

HEWITT TEXAS

MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT August 13, 2018 – 7:00 PM

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

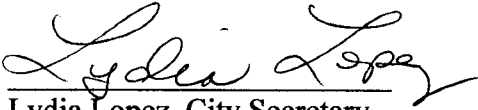
Staff present:, City Manager Adam Miles, Police Chief Jim Devlin, Assistant Police Chief Tuck Saunders; Fire Chief Lance Bracco, Managing Director Katie Allgood, Library Director Waynette Ditto, Finance Director Lee Garcia, Utilities Director Kevin Reinke, and City Secretary Lydia Lopez

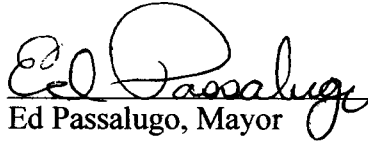
Staff absent: City Attorney Charlie Buenger, City Engineer Miles Whitney and Community Development Director Tracy Lankford

1. Mayor Ed Passalugo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag - Mayor Ed Passalugo asked Police Chief Jim Devlin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET.**
Mayor Ed Passalugo asked for those speaking in favor.
Betty Orton, 912 Steamboat Circle, requested explanation on the drainage fee increase, recommended more funds be placed in reserve, focus on paying debt down, and requested that no further bonds or certificates of obligation be issued until debt is paid. Mayor Ed Passalugo asked for those speaking against. No one appeared. **Public hearing closed.**
4. **CONDUCT THE FIRST OF TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON 2018 TAX RATE.**
Mayor Ed Passalugo asked for those wishing to speak in favor.
Michael Bancale, 909 Stoneridge Drive, appeared to request clarification on what the tax rate increase was for, expressed concern with the city’s debt, supports employees and recommended they be paid fair and equitable to the market. Mr. Bancale asked for more fiscal responsibility, and less spending in areas that can be delay, avoided or deferred. Mayor Ed Passalugo asked for those wishing to speak against. No one appeared. **Public hearing closed.**

5. **MOTION TO ANNOUNCE THAT AUGUST 27, 2018, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE HEWITT CITY HALL, 200 PATRIOT COURT, AS THE DATE TO VOTE ON THE 2018 TAX RATE.** *A Motion was made by Council Member Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf and second by Council Member Travis Bailey to set August 27, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. as the date to vote on the 2018 tax rate, all voted in favor, motion passed.*
6. **ADJOURN.** *A motion was made by Council Member Bill Fuller and second by Council Member Travis Bailey, all voted in favor, meeting was adjourned.*

Approved: August 20, 2018


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Ed Passalugo, Mayor