



**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT
August 20, 2018 – 6:30/7:00 PM**

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

Staff present: City Attorney Charlie Buenger, City Engineer Miles Whitney, City Manager Adam Miles, 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

Staff absent: Police Chief Jim Devlin

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 events:
 - o Hewitt Dog Days – September 29, 2018 (Library Director Waynette Ditto made a brief presentation.)
 - c. Briefing and discussion concerning financial reports.
 - d. Briefing and discussion concerning drainage utility fee structure. Managing Director Katie Allgood presented.
 - e. Briefing and discussion concerning proposed FY 2018-2019 Annual Budget, tax rate and fee schedule. General discussion was held concerning fees.
 - f. Briefing and discussion concerning Public Safety operations – Police & Fire. Police and Fire reports were distributed.
3. Briefing and discussion of August 3 letter as requested by Mayor Ed Passalugo. Mayor Passalugo stated that he asked the City Manager and staff to put together a three-year plan on revenue and expense projections so that the Council can forecast future tax rates and build out of the city.
4. The regular meeting agenda was reviewed.

5. *Adjourn. A motion was made by Council Member Bill Fuller and second by Council Member Travis Bailey to adjourn the meeting, all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.*

REGULAR 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 asked City Engineer Miles Whitney to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF JULY 30, 2018, AND SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2018.** *A motion was made by Council Member Bill Fuller and second by Council Member Travis Bailey to approve the minutes as submitted but allow for corrections; all six in favor, motion passed.*
4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO THE HEART OF TEXAS 100 CLUB.** Assistant Chief Tuck Saunders presented a check in the amount of \$720 to Sandy Pechacek, Heart of Texas 100 Club. These funds were raised at the National Night Out Kick-off party. The 100 Club provide support to surviving family of first responders killed in the line of duty.
5. **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.*

Michael Bancale, 909 Stoneridge Drive, appeared to address the Council and the audience concerning the future of the city. He encouraged Council to work with the citizens of the community to be better prepared for the future of the city. Mr. Bancale also encouraged residents to get involved and attend Council meetings.

The following appeared to express concern and dissatisfaction with the work done on Old Temple Road by Holy Contractors:

Linda & James Smith, 702 S. Old Temple Road, suggested final payment be held until issues are resolved and requested speed limit be lowered.

Sandy Talley, 704 S. Old Temple Road

Rene Martin, 600 S. Old Temple Road

No one else appeared.

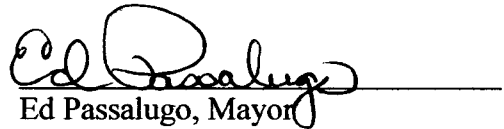
6. **CONDUCT SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2018 TAX RATE.** Mayor Ed Passalugo opened the hearing and asked for those wishing to speak in favor of the tax increase. Matthew Mevis, 167 Topaz Circle, appeared in support of the tax increase so that the city would be able to pay competitive wages to public servants. **Mayor Ed Passalugo called for those wishing to speak against a tax increase.** Melissa Perry, 400 Sagewood, congratulated the city management for presenting a balanced budget at the current tax rate

that included a cost of living and step raises for all employees. However, she stated that she was against a tax increase and asked Council to find additional funds from discretionary spending to pay for necessities like infrastructure and personnel. No one else appeared. The public hearing was closed.

7. **MOTION TO ANNOUNCE THAT AUGUST 27, 2018, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE HEWITT CITY HALL, 200 PATRIOT COURT, AS THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE TO VOTE ON THE 2018 TAX RATE.** *Motion was made by Council Member Travis Bailey and second by Council Member Steve Fortenberry; all voted in favor, motion passed.*
8. **CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WACO FOR WASTEWATER SERVICES AND RELATED MATTERS, INCLUDING THE EXCHANGE OF WASTEWATER FLOWS, THE UPSIZING OF THE EXISTING WARREN ROAD LIFT STATION (AND PAYMENT OF \$32,000.00 TO THE CITY OF WACO FOR SAID UPSIZING), AND THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CREEKSIDE SEWER LINE.** *A motion was made by Council Member Steve Fortenberry and second by Council Member Travis Bailey to approve; all voted in favor, motion passed.*
9. **ADJOURN.** *A motion was made by Council Member Bill Fuller and second by Council Member Travis Bailey, all voted in favor, meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.*

Approved: August 27, 2018


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Ed Passalugo, Mayor