

HEWITT TEXAS

**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT
August 21, 2017 – 5:30 PM/7:00 PM**

Members present: Mayor Travis Bailey (presiding), Mayor Pro Tem Ed Passalugo, Council Members Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf, Bill Fuller, James Vidrine, and Steve Fortenberry

Members absent: Council Member Alex Snider

Staff present: City Attorney Charlie Buenger, City Engineer Miles Whitney, City Manager Adam Miles, Police Chief Jim Devlin, Assistant Police Chief Tuck Saunders, Fire Chief Lance Bracco, Finance Director Lee Garcia, Managing Director Katie Allgood, Utilities Superintendent Kevin Reinke, Library Director Waynette Ditto, Community Development Director Tracy Lankford, Parks/Streets Superintendent Ruben Munguia, Parks & Media Coordinator Cassie Muske, and City Secretary Lydia Lopez

WORKSHOP – 5:30 PM

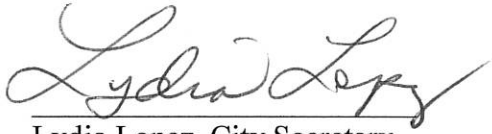
1. Mayor Travis Bailey called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
2. City Manager presented updates on municipal business:
 - a. Report from City Engineer
 - o Ritchie Road Project
 - o Spring Valley Road Project
 - b. Briefing and discussion concerning upcoming events:
 - o Beatlemania 64 (Friends of the Hewitt Public Library) – August 28
 - o Dog Days – September 30
 - c. Briefing and discussion concerning proposed development of a dog park.
 - d. Briefing and discussion concerning proposed formal drainage maintenance policy.
 - e. Discuss cancellation of September 4, 2017, City Council Workshop/Regular Meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on September 18, 2017.
 - f. Briefing and discussion concerning Public Safety operations – Police & Fire.
3. The regular meeting agenda items were reviewed.
4. Convene Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code to discuss the following: **NOT HELD**
 - **Pursuant to §551.072 – Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property.**
5. Close Executive Session.
6. Adjourn. *A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Passalugo and seconded by Council Member Bill Fuller to adjourn the Workshop at 6:51 PM.*

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

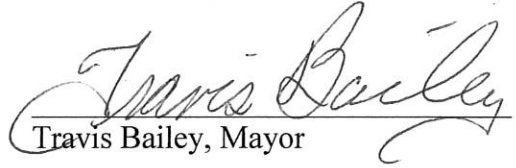
1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Travis Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG** – Mayor Travis Bailey asked Managing Director Katie Allgood to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 2017.** *A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Passalugo and seconded by Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf to approve the minutes as submitted but allow for corrections; all six in favor, motion passed.*
4. **HEAR VISITORS ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO CITY BUSINESS.** *Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is prohibited from discussing, responding, or acting on any comments or items that have not been properly posted on the agenda. NONE*
5. **SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF COMMUNICATION SPECIALISTS SAMATHA HELMICK AND JANICE CARTER.** Police Chief Jim Devlin read the employee commendation letter written by Corporal Jason Naylor for Ms. Helmick and Ms. Carter regarding their professionalism in handling a critical incident on July 29, 2017.
6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF NEW K-9 OFFICER SHAKA.** Police Chief Jim Devlin and Officer Joshua Hilliard presented the new K-9 Officer Shaka.
7. **CONSIDER AWARD OF BID FOR 2016 - OLD TEMPLE RD. STREET IMPROVEMENTS; PHASE 2, TO HOLY CONTRACTORS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,475,199.47.** *A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Passalugo and seconded by Council Member James Vidrine to approve; all six in favor, motion passed.*
8. **CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AMENDMENTS TO FY 2016-2017 GENERAL AND UTILITY FUND BUDGETS.** *A motion was made by Council Member Bill Fuller and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Passalugo to approve amendments as presented; all six in favor, motion passed.*
9. **CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION REVISING THE OPERATING FUND RESERVE POLICY.** *A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Passalugo and seconded by Council Member Steve Fortenberry to approve resolution; all six in favor, motion passed.*
10. **CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE 2017 TAX ROLL.** *A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Passalugo and seconded by Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf to approve the ordinance; all six in favor, motion passed.*

11. **CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2017 TAX RATE OF .539677.** *A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Passalugo who stated, "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .539677, which is effectively a 7.42% increase in the tax rate." The motion was seconded by Council Member Bill Fuller. City Secretary Lydia Lopez polled the Council. Council voted as follows: Council Member Bill Fuller – aye; Council Member Steve Fortenberry – aye; Council Member James Vidrine – aye; Council Member Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf – aye; Mayor Pro Tem Ed Passalugo – aye; and Mayor Travis Bailey – aye. Motion passed.*
12. **CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING FY 2017-2018 MASTER FEE SCHEDULE.** *A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Passalugo and seconded by Council Member Bill Fuller to approve; all six in favor, motion passed.*
13. **CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE FREEZING THE SALARIES, WAGES, AND BASE PAY OF ALL CITY PERSONNEL (CIVIL SERVICE AND CIVILIAN) DUE TO CURRENT AND FORECASTED ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE FY 2017-2018 BUDGET.** *A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Passalugo and seconded by Council Member James Vidrine to approve; all six in favor, motion passed.*
14. **(A) CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FY 2017-2018 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET AND (B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RATIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET.** *Motion on A – A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Passalugo and seconded by Council Member Bill Fuller to approve; all voted aye, motion passed. Motion on B – A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Passalugo and seconded by Council Member Bill Fuller to approve; all voted aye, motion passed.*
15. **ADDENDUM AGENDA ITEM – CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON PROPOSED 2018 McLENNAN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET.** *Mayor Pro Tem Ed Passalugo read a prepared statement (attached and incorporated into the minutes) qualifying his no vote. Council Member James Vidrine also qualified his 'no' vote by stating that he could not approve a vote on the McLennan County Appraisal District Budget as their proposed budget because included raises for employees and the City's budget did not. A motion was made by Council Member James Vidrine and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Passalugo to disapprove the 2018 McLennan County Appraisal District budget; all voted aye, motion passed.*
16. **ADJOURN.** *A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Passalugo and seconded by Council Member Bill Fuller to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM; all six in favor, motion passed.*

Approved: September 18, 2017

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lydia Lopez".

Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Travis Bailey".

Travis Bailey, Mayor