

HEWITT TEXAS

MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT December 5, 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, Library Director Waynette Ditto, Finance Director Lee Garcia, and Utilities Director Kevin Reinke,

Staff absent: Managing Director Katie Allgood 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 asked Executive Director of the Greater Hewitt Chamber of Commerce Alissa Cady to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2018.** *A motion was made by Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf and second by Council Member Travis Bailey to approve the minutes as presented but to 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.*

Elli Harris-Mevis, 167 Topaz Circle, addressed the Council concerning the omission of the hearing of visitors and transparency.

Michael Bancale, 909 Stoneridge Drive, addressed the Council concerning the importance of citizens being heard; stated he looked forward to hearing the truth with regards to the findings of all investigations; and the Council getting back to handling the business of the city.

Mike Field, 113 Dendron Drive, asked Council to make wise decisions, continue to provide excellent city services and low taxes. He further thanked the Council for their service and wished them well.

Debi Beaumont, 1055 Waverly Drive, appeared to express concern with Council's procedure, the dissemination of information to the public prior to receipt of the information to the Council and the official posting of information.

David Passalugo, 1055 Waverly Drive, appeared to express frustration with the negative information and rumors being spread by people. He expressed his appreciation to all city employees including with the firefighters and police officers. No one else appeared.

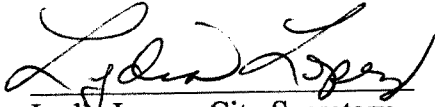
5. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF FINANCING FOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT APPROVED FOR ACQUISITION BY CITY OF HEWITT RESOLUTION NO. 2018-12, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF FINANCING RESOLUTION NO. 2018-14, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS.** Finance Director Lee Garcia announced the result of the bids and stated her recommendation. Acting City Manager Jim Devlin listed the vehicles and equipment being acquired. *A motion was made by Council Member Bill Fuller and second by Mayor Pro Tem Steve Fortenberry to approve; all voted six in favor, motion passed.*

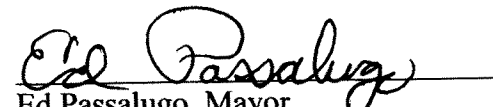
6. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION NO. 2018-15 AMENDING THE CITY OF HEWITT INVESTMENT POLICY.** Finance Director Lee Garcia presented. *A motion was made by Council Member Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf and a second by Council Member Travis Bailey to approve; all six in favor, motion passed.*

Mayor Ed Passalugo recessed the Regular Session to convene the following Executive Session at 7:30 PM.

7. ***Executive Session:*** A closed meeting was 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.
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THREATENED OR PENDING LITIGATION.** (Note: There was no discussion or action on this item.)
9. **Adjourn.** *A motion was made by Council Member Bill Fuller and second by Council Member Travis Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 PM, all six in favor, motion passed.*

Approved: December 17, 2018


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Ed Passalugo, Mayor