



**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT  
August 27, 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

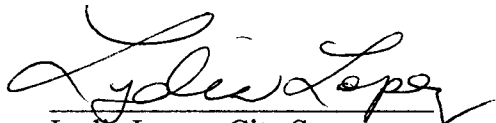
**Staff present:** City Attorney Charlie Buenger, City Engineer Miles Whitney City Manager Adam Miles, Police Chief Jim Devlin, Assistant Police Chief Tuck Saunders; Fire Chief Lance Bracco, Community Development Director Tracy Lankford, Managing Director Katie Allgood, Library Director Waynette Ditto, Finance Director Lee Garcia, Utilities Director Kevin Reinke, and City Secretary Lydia Lopez

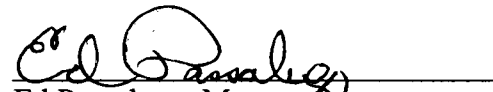
1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Ed Passalugo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG -** Mayor Ed Passalugo led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2018.** *A motion was made by Council Member James Vidrine and second by Council Member Travis Bailey 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*  
  
Betty Orton, 912 Steamboat Circle, requested explanation on how the tax rate increase would impact citizens if the rate were to increase; requested clarification on item number 9 on cost of living increase; suggested that pay scales be reviewed; inquired whether assistance was received for bid on Ritchie Road; and asked if there was money in the budget for road repair. No one else appeared.
5. **CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE 2018 TAX ROLL.** *A motion was made by Council Member Bill Fuller and second by Council Member Steve Fortenberry; all voted in favor, motion passed.*

6. **CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING 2018 TAX RATE.** *A motion was made by Council Member James Vidrine who stated "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .539677 which is effectively an 8.80% increase in the tax rate." Council Member James Vidrine noted that this was the adoption of the current tax rate. The motion was seconded by Council Member Travis Bailey. City Secretary polled the Council. The Council voted as follows: Council Member Bill Fuller – yes; Council Member Travis Bailey – yes; Council Member James Vidrine – yes; Council Member Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf – yes; Mayor Pro Tem Steve Fortenberry – yes; and Mayor Ed Passalugo – yes. Motion passed.*
7. **CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION APPROVING FY 2018-2019 MASTER FEE SCHEDULE.** *A motion was made by Council Member James Vidrine to not approve the 2018-2019 Master Fee Schedule and that the Fee Schedule remain the same as the 2017-2018 Budget; second by Council Member Travis Bailey; four were in favor (Bailey, Vidrine, Wachtendorf, Passalugo), two in opposition (Fortenberry and Fuller), motion passed.*
8. **(A) CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2018-2019 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET.** *A motion was made by Council Member James Vidrine to approve the ordinance adopting the 2018-2019 Annual Operating and Capital Budget; second by Council Member Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf; all voted in favor, motion passed.*  
  
**(B) CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON RATIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET.** *A motion was made by Council Member James Vidrine to ratify the tax rate at .539677 and to further ratify the property tax increase reflected in the fiscal year 2018-2019 Budget. A second was made by Council Member Bill Fuller; all voted in favor, motion passed.*
9. **CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE UNFREEZING THE SALARIES, WAGES, AND BASE PAY OF ALL CITY PERSONNEL (CIVIL SERVICE AND CIVILIAN) TO ALLOW FOR A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT AND MOVEMENT IN THE STEP PAY PLANS.** *A motion was made by Council Member James Vidrine that this item be tabled until the September 17, 2018 Council Meeting at which time another ordinance will be presented. A second was made by Council Member Travis Bailey; five in favor (Fuller, Vidrine, Bailey, Wachtendorf, and Passalugo), one in opposition (Fortenberry), motion passed.*
10. **AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIDWAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SROS).** *A motion was made by Council Steve Fortenberry and second by Council Member Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf to approve; all six in favor, motion passed.*

11. **AWARD BID FOR RITCHIE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO BIG CREEK CONSTRUCTION, LTD. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,113,155.28; AUTHORIZING A 10% CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY (\$111,315.53); PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Council Member James Vidrine asked the City Engineer about the bid being under budget. City Engineer Miles Whitney stated that the bid was under by \$635,000. Council Member Vidrine suggested that the residual should be used towards streets as funds were obtained through certificates of obligation. Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf asked the City Attorney Charlie Buenger if funds could be reallocated. City Attorney Charlie Buenger responded affirmatively. *A motion was made by Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf and second by Council Member Travis Bailey to approve; all voted in favor, motion passed.*
12. **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 7:15 PM.*

Approved: September 17, 2018

  
Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

  
Ed Passalugo, Mayor