

HEWITT TEXAS

**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT
October 1, 2018 – 6:00 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 Mike Dixon, City Engineer Miles Whitney, City Manager Adam Miles, Assistant Police Chief Tuck Saunders; Fire Chief Lance Bracco, Managing Director Katie Allgood, Finance Director Lee Garcia, Library Director Waynette Ditto, Community Development Director Tracy Lankford, Utilities Director Kevin Reinke, and City Secretary Lydia Lopez

Staff absent: Police Chief Jim Devlin

REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Ed Passalugo called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG** – Mayor Ed Passalugo asked Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **PRESENTATION OF REPORT FROM CITY ENGINEER.** City Engineer Miles Whitney presented. Mayor Ed Passalugo inquired if concerns raised by the residents regarding the construction project on Old Temple Road had been addressed. City Engineer reported that Holy Contractors had addressed some of the concerns and the city staff had been mowing the roadside of the ditch. Council Member James Vidrine inquired about the concerns raised on Flintrock and possible solutions. He also inquired about the concerns raised on Briarfield. City Engineer advised that he planned to include the section in need of repair with the bid for Old Temple Road and Attaway.
4. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 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 voted in favor, motion passed.*

- 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.*

Ann Schiltz, 1220 Dendron, appeared to announce the 35th Anniversary of the Hewitt Public Library and expressed support of Library staff.

Michael Bancale, 909 Stoneridge Drive, appeared to express concerns with Council transparency, the firing of the City Attorney with little discussion; and votes that have gone against public opinion. Mr. Bancale made the following suggestions: 1) Council should be transparent, 2) explain or qualify votes on items; 3) take citizen's guidance into consideration; and 4) improve communications with constituents.

Matthew Mevis, 167 Topaz Circle, expressed concern that an email appeal he had written regarding doing the right thing for employees would progress to a call from Hewitt Police Department asking for his intent; requested Council be responsible and address issues and concerns that have been raised; and encouraged Council to find people to replace them if they were ready to take a break.

No one else appeared.

- 6. INTERVIEW, AS NEEDED, OF PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE LIBRARY BOARD AND PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD.** Mayor Ed Passalugo called the prospective members (Tom Hernandez, Justin Scott Anderson, and Craig Smith) to the podium for a brief interview. Mayor and Council congratulated prospective members for volunteering their service.
- 7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD AND PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD.** *A motion was made by Council Member Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf and second by Council Member Travis Bailey to approve the appointments of Tom Hernandez and Craig Smith to the Parks and Beautification Board and Justin Scott Anderson to the Library Board; all voted in favor, motion passed.*
- 8. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBERS.** City Secretary administered oath of office to the newly appointed members.
- 9. PUBLIC HEARING, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 58- SIGN REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HEWITT PROVIDING A VARIANCE PROCESS.** Mayor Ed Passalugo opened the hearing at 6:40 PM and asked for those wishing to speak in favor. Jasen Riherd, P.E. with Elrod Engineering appeared in favor. Michael Bancale appeared in favor. Mayor Ed Passalugo called for those wishing to speak in opposition. No one else appeared. The public hearing was closed at 6:43 PM. *Motion was made by Council Member Bill Fuller and second by Council Member Travis Bailey to approve the ordinance; all voted in favor, motion passed.*

10. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO THE FEE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE SIGN VARIANCE FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.** *A motion was made by Council Member Steve Fortenberry and second by Council Member Bill Fuller to approve the sign variance fee of \$250; all voted in favor, motion passed.*
11. **PUBLIC HEARING, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE GRANTING OR DENYING A SIGN VARIANCE REQUEST MADE BY CRACKER BARREL FOR DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 221 ENTERPRISE BLVD., HEWITT, TEXAS.** Mayor Ed Passalugo opened the hearing at 6:45 PM and asked for those wishing to speak in favor. No one appeared. Mayor Passalugo called for those wishing to speak in opposition. No one appeared. The public hearing was closed at 6:46 PM. *A motion was made Council Member Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf and second by Council Member James Vidrine to approve; all voted in favor, motion passed.*
12. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER(S) TO THE MCLENNAN COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE DISTRICT.** *A motion was made by Council Member Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf and second by Mayor Pro Tem Steve Fortenberry to appoint Bret Crook, five voted in favor, Council Member James Vidrine voted no, motion passed.*
13. **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 6:48 PM.*

Approved: October 15, 2018


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Ed Passalugo, Mayor