



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 16, 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

1. Swearing-in and pinning ceremony for Police Officers Everett Duprie and Andrew Laubender.
Assistant Police Chief Joe Chavez administered the ceremonial oath of office and introduced the newly hired officers. The officers were pinned by their wives.

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 minutes of the June 2, 2025, 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: Potter, Bancale, Stephens, Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

3. Briefing and discussion concerning the Financial Statements ending May 31, 2025.

City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the May Financial Statements electronically on June 9, 2025, for review. Mr. Thomas responded to the Mayor's inquiry about the decrease in sales tax revenue.

4. Discussion and possible action concerning Consumer Price Index Increase (CPI) for Republic Services.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved approval of the Consumer Price Index increase for Republic Services.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: Bruce

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

5. Discussion and possible action on reappointment(s) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented the Planning & Zoning Commission members up for reappointment.

MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved to approve the reappointment of the Planning & Zoning Commission members Dustin Crawford, Bobby Drake, Michael Lee Hix, and Travis Bailey for a two-year term ending June 2027.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

6. Briefing and discussion concerning the Capital Improvement Projects list associated with the proposed bond issuance.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented the Capital Improvement Projects list. The Council discussed borrowing amounts, project priorities, and the Old Temple Road project. Mr. Thomas addressed their questions. Mayor Fortenberry requested future Workshop meetings.

7. Briefing and discussion concerning Council priorities for budget preparation.

City Manager Bo Thomas stated that this was another opportunity for Council input regarding budget priorities.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:53 p.m.

SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 7/7/2025

ATTEST:



Lydia Lopez, City Secretary



Steve Fortenberry, Mayor