

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

May 4, 2026, 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., announced all members were present, and declared a quorum.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Presentation and discussion concerning prevailing wages.
City Attorney Mike Dixon provided an overview of Chapter 2258 of the Texas Government Code, which outlines the City's responsibility to determine the prevailing wage rates for public works projects within its jurisdiction. Mr. Dixon recommended that the City Council consider adopting the 2025 survey published by the Associated General Contractors of America as the basis for establishing those rates. By consensus of the Council, he stated that he would prepare an ordinance for the Council's consideration at the May 18, 2026, Council meeting, which would include a provision to adopt future updated surveys.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:41 p.m.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

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., 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 public comment statement. The City Secretary reported that no public comment forms were received.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

2. Approve minutes of the April 20, 2026, 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 Brad Turner

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

3. 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 reviewed the listed projects. There was general discussion concerning the projected cost of the Lift Station No. 4 force main project and the Commerce Park Plant Improvements.

4. Briefing and discussion concerning the Financial Statements ending March 31, 2026.

City Manager Bo Thomas advised that the Financial Statements for the period ending March 31, 2026, were sent electronically on April 21, 2026, for review. The Council raised no questions or concerns.

5. Discussion and possible action on approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2026.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2026, as prepared by Valley View Consulting LLC.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2026.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

6. Briefing and discussion concerning Council priorities for budget preparation and the FY 2026-2027 Budget Calendar.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented the item, noting that it provided the Council with an opportunity to communicate any budget priorities and discuss the FY 2026–2027 Budget Calendar.

The following items were brought forth:

- drainage channel (Neely & Hidden Meadow)
- competitive salaries with local entities
- expanding the Human Resource Department to hire an assistant
- a multi-use facility for library events,
- infrastructure and safety
- salary survey

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

City Manager Bo Thomas stated that the item provided the Council with an opportunity to request future workshop topics or agenda items for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:34 p.m.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

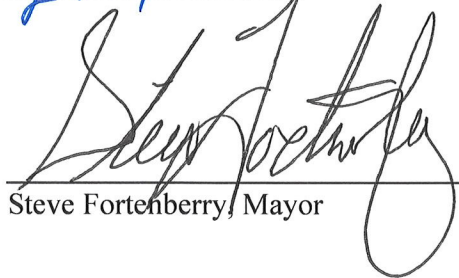
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: May 18, 2026

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor