

HEWITT TEXAS

MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT December 16, 2019 – 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 Mayor

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 Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Pro Tem Wachtendorf asked all to join him in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF NEWLY HIRED EMPLOYEES.** The following employees were recognized:

Scott Coleman-General Services Director
Derek Farmer-Field Assistant
Angel Burdier-Firefighter
Keith Skopik-Firefighter
4. **PRESENTATION AND SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED POLICE OFFICERS YASMIN RAHIM AND THAYER TUCKER.** Police Chief Jim Devlin introduced and administered the ceremonial oath of office to newly appointed Officers Yasmin Rahim and Thayer Tucker.

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. No one appeared.
6. **BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING UPCOMING EVENTS:**
 - TML Region 9 Meeting – January 23, 2020
 - Greater Hewitt Chamber of Commerce Banquet – January 30, 2020
7. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2019.**

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller 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.
8. **CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE AND THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

City Manager Bo Thomas presented the following members who were eligible for reappointment:

Parks and Beautification Committee
Tom Hernandez, Casey Lowrey, and Ann Schiltz

Library Board of Directors
Sally Goldman and Ronald G. Smith

Mr. Thomas noted that Library Board member Gayle H. Shipp had a term that expired on December 31, 2019, however, had declined to serve another two year term.

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to reappoint the members listed above.

SECOND: Council Member Erica Bruce

AYES: Fuller, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, and Bruce

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION PASSED.
9. **PRESENTATION OF REPORT FROM CITY ENGINEER MILES WHITNEY**
 - Update on pending utility projects
 - Update on pending street projects
 - Update on pending drainage projects

10. **BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING NOVEMBER 31, 2019.** City Manager Bo Thomas stated that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the October Financials to the Council and inquired whether there were any questions. No questions were asked.
11. **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF 2019 JOHN DEERE 410L BACKHOE FOR UTILITIES SERVICES THROUGH RDO EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,244.18.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented. General discussion was held concerning whether the funds to purchase were budgeted.
MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to authorize the purchase of a 2019 John Deere backhoe from RDO Equipment for a total amount of \$90,244.18.
SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry
AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, and Bruce
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Turner
MOTION PASSED.
12. **AUTHORIZE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE EXPENSE OF \$7,791.63 AND SUBSEQUENT ENGINE REPAIR OF \$17,951.22 FOR ENGINE-1 TO METRO FIRE APPARATUS SPECIALIST, INC. FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$25,742.85.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved approval of the preventive maintenance expense of \$7,791.63 and subsequent engine repair of \$17,951.22 for Engine-1 to Metro Fire Apparatus Specialist, Inc. for a total of \$25,742.85.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, and Bruce
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Turner
MOTION PASSED.
13. **AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WACO FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT AND ALLOCATE FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000 FOR THE COST OF PARTICIPATION.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved approval of this item to authorize the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Waco for participation in the 2020 Household Hazardous Waste event and allocate funding in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the cost of participation.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, and Bruce
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Turner
MOTION PASSED.

- 14. ANNOUNCE THE CANCELLATION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2020. THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2020.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to approve the cancellation of the Council Meeting of January 6, 2020.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

- 15. ADJOURN.**

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry

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

NAYES: None

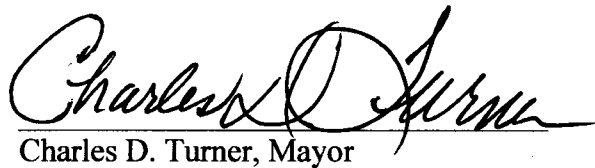
ABSENT: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 01/20/2020

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Charles D. Turner, Mayor