



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING

August 11, 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 all members were present, and declared a quorum.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Presentation and discussion on a personally assigned vehicle program in the Police Department.
City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Police Chief John McGrath, who provided an overview of the personally assigned vehicle program. Chief McGrath highlighted the program's financial benefits and noted that the department is prepared to implement it.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:48 p.m.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

SPECIAL MEETING - 7:00 PM

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Special 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. Conduct a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor Steve Fortenberry opened the hearing at 7:01 p.m., and called three times for those wishing to speak on the FY 2025-2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget. No one appeared. The public hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.

3. Conduct the first of two public hearings on the 2025 Property Tax Rate.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor Steve Fortenberry opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. and called three times for those wishing to speak on the 2025 Property Tax Rate. No one appeared. The public hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m.

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

4. Discussion and possible action on a motion to announce August 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at Hewitt City Hall, Council Chambers, 200 Patriot Court, as the date to vote on the 2025 Property Tax Rate.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to announce August 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at Hewitt City Hall, Council Chambers, 200 Patriot Court, as the date to vote on the 2025 Property Tax Rate.

SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

RECESS SPECIAL MEETING TO CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Steve Fortenberry recessed the Special Meeting to convene the Executive Session at 7:07 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 (City Manager).

RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Steve Fortenberry reconvened the Special Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:51 p.m.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens

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

NAYES: None

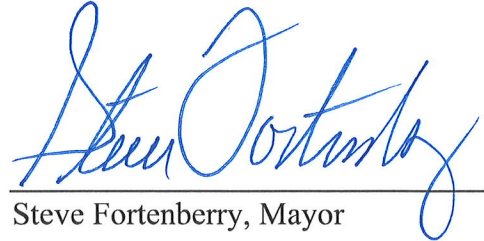
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 08-18-2025

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor