

HEWITT TEXAS

MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT December 2, 2019 – 7:00 PM

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

Staff present: City Manager Bo Thomas, City Attorney Mike Dixon, City Engineer Miles Whitney, Police Chief Jim Devlin, Fire Chief Lance Bracco, Community Development Director Tracy Lankford, Finance Director Lee Garcia, General Services Director Scott Coleman, Library Director Waynette Ditto, Utilities Director Kevin Reinke, and City Secretary Lydia Lopez

Staff absent: Assistant Police Chief Tuck Saunders

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Charlie Turner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. City Secretary Lydia Lopez polled the Council for attendance.
PRESENT: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner
ABSENT: None
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Charlie Turner asked the Honorable State Representative Charles “Doc” Anderson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO THE HEWITT POLICE DEPARTMENT BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES “DOC” ANDERSON.** Representative Doc Anderson presented a State Resolution recognizing the Hewitt Police Department for receiving Statewide Recognition as a “Texas Best Practices Recognized Agency the Texas Police Chiefs Association.
4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO HEWITT PUBLIC LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS – FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HEWITT.** Library Director Waynette Ditto presented an award to recognized members of the First Baptist Church of Hewitt for their service as door greeters and door opener during story-time and other events. Susan Malone, Children’s Director and Barbara Clark were present to receive the award.

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. Jeanne Passalugo, 137 E. Chapman, appeared to request that Council stop allowing Air B & Bs in the city.
6. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2019.**
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf
AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
7. **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A KAWASAKI MULE PRO FX FROM BARGER’S ALLSPORTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,079.55.**
Jeannie Passalugo, 137 E. Chapman, stated that she hoped that all the items being purchased were approved in the Budget.
City Manager Bo Thomas advised that the following nine items were adopted in the FY 2019-2020 Budget and that Council approved the short-term financing at the last Council meeting.
MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to authorize the purchase of the Kawaski Mule Pro FX from Barger’s Allsports in the amount of \$11,079.55.
SECOND: Council Member Erica Bruce
AYES: Fuller, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
8. **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A TIRE/WHEEL BALANCER FROM AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT SPECIALIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,420.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to authorize the purchase of a Tire/Wheel Balancer from Automotive Equipment Special in the amount of \$3,420.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Fuller, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

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9. **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A FORD F150 FROM BIRD-KULTGEN FORD FROM THE DRAINAGE FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,003.57.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to authorize the purchase of a Fort F150 from Bird Kultgen Ford in the amount of \$32,003.57.
SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller
AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
10. **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A STALKER MINI-RADAR TRAILER FROM APPLIED CONCEPTS, INC./STALKER RADAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,115.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale to authorize the purchase of a Stalker Mini Radar Trailer system from Applied Concepts, Inc./Stalker Radar in the amount of \$6,115.
SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller
AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
11. **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF MOBILE DATA TERMINALS – DELL LATITUDE SEMI-RUGGED LAPTOPS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES THROUGH EXTRACO TECHNOLOGY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,803.23.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved approval of the purchase of 13 Dell Latitude 5420 Semi-Rugged Laptop computers for the Police Department through Extraco Technology in the amount of \$40,803.23.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
12. **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THREE FLEET VEHICLES (TWO CHEVY TAHOES AND ONE CHEVROLET SILVERADO PICKUP) FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM SIDDONS-MARTIN EMERGENCY GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$156,627.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented. General discussion concerning radio systems/equipment and what are we doing with the vehicles that are being replaced.
MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to authorize the purchase of three fleet vehicles (two Chevrolet Tahoes and one Chevrolet Silverado pickup) from Siddons-Martin Emergency Group in the amount of \$156,627.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner
NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

- 13. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A CHEVROLET SILVERADO PICKUP FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM SIDDONS-MARTIN EMERGENCY GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,301.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to authorize the purchase of a Chevrolet Silverado pickup for the Fire Department from Siddons-Martin Emergency Group in the amount of \$40,301.

SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

- 14. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF SHELVING FOR THE LIBRARY FROM LIBRARY INTERIORS OF TEXAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,998.15.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented. General discussion concerning timeline for installation of shelving.

MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to authorize the purchase of shelving for the Library from Library Interiors of Texas in the amount of \$13,998.15.

SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

- 15. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW DELL T340 SERVER FOR THE LIBRARY THROUGH EXTRACO TECHNOLOGY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,274.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to authorize the purchase of a new Dell T340 Server for the Library through Extraco Technology in the amount of \$137,274.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Note: This agenda item was amended as follows:

- 16. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2019-22 AMENDING ADOPTING THE CITY OF HEWITT'S INVESTMENT POLICY.** City Manager Bo Thomas stated that the Public Funds Investment Act requires annual review of the City's Investment Policy. He noted that the Investment Policy presented is the one that is currently in place and had been previously adopted. He further highlighted the contents of the policy.

MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale move approval of **Resolution No. 2019-22.**

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

17. **DISCUSSION CONCERNING A CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION.** Mayor Charlie Turner advised that he had a request to address the Council on this item. Betty Orton, 912 Steamboat Circle, appeared in support of the item and stated that a review of the Charter is long overdue. She further recommended that Council appoint citizens who had some knowledge of the Charter. Mayor Turner further noted that he had requested this item be placed on the agenda and recommended that each Council Member consider choosing two citizens to appoint to a Charter Review Commission. City Manager Bo Thomas suggested council seek counsel from the City Attorney on how to proceed. City Attorney Mike Dixon stated that he would recommend that Council allow him to review what legally needs to be changed so that guidance can be provided to a Charter Review Commission. General discussion was held on the number of amendments, when to take to the voters, term limits, and redistricting. City Attorney Mike Dixon advised that redistricting process is normally conducted by consultants who are expert. Mayor Turner recommended a review of the charter each time a census is conducted.

18. **ADJOURN.**

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry

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

NAYES: None

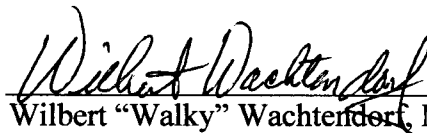
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 12-16-2019

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf, Mayor Pro Tem