024) to proceed with capping the well at the Old Lorena Plant and awarding the bid to Jurgensen Pump, LLC for \$59,250.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
8. Discussion and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2025-09** establishing a forty (40) miles per hour speed limit on FM 2113 (Spring Valley Road) from FM 2063 (Sun Valley Blvd.) to FM 1695 (Hewitt Drive).
City Manager Bo Thomas presented and read the ordinance caption into the record.
MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2025-09**, establishing a prima facie speed limit of 40 MPH on FM 2113 (Spring Valley Road) from FM 2063 (Sun Valley Blvd.) to FM 1695 (Hewitt Drive).
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

9. Discussion and possible action on **Ordinance No. 2025-10** establishing a thirty (30) miles per hour school zone on FM 2113 (Spring Valley Road).

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2025-10**, establishing a 30 MPH school zone along FM 2113 (Spring Valley Road) from approximately 130 L.F. northeast of Tahoe Trail to approximately 149 L.F. northeast of Steamboat Circle.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

10. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2025-01** authorizing the Police Chief to submit a grant application from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant Program.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve **Resolution No. 2025-01**, authorizing the Police Chief to submit a grant application from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant Program.

SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve the extension of a gas line to the new Fire Station.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Johnny Stephens moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with ATMOS Energy to extend a gas line to the fire station project on Old Temple Rd.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

12. Briefing and discussion concerning the City of Hewitt's Strategic Plan 2025-2030 (continued discussion from Workshop, if needed).

City Manager Bo Thomas stated this item was on the agenda if the Council wished to continue the Workshop discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce

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

NAYES: None

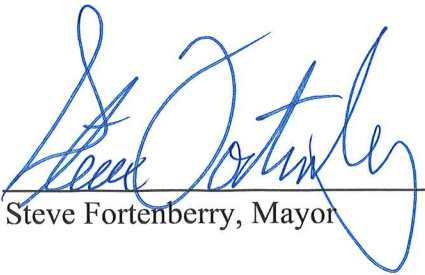
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 04-21 - 2025

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor