

# HEWITT TEXAS

## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING

June 1, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Hewitt City Hall, 200 Patriot Court, Hewitt, TX 76643

### MINUTES

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**Steve Fortenberry**, Mayor: Ward 3, – **Michael S. Bancale**, Mayor Pro Tem: At-Large  
**Erica Bruce**, Council Member: Ward 3 – **Brenda Turner**, Council Member: Ward 1  
**Bob Potter**, Council Member: Ward 2 – **Brad Turner**, Council Member: Ward 1  
**Mike Hamilton**, 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 Michael Bancale was absent.*

#### WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. Elected Official Orientation.

*City Manager Bo Thomas presented a council orientation that included Municipal Government 101, city services, Charter highlights, fund matrix, and the City's organizational chart. He also noted that the binder included the Council Relations Policy and Code of Ethics, as well as the Texas Municipal League Handbook for Mayors and Councilmembers.*

#### WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Council Member Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:47 p.m.

**SECOND:** Council Member Brad Turner

**AYES:** Brenda Turner, Potter, Hamilton, Brad Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Bancale

**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. Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale was present via videoconference.*

## 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 May 18, 2026, City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting.  
**MOTION:** Council Member Brad Turner moved to approve the minutes as presented, but allow for corrections.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Bob Potter  
**AYES:** Brenda Turner, Potter, Hamilton, Brad Turner, Bruce, Bancale, 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 presented a review of listed projects.*
4. Discussion and possible action on the extension of the municipal depository agreement with Independent Financial/SouthState Bank for the first of the three (3) one-year contract extensions to extend the term through June 30, 2027.  
*City Manager Bo Thomas presented.*  
**MOTION:** Council Member Bob Potter moved approval of the first one-year extension of the municipal depository agreement with Independent Financial/SouthState Bank, with the term ending June 30, 2027.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Brenda Turner  
**AYES:** Potter, Hamilton, Brad Turner, Bancale, Brenda Turner, Bruce, and Fortenberry  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**MOTION PASSED.**
5. Briefing and discussion concerning Council priorities for budget preparation.  
*City Manager Bo Thomas stated that this item provided an opportunity for the Council to communicate budget priorities. No items were presented.*
6. Request for future workshops and/or agenda items.  
*City Manager Bo Thomas stated that this item provided the Council with an opportunity to request future workshop topics or agenda items. No items were preseted.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:16 p.m.

**SECOND:** Council Member Brenda Turner

**AYES:** Hamilton, Brad Turner, Bruce, Brenda Turner, Bancale, Potter, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

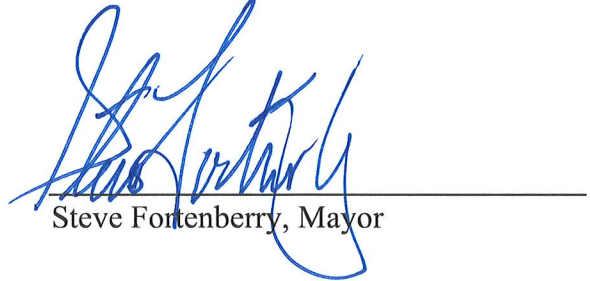
**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION PASSED.**

Approved: 6-15-2026

ATTEST:

  
Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

  
Steve Fortenberry, Mayor