

HEWITT TEXAS

MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT October 21, 2019 – 6:30 PM/7:00 PM

Members present: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf (presiding), Council Members Bill Fuller, Michael S. Bancale, Steve Fortenberry, and Erica Bruce

Members absent: Mayor Charlie Turner

Staff present: City Manager Bo Thomas, City Attorney Mike Dixon, City Engineer Miles Whitney, Police Chief Jim Devlin, Assistant Police Chief Tuck Saunders, Fire Chief Lance Bracco, Community Development Director Tracy Lankford, Finance Director Lee Garcia, Library Director Waynette Ditto, and City Secretary Lydia Lopez

Staff absent: Utilities Director Kevin Reinke

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He noted the Mayor would not be present and the Council Ward 2 position was vacant.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO THE HEWITT POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND STAFF.** Police Chief Jim Devlin recognized and presented certificates of merit to the following Officers and staff (listed below) for their role in the response to the robbery of PointWest Bank on February 5, 2019. Chief Devlin awarded Officer Clint Brandon, the first officer on the scene the medal of valor, certificate of merit, plaque, and recognition bar for his actions on February 5, 2019. Point Blank Body Armor representative Clete Turner also presented a plaque to Officer Brandon for wearing his vest and for his service to the community.
Sergeant Stuart Cooper – Police Commendation (**not present**)
Sergeant Chad Kasting - Police Commendation (**not present**)
Sergeant Steve Sprung – Police Commendation
Sergeant Kim Henderson – Police Commendation
Officer Michael Zahirniak – Police Commendation
Officer Jeff Foley – Police Commendation (**not present**)
Officer Martina Sims – Police Commendation
Officer Justin Johnson – Police Commendation

Officer Andre Woods – Police Commendation
Officer Richard Neyens – Police Commendation
Communications Supervisor Misty Gammel – Police Commendation
Records Supervisor Kathy Alexander – Certificate of Merit (**not present**)
Evidence Tech Lindsey Bartlett – Certificate of Merit

Special Note: Mayor Pro Tem Wachtendorf made a statement informing the audience that Agenda item #12 on the last Council meeting agenda relating to the Council Ward 2 vacancy was not placed on the agenda as a full Council would not be present at this meeting.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2019.

MOTION: Council Member Erica Bruce moved approval of the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, and Bruce

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

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.
NONE

6. PRESENTATION OF REPORT FROM CITY ENGINEER MILES WHITNEY, P.E.

- Update on pending utility projects.
- Update on pending street projects.
- Update on pending drainage projects.

7. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING SEPTEMBER 31, 2019. City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the September Financial Statements and asked if Council had any questions. No questions were asked.

8. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019. City Manager Bo Thomas presented a summary of report prepared by Valley View Consulting L.L.C.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of the Quarterly Investment Report ending September 30, 2019.

SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry

AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, and Bruce

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

- 9. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO ALLOW FOR COMMENTS REGARDING THE ELECTION BY CITY COUNCIL TO UTILIZE TAX ABATEMENTS, REINVESTMENT ZONES AND THE GUIDELINES CONTROLLING THESE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEASURES.** City Manager Bo Thomas stated that at the last Council meeting there was a discussion in executive session regarding an economic development prospect. He further stated that the following agenda items would require action should the Council desire to participate in tax abatements and reinvestment zones. Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf opened the public hearing at 7:31 PM. He asked for those wishing to speak in favor. He asked for those wishing to speak against. No one appeared for or against. Public hearing was closed at 7:32 PM.
- 10. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2019-18 DECLARING THE CITY OF HEWITT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN TAX ABATEMENTS AND CREATE REINVESTMENT ZONES WITHIN THE CITY.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented resolution.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of Resolution No. 2019-18 to approve and adopt tax abatement and reinvestment zones within the City of Hewitt.
SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller
AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, and Bruce
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Turner
MOTION PASSED.
- 11. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-23 ADOPTING TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented a brief summary of the guidelines. General discussion concerning guidelines for the City.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of Ordinance No. 2019-23 establishing guidelines for tax abatement.
SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller
AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, and Bruce
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Turner
MOTION PASSED.
- 12. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO ALLOW FOR COMMENTS REGARDING THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE USE OF 380 AGREEMENTS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented. General discussion concerning clawback provisions.
Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf opened the public hearing at 7:52 PM. He asked for those wishing to speak in favor. He asked for those wishing to speak against. No one appeared for or against. Public hearing was closed at 7:52 PM.

13. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-24 ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 380 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented the ordinance. City Attorney Mike Dixon confirmed that all agreements would have to be brought before the Council for action.

MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved approval of Ordinance No. 2019-24 establishing the use of Chapter 380 agreements guidelines for economic development purposes.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancalé

AYES: Fuller, Bancalé, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, and Bruce

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

14. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-25 AMENDING CHAPTER 6 “AMUSEMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENTS”, APPROVING THE CONTINUED RECEIPT OF ITS SHARE OF BINGO PRIZE FEE FUNDS; IMPOSING SUCH FEE FOR BINGO GAMES CONDUCTED IN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HEWITT.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented and stated that this ordinance would preserve the right for the City to collect its share of the bingo prize fee funds. Council Member Steve Fortenberry inquired if the licensee would have the responsibility of distributing the fees to a charitable fund. Council Member Fortenberry stated that he did not want the city to collect the fee but rather it be distributed to the charity.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancalé moved approval of Ordinance No. 2019-25 amending Chapter 6 “Amusements and Entertainments”.

SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller

AYES: Fuller, Bancalé, Wachtendorf, and Bruce

NAYES: Steve Fortenberry

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

15. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TARRANT COUNTY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved approval.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancalé

AYES: Fuller, Bancalé, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce

NAYES: Turner

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

16. ADJOURN.

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce

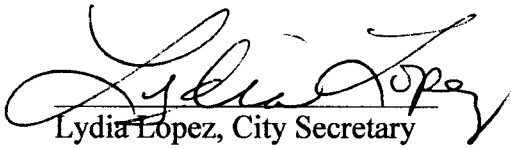
NAYES: Turner

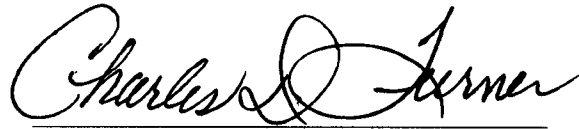
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 11-04-2019

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Charles D. Turner, Mayor