

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

November 17, 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. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce was absent.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Presentation and review of the Hewitt Public Library policy updates.

City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Library Director Matthew Glaser, who presented an overview of the policy changes for the Hewitt Public Library.

Council Member Brad Turner asked questions on the use of AI within libraries.

2. Presentation and discussion regarding a possible Fire Station Alerting System.

City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Fire Chief Jonathan Christian. Chief Christian shared the benefits of the fire station alerting system, which will be included in the construction of Fire Station No. 2. The current fire station will receive the upgraded system at a later date.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Brad Turner moved to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:43 p.m.

SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens

AYES: Potter, Bancale, Stephens, Turner, Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Bruce

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. and announced a quorum was present. Mayor Pro Tem Erica Bruce 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

3. Approve the minutes of the November 3, 2025, City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Johnny Stephens moved to approve the minutes as presented, but to allow for corrections.

SECOND: Council Member Brad Turner

AYES: Bancale, Stephens, Turner, Potter, Fortenberry

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Bruce

MOTION PASSED.

4. Presentation of the report from the 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 and responded to Council's questions.

5. Discussion concerning Financial Statements ending October 31, 2025.

City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the October Financial Statements electronically on November 7, 2025, for review. The Council raised no questions or concerns.

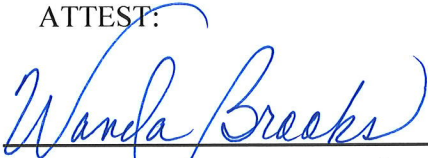
6. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2025-14**, casting votes to elect Directors for the McLennan Central Appraisal District for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2026.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancalé moved to approve casting all 75 votes for Jim Smith for a four-year term.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Stephens, Potter, Turner, Bancalé, Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Bruce
MOTION PASSED.
7. Requests for future workshops and/or agenda items.
Council Member Stephens suggested we hold off future workshops until January 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

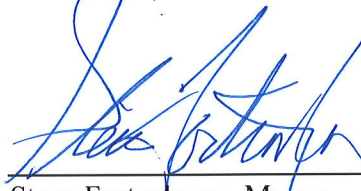
MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:20 p.m.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancalé
AYES: Turner, Potter, Bancalé, Stephens, Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Bruce
MOTION PASSED.

Approved: December 8, 2025

ATTEST:



Wanda Brooks, Executive Assistant to the City Manager



Steve Fortenberry, Mayor