

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 5, 2025, at 7:00 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

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 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

1. Approve minutes of the April 21, 2025, City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved approval of the minutes as presented, but to allow for corrections.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

2. Presentation of the report from 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.
3. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2025-02** authorizing the Police Chief to submit a grant application from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant Program - SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant Program.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve **Resolution No. 2025-02**, authorizing the Police Chief to submit a grant application from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant Program - SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant Program.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bancale, Potter, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
4. Briefing and discussion concerning proposed legislation as it relates to the budget.
City Manager Bo Thomas distributed TML's current Legislative Update and highlighted two bills (H.B. Nos. 5267 and 19) that would adversely impact the city's budget. Mr. Thomas responded to questions from the Council.
5. Briefing and discussion concerning Council priorities for budget preparation and the FY 2025-2026 Budget Calendar.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented the FY 2025-2026 Budget Calendar and asked the Council to communicate any budget priorities to assist with budget preparation.
Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce requested a clearer picture of debt management, future project funding in light of possible legislation limiting the city's borrowing capacity, ensuring the budget supports service delivery, reviewing department expenditures and how they have increased, a current salary survey, employee incentive compensation, additional resources for the Human Resources Department, and how departmental budgets link to organizational goals.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

NAYES: None

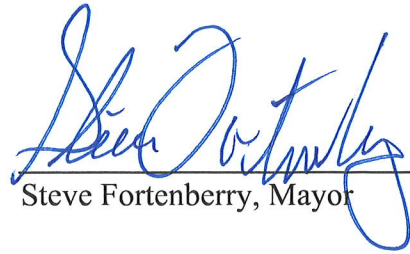
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 05-19-2025

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor