

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

July 21, 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. and announced a quorum was present. Council Member Brad Turner was absent.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Presentation and discussion concerning the FY 2025-2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget.

City Manager Bo Thomas continued presenting an overview of the FY 2025-2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget. He highlighted the following:

- *Capital Projects Identified for the next five (5) years* (Utilities Director Kevin Reinke, General Services Director Scott Coleman, and City Engineer Miles Whitney explained how the project list was identified.) Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce asked that the projects be prioritized so that the Council can determine the amount to borrow.
- *Arbitrage Overview*
- *Sales Tax History*
- *Proposed Budget Memo (page 1)*
- *Proposed Budget Memo (page 2)*

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner
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 7:12 p.m. and announced a quorum was present. Council Member Brad Turner 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 minutes of the July 7, 2025, City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce moved to approve the minutes as presented, but to allow for corrections.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Potter, Bancale, Bruce, Stephens, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Turner
MOTION PASSED.
3. Briefing and discussion concerning the Financial Statements ending June 30, 2025.
City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the June Financial Statements electronically on July 11, 2025, for review. The Council raised no questions or concerns.
4. Discussion and possible action on approval of the Quarterly Investment Report ending June 30, 2025.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented the Quarterly Investment Report prepared by Valley View Consulting, LLC. Discussion concerning the use of Public Education in Government (PEG) funds and Child Safety Funds. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce requested a workshop discussion to explore whether we can utilize PEG and Child Safety Funds to address items removed from the proposed budget.
MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve the Quarterly Investment Report ending June 30, 2025.
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce
AYES: Bancale, Bruce, Stephens, Potter, and Fortenberry

NAYES: None
ABSENT: Turner
MOTION PASSED.

5. Discussion and possible action to award a bid to Lewis Concrete Restoration for the restoration and coating of sanitary sewer manholes, not to exceed \$74,000.00.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve the award of a bid from Lewis Concrete Restoration for the rehabilitation of sanitary sewer manholes for an amount not to exceed \$74,000.00.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

6. Continued discussion concerning the FY 2025-2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget, if needed.

No additional discussion was held.

7. Requests for future workshops and/or agenda items.

City Manager Bo Thomas stated that this item was placed on the agenda to allow the Council to request any future workshops and/or other agenda items.

Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce expressed concern about the 1% decrease in the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). She requested a list of continuing education, training, and conferences provided to each of the directors, the Assistant City Manager, and the City Manager within the last year, including the corresponding line item in the budget.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION TO CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Steve Fortenberry recessed the Regular Meeting to convene the Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Notice is given that a closed meeting will be held pursuant to 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. (Municipal Judge).

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Steve Fortenberry reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:46 p.m.

8. Discussion and possible action on Municipal Judge, if needed.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to appoint Rod Goble as the Municipal Judge effective July 21, 2025.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Johnny Stephens moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:48 p.m.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

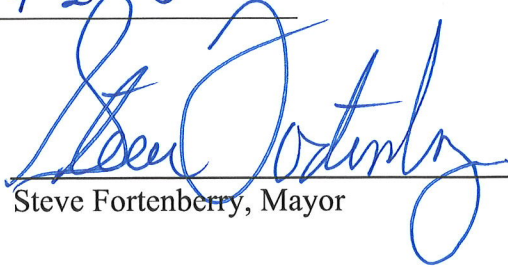
ABSENT: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 8-4-2025

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor