



**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED WORKSHOP/MEETING
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT
July 30, 2018 – 6:30/7:00 PM**

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

Members absent: Council Members Bill Fuller and James Vidrine

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, Managing Director Katie Allgood, Library Director Waynette Ditto, Community Development Director Tracy Lankford, Finance Director Lee Garcia, Utilities Director Kevin Reinke, and City Secretary Lydia Lopez

SPECIAL CALLED WORKSHOP – 6:30 PM

1. Mayor Ed Passalugo called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. City Manager’s update on municipal business:
 - a. Report from City Engineer
 - b. Briefing and discussion concerning upcoming event:
 - National Night Out, Saturday, August 4, 2018, 6-9 PM, Warren Park
 - c. Briefing and discussion concerning Public Safety operations – Police & Fire.
 - Flintrock Traffic issues
 - Chief Lance Bracco expressed appreciation to Atmos Energy for donating funds to purchase smoke detectors to give away at National Night Out.
 - City Manager Adam Miles announced that on August 1, 2018, American Medical Response (AMR) will begin providing emergency medical services in Hewitt.
3. Review of the regular meeting agenda. (Not Held)
4. *A motion was made by Council Member Travis Bailey and second by Council Member Steve Fortenberry to convene the Executive Session at 6:49 PM pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code to discuss the following:*
 - **Pursuant to §551.072 – Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property.**

5. Close Executive Session/Adjourn. *A motion was made by Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf and second by Council Member Travis Bailey to close the executive session and adjourn the workshop at 6:58 PM, all four in favor, motion passed.*

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Ed Passalugo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG** – Mayor Ed Passalugo led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 16, 2018, AND SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF JULY 23, 2018.** *A motion was made by Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf and second by Council Member Travis Bailey to approve the minutes as submitted but allow for corrections; all four 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.*

Matthew Mevis, 167 Topaz Circle, expressed concern about citizens allowing leadership to operate without clear direction, to continue with ballot propositions that were rejected, suggested the Council be part of the solution to problems, and constant comments from law enforcement personnel regarding morale in the Police Department with all the chaos currently in the newspaper and in open records requests. He shared a personal story about his daughter being hit by a car on Hewitt Drive in September of 2015 and expressed his appreciation to Sgt. Jason Naylor for saving his daughter’s life. Mr. Mevis asked Council to consider taking care of employees in their budget deliberations.

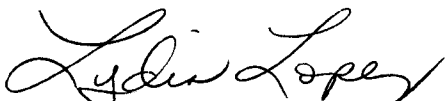
Ann Schiltz, 1220 Dendron, President of the Friends of the Library, appeared in support of the Library and announced that the group is making plans for the 35th Anniversary of the Library System and the 10th Anniversary of the Friends of the Library. She asked the Council to continue to support the needs of the Library in their budget deliberations.

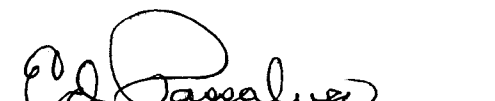
Erica Bruce, 717 Fieldstone, restated previous comments against the discriminating, demeaning and intimidating actions towards women on city staff by Mayor Passalugo, Council Member Vidrine and Kurt Krakowian. She also referenced additional complaints, costs involved to investigate the issues, and lack of transparency. Ms. Bruce again called for Mayor Ed Passalugo’s resignation. She commended city staff for presenting a balanced budget with no tax increase.

Betty Orton, 912 Steamboat Circle, suggested staff and Council work together to resolve issues and recommended Council consider Charter revisions concerning term limits for Council members and to place the City Secretary under the authority of the Council. No one else appeared.

5. **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON SETTING DATE OF AUGUST 13, 2018, FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET.** *Motion was made by Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf to approve setting the date of August 13, 2018, for a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Proposed Annual Budget and second by Council member Steve Fortenberry. Council Member Steve Fortenberry expressed support regarding request to increase the tax rate .01 cents to provide funding for additional requests. Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf raised a point of order. Mayor asked for those in favor; all voted in favor, motion passed.*
6. **VOTE TO PLACE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED 2018 TAX RATE ON A FUTURE AGENDA AND TO SET DATES FOR TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS.** *Motion was made by Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf to vote to place adoption of a tax rate of \$.549677 cents per \$100 valuation, equaling \$.232274 cents for the debt service and \$.317403 cents for maintenance and operations, as an action item for the August 27, 2018, council meeting to be held at 7 p.m. at City Council Chambers, 200 Patriot Court, Hewitt, Texas and to set two public hearings, as required by law, to be held on Monday, August 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. and Monday, August 20, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers, 200 Patriot Court, Hewitt, Texas, and second by Council Member Travis Bailey; all voted in favor, motion passed.*
7. **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT TO THE MCLENNAN COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE DISTRICT.** *A motion was made by Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf and second by Council Member Travis Bailey to appoint Bret Crook, City of Woodway Public Safety Director; all voted in favor, motion passed.*
8. **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING A VACANCY – COUNCIL MEMBER, AT-LARGE, TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE JOINT GENERAL ELECTION.** *A motion was made by Council Member Steve Fortenberry and second by Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf to approve; all voted in favor, motion passed.*
9. **ADJOURN.** *A motion was made by Council Member Travis Bailey and second by Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf, all voted in favor, meeting was adjourned.*

Approved: August 20, 2018


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Ed Passalugo, Mayor