

HEWITT TEXAS

MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT December 4, 2018 – 7:00 PM

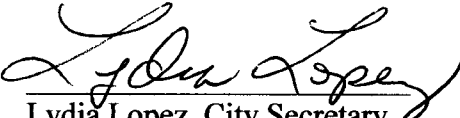
Members present: Mayor Ed Passalugo (presiding), Mayor Pro Tem Steve Fortenberry, Council Members, Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf, James Vidrine, Bill Fuller, and Travis Bailey

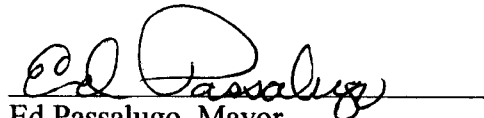
Staff present: City Attorney Mike Dixon, Acting City Manager/Police Chief Jim Devlin, Assistant Police Chief Tuck Saunders; Fire Chief Lance Bracco; Community Development Director Tracy Lankford, Managing Director Katie Allgood, Library Director Waynette Ditto, Finance Director Lee Garcia, Utilities 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. **Executive Session:** Mayor Ed Passalugo recessed the Regular Meeting at 7:01 PM to convene a closed meeting which was held pursuant to *Section 551.074 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A)* so that the City Council can deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of the position of City Manager and interview potential candidate(s).
3. **CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mayor Ed Passalugo closed the executive session at 8:46 PM.
4. Mayor Ed Passalugo reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:51 PM.
5. Discussion and action, if any, on appointing a City Manager subject to negotiation of an acceptable contract. Mayor Pro Tem Steve Fortenberry expressed concern with the process and selection of the city manager position; also inquired as to why there was no citizen input on the agenda; concerns with transparency, and suggested a panel of city employees, citizens and Council to assist with the selection of the city manager. City Attorney Mike Dixon explained that this was just presented as an option and agreed to the need for transparency. Council Member Bill Fuller stated that he was concerned with employee morale, the time required to select a search committee and the overall process. *Council Member James Vidrine stated, “I’ll make a motion that subject to an acceptable contract that we hire Mr. Bo Thomas for the City of Hewitt City Manager position.” The motion was seconded by Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf, five in favor, one (Fortenberry) opposition, motion passed.* Mayor Ed Passalugo also called for a voice vote. Fuller –aye; Bailey – yes; Vidrine – yes; Wachtendorf – yes, Passalugo – yes, Fortenberry – no.

6. ***Executive Session:*** A closed meeting will be held pursuant to *Section 551.071 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A)* so that the City Council can seek and receive advice and counsel from their attorneys regarding actual or threatened litigation; settlement of claims; legal powers and restrictions, and possible legal exposure; and matters required to be kept confidential by the professional rules which govern the attorney: Texas Workforce Commission charges. **NOT HELD.**
7. Discussion and action, if any, on threatened or pending litigation. **(NO ACTION OR DISCUSSION.)**
8. Adjourn. *A motion was made by Council Member Travis Bailey and second by Council Member Bill Fuller to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM, all six in favor, motion passed.*

Approved: December 17, 2018


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Ed Passalugo, Mayor