

CARL HARBERT <i>Council Member, Place 1</i>	DAVID RUTLEDGE <i>Mayor</i>	DANNY HARRINGTON <i>Council Member, Place 4</i>
MIKE REED <i>Council Member, Place 2</i>		TERRI GAUTHIER <i>Council Member, Place 5</i>
TAMMI FISETTE <i>Council Member, Place 3</i>		LUCY FIELDS <i>Mayor Pro-Tem/Council Member, Place 6</i>

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

June 16, 2020

The City Council of Bridge City met in an regular session on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, via telephone conference with the Mayor at the City Hall of Bridge City, 260 Rachal, Bridge City, Texas.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rutledge called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

IDENTIFICATION OF A QUORUM (ROLL CALL)

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor David Rutledge
 Council Member Carl Harbert
 Council Member Mike Reed
 Council Member Tammi Fisetete
 Council Member Danny Harrington
 Council Member Lucy Fields

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Member Gauthier.

The City Staff present but was not part of the roll call is as follows:

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Jerry D. Jones
 City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
 City Attorney Paul Fukuda
 Finance Director Karen Morgan
 Police Captain Tod McDowell
 Mike Zeto, IT

2. INVOCATION

Invocation given by City Attorney Paul Fukuda.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Reed made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fields.

Typo on the agenda, it should read Item 4 not Item 14.

With no other corrections, additions, or deletions, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes:

Mayor Rutledge	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Fields	Yes
Council Member Harbert	Yes
Council Member Reed	Yes
Council Member Fisette	Yes
Council Member Harrington	Yes

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

4. REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM:

(a) City Manager Report

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report:

1. Filter Press is operational at the sewer plant
2. Center Street Ditch - major drainage ditch is complete
3. Roadside Ditches – the contractors are back on Gilmer St. and only have three left to complete
4. Manhole Project - the contractors have finished 15 and starting on 16
5. Flush Valve Project – the Engineering Firm had to rebid the project, Mr. Will Larrain did not get all the notices in after he lost Mark Kelly, so the City is running the notices again

(b) City Council Report

Council Member Carl Harbert asked Mr. Jones where is the City in the budget process.

Mr. Jones said it is in the preliminary process.

Council Member Harbert asked if the City is using the Luke project or can the City cancel it.

Mr. Jones said it is still functional and operational but no one is using it.

Council Member Harbert asked if the City is paying for the service.

Mr. Jones said yes, the City is paying \$50 per month.

Council Member Harbert said if no one is using it, then the City should cancel the service.

Council Member Mike Reed

None.

Council Member Tammi Fiset asked if there has been any updates on the outfall study and the work in the marsh.

Mr. Jones asked if she meant the outfall ditch in the marsh.

Mayor said yes.

Mr. Jones said the engineers are working on the plans and they are trying to get permission from the Corp to actually go through the marsh. That is all the progress the City has of this date.

Council Member Fiset said at the last meeting Mr. Jones said the Elsie Project was finished, is it completely finished.

Mr. Jones said there is some dress up that has to be done and City Staff did go in and cut that ditch in the alley. There is still some dress up that needs to be finished.

Council Member Fiset said in the packet it said the cleaning process, what does this consist of.

Mr. Jones said they will inspect all the installations to make sure they are opened, if anything needs to be cleaned they will do that.

Council Member Fiset asked if he could repeat what he said.

Mr. Jones said they will inspect all the pipes they have installed and if any of it has any material washed in it, they will clean it out with a vector.

Council Member Danny Harrington

None.

Council Member Lucy Fields said she had a citizen ask when the RV park on North John will be completed, when will the rubbish be hauled away and the fence completed. She also asked if the City had a waiver on it.

Mr. Jones said the developers are on no time schedule, that is Section 3 they are working on. They are like anyone else, they are having problems getting contractors to work on it, because of all the stuff that has be going on. There is no time schedule set, but they are working on it.

(c) City Staff Report

City Attorney Paul Fukuda

None.

Miscellaneous City Staff:

None.

(d) **Mayor**

Mayor David Rutledge had the following report:

1. Opening of City Hall – hoping to do this sometime in July. The City has to get safety equipment installed first. The City is trying to have the first full meeting again and hoping for the first meeting in July
2. Workshop – with the City’s Emergency Management Team and the School District trying to get it scheduled to develop emergency response plans for hurricanes and other disasters. I will keep you updated.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

6. ORDINANCE

(a) *Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2020-04 creating a “No Wake Zone” on Cow Bayou*

Mr. Fukuda read the caption of Ordinance No. 2020-04, thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10.

Council Member Reed made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-04 creating a “No Wake Zone” on Cow Bayou, seconded by Council Member Fisetete.

Mayor Rutledge said this is to make the bayou safer for boat traffic. The Game Warden said to enforce a “no wake zone” the City will need to have signs posted. He also said this is for the safety of the public to have a “no wake zone” in this area because of the high traffic volume.

Mr. Fukuda asked Council Member Reed if he could indicate his motion was to approve the Ordinance.

Council Member Reed said he made that motion to approve the Ordinance.

Mr. Fukuda asked Council Member Fisetete if her second was to approve the motion.

Council Member Fisetete said yes her second was to approve the motion.

Council Member Harbert asked Mr. Jones if he got the 1, 2,3, and 7 and exactly where they are.

Mr. Jones asked if he was talking about the buoy locations.

Mayor Rutledge said the City has all the buoy locations.

Mr. Jones said we have the coordinates.

Council Member Harbert said we only have three down by High Tides and these are way north of the bridge.

Mr. Jones said they are creating the “no wake zone” from where you turn in to go to the boat ramp all the way past High Tides, that is where the Game Warden wanted to make it enforceable and to stop people from creating a wake at the boat ramp.

Council Member Harbert said this is north of the boat ramp.

Mr. Jones said yes it is, but that is the location the Game Warden requested that the City put them, so people would slow down at that location and go slower in toward the boat ramp.

Council Member Harbert said but this is about 200 yards north of the boat ramp.

Mr. Jones said yes that is the location the Game Warden requested we put them.

Council Member Harbert said he did not know which Game Warden he talked to, he was a young guy, he was saying just around High Tides.

Mayor Rutledge said it will be on either side of the bridge, make a big square around that, it is not just at High Tides to give the boaters room to slow down and break their wake before they get into the “no wake zone” is the reason it is moved out from being right around High Tides. It is for all that area.

Mr. Jones said the Game Warden is Ataya.

Mayor Rutledge said Raj Ataya is the Game Warden who went with us and helped us mark these locations.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Mayor Rutledge	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Fields	Yes
Council Member Harbert	Yes
Council Member Reed	Yes
Council Member Fisette	Yes
Council Member Harrington	Yes

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

7. RESOLUTIONS

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by Resolution No 2020-09(R) Traylor and Associates for administrative services including Grant Application Preparation and Project Administration, if awarded, for the City’s General Land Office CDBG-MIT Grant

Mr. Fukuda read the entirety of Resolution No. 2020-09(R), approving the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award Traylor and Associates for administrative services for the CDBG-MIT Grant.

Council Member Fisette made a motion to approve Resolution No 2020-09(R) a recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award Traylor and Associates for administrative services for the CDBG-MIT Grant, seconded by Council Member Harrington.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Mayor Rutledge	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Fields	Yes
Council Member Harbert	Yes
Council Member Reed	Yes
Council Member Fisette	Yes
Council Member Harrington	Yes

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2020-10(R) Authorizing Signatories for CDBG Contract No. 20-066-025-C202

Mr. Fukuda read the entirety of Resolution No. 2020-10(R), authorizing Signatories for CDBG Contract No. 20-066-025-C202.

Council Member Harrington made a motion to approve Resolution No 2020-10(R) authorizing signatories for CDBG Contract No. 20-066-025-C202, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fields.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Mayor Rutledge	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Fields	Yes
Council Member Harbert	Yes
Council Member Reed	Yes
Council Member Fisette	Yes
Council Member Harrington	Yes

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

(c) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2020-11(R) reaffirming policies and procedures for civil rights, equal opportunity, Limited English Proficiency Plan and fair housing as required by the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

Mr. Fukuda read the entirety of Resolution No. 2020-11(R), reaffirming policies and procedures for civil rights, equal opportunity, Limited English Proficiency plan and fair housing as required by the TXCDBG Grant Program.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fields made a motion to approve Resolution No 2020-11(R) reaffirming polices, and procedures for civil rights, equal opportunity, Limited English Proficiency Plan and fair housing as required by the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program, seconded by Council Member Harbert.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Mayor Rutledge	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Fields	Yes
Council Member Harbert	Yes
Council Member Reed	Yes
Council Member Fisette	Yes
Council Member Harrington	Yes

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of May 19, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Council Member Harbert made a motion to approve May 19, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Council Member Reed.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Mayor Rutledge	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Fields	Yes
Council Member Harbert	Yes
Council Member Reed	Yes
Council Member Fisette	Yes
Council Member Harrington	Yes

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve the City Bills for the month of May 2020

Council Member Reed made a motion to approve the City Bills for the month of May 2020, seconded by Council Member Fisette.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Mayor Rutledge	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Fields	Yes
Council Member Harbert	Yes
Council Member Reed	Yes
Council Member Fisette	Yes
Council Member Harrington	Yes

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

(c) Consideration and possible action to appoint the City Collective Bargaining Committee for the 2020-2021 Bridge City Police Association contract negotiations

Council Member Fisette made a motion to appoint the City Collective Bargaining Committee for the 2020-2021 Bridge City Police Association contract negotiations, seconded by Council Member Harrington.

Mayor Rutledge asked for volunteers to serve on the committee. Council Member Carl Harbert and Council Member Danny Harrington volunteered.

Council Member Fisette amended the motion to nominate Council Member Carl Harbert and Council Member Danny Harrington to be Council Representatives on the Police Association Contract negotiations for 2020-2021, seconded by Council Member Harrington.

After discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Mayor Rutledge	Yes
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Mayor Pro-Tem Fields	Yes
Council Member Harbert	Yes
Council Member Reed	Yes
Council Member Fisette	Yes
Council Member Harrington	Yes

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

(d) Consideration and possible action to extend the Emergency Declaration of Local Disaster

Council Member Harrington made a motion to extend the Emergency Declaration of Local Disaster, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fields.

Mayor Rutledge said the Emergency Declaration of Local Disaster will be for another 30 days.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Mayor Rutledge	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Fields	Yes
Council Member Harbert	Yes
Council Member Reed	Yes
Council Member Fisette	Yes
Council Member Harrington	Yes

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

10. ADJOURN

Council Member Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m., seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fields.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Mayor Rutledge	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Fields	Yes
Council Member Harbert	Yes

Council Member Reed	Yes
Council Member Fisette	Yes
Council Member Harrington	Yes

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary