



**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT
September 4, 2018 – 10:00 AM**

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 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 10:00 AM.
2. **REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND CONSIDER THE ENGAGEMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF HEWITT.** Mayor Ed Passalugo prefaced the discussion by stating, “Over the past couple of months, some of the advice that our present city attorney has given us is not the correct representation of the Hewitt City Council. So, myself, along with my attorney, said the only way to fix this is to make a change. That is why I called this special meeting. We searched over the city attorney list, ones that represent cities and talked to Haley & Olson Law Firm which we feel very comfortable with and now I’m going to ask the Council to consider. I’ll now open it up for discussion.” Council Member Steve Fortenberry expressed concern with the removal of City Attorney Charlie Buenger without sufficient information. Mayor Ed Passalugo and Council Member James Vidrine voiced their lack of confidence in City Attorney Charlie Buenger.

FIRST MOTION

Council Member Steve Fortenberry stated, “I make a motion to table this item until we have this information that you say is coming.” Council Member Bill Fuller second the motion. Mayor called for the vote. Council Members Steve Fortenberry and Bill Fuller voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Travis Bailey, James Vidrine, Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf and Mayor Ed Passalugo voted against. **Motion failed.**

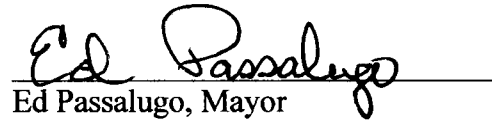
SECOND MOTION

Council Member James Vidrine stated, “I make a motion that we hire the Waco Law Firm - Haley & Olson to provide legal services to the City of Hewitt.” Council Member Travis Bailey second the motion. Council Members Travis Bailey, James Vidrine, Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf and Mayor Ed Passalugo voted in favor. Council Member Bill Fuller and Mayor Pro Tem Steve Fortenberry voted against. **Motion passed.**

3. **ADJOURN.** *A motion was made by Council Member Travis Bailey and second by Council Member James Vidrine, all voted in favor, meeting was adjourned at 10:09 AM.*

Approved: September 17, 2018


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Ed Passalugo, Mayor