

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 MEETING

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

October 6, 2020

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at the City Hall of Bridge City, 260 Rachal, Bridge City, Texas.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor David Rutledge
 Council Member Mike Reed
 Council Member Tammi Fisetta
 Council Member Danny Harrington
 Mayor Pro-Tem Terri Gauthier
 Council Member Lucy Fields

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Member Carl Harbert.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Jerry D. Jones
 City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
 City Attorney Paul Fukuda
 Finance Director Karen Morgan
 Police Chief Paul Davis
 Assistant Utility Superintendent Mike Die
 Public Works Director Mike Lund

2. INVOCATION

Invocation given by City Attorney Paul Fukuda.

3. PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FLAG

Mayor Rutledge led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and to the State of Texas flag. At the conclusion of the pledges, Mayor Rutledge thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Harrington.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fields, Council Members Reed, Fissette, Harrington and Gauthier.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harbert.

5. PRESENTATION

(a) *Awards presented to Carman Apple and Captain Michelle McDaniel in appreciation for services rendered during Hurricane Laura*

Mayor Rutledge presented Carman Apple and Captain Michelle McDaniel an award in appreciation for their services rendered during Hurricane Laura. Mayor Rutledge said these awards are for two people who helped the City behind the scenes. Also, Mayor Rutledge said he would like Ms. Apple and Captain McDaniel to know how much the City appreciated their help during Hurricane Laura. Mayor Rutledge presented the plaques and thanked Ms. Apple and Captain McDaniel for their hard work.

(b) *Certificates of Appreciation presented to Council Member Mike Reed and Mayor Pro-Tem Lucy Fields who provided assistance during Hurricane Laura*

Mayor Rutledge said that because Council Member Reed is a school district employee, he was the best choice to be in charge of the POD. Council Member Reed set up the POD and also parked an air condition bus out there to let the workers get some relief from the heat. A few days later, charter buses replaced the school bus to cool off the troops. Mayor Rutledge said Council Member Reed was a valuable asset to the citizens, Jerry, myself, Tod and everyone involved.

Also, Mayor Rutledge said they were surprised by ladies in red jackets who showed up with a hot meal to feed city employees. Mayor Rutledge thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Fields for getting that organized for the city employees.

Mayor Rutledge presented Council Member Reed and Mayor Pro-Tem Fields with certificates of appreciation.

6. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. Ditch Cleaning Project – has now started and the crew was on Blueberry St. and will be moving around the City as they complete these streets.
2. Splash Pad – is not operational, parts have been ordered for it. The park is opened, but the splash pad is closed for a couple of more weeks.
3. Flushing Valves/Fire Plug Project – will begin on the October 19, 2020.
4. Manhole Project – crews back to working on these again. The crews have completed 37 out of 52.
5. Storm Drainage – this project is just about completed.
6. Well Design – the City lost a well and will have to cap two. The City Staff is working on two different sites for this well design and they are Sunnyside and Jones St.
7. Picking up Debris – county is picking up the debris and they are working in Bridge City now and beginning to see progress. Mr. Jones said he was hopeful the county will be through with the pickup in a week or two.
8. Marsh Estates Drainage – the Drainage District will clean one of the ditches that was asked about in the last council meeting.
9. Location of Second Well Site – need a second location for a well site and City Staff is in the process of talking with the school to get a deal worked out. The City can trade the old nursing home for a piece of property off the old Sims location.

(b) City Council

Council Member Carl Harbert

Absent.

Council Member Mike Reed said he would like to thank everyone for the recognition. It is a pleasure to be able to help especially when you work for the school district and associated with the City, to be the liaison between the two. He said the City and the School District work well together and he was proud to help.

Council Member Tammi Fiset said the Marsh Estates ditches have been cleaned out. Council Member Fiset thanked Staff for cleaning the ditches.

Mr. Jones said there was one more he will get cleaned out.

Council Member Fiset asked if the ditch along Marsh Estates behind Fernwood would be concreted.

Mr. Jones said no.

Council Member Fiset asked if the concrete that is out there now is all that will be concreted.

Mr. Lund said there is a small section left that goes to the pond will be concreted.

Council Member Fiset asked if the dumpsters behind City Hall is opened and are they taking anything.

Mr. Lund said no tree limbs.

Council Member Fisette asked if tree limbs are the only thing that is not allowed.

Mr. Jones said the City would not take construction debris. He said anything the trucks will pick up the City is trying not to take it, because it is very costly to dispose of it and they will pick up at no cost to the City. He said household stuff, cleaning up yards, and minor things the City will accept.

Council Member Fisette said so fences, sheds...

Mr. Jones said fences go out in the front.

Council Member Fisette asked any idea how long before they get away from the tree limbs and start on other things.

Mr. Jones said he asked Commissioner Roccaforte that question and he said as soon as they get the majority of the limbs up, then they will start the second round on something else.

Council Member Danny Harrington

None.

Council Member Gauthier

None.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lucy Fields said she spoke with a closure on the last day of the Census taking. The closure wanted her to recognize two Bridge City businesses that were very helpful to her. The first was Citrus Cove, staff helped her identify all the citizen who had been there since April 1, 2020. The closure said it is really hard to go through an apartment complex and try to get people to respond. The Census had younger enumerators go in and were unable to get the information, so she went to the office and they were able to help her. Also, Theresa at Mr. Quibodeaux's RV Park, the closure said RV parks are very hard to get a head count, but Theresa was able to help her. Theresa pulled the books out and was able to get a good head count. Mayor Pro-Tem Fields said both of the businesses help would benefit the City greatly. Mayor Pro-Tem Fields said Buyan was on Sunnyside Street today, they made two passes and were only able to pick up half the street because there is just so much. They are working very hard and they are very friendly and polite. Mayor Pro-Tem Fields also thanked everyone for the recognition. She said the City employees worked very hard and she wanted to thank them for their hard work. Mayor Pro-Tem Fields said some of the Chamber of Commerce ladies helped her.

(c) City Staff Report

Mr. Lund said the City is still accepting applications for the sewer yard lines. He said he needs about 75 to 80 applications and only have about two weeks left to get them. If you know of anyone needing a sewer line, please have them contact me at City Hall.

Mayor Rutledge said the City will get it posted on social media and advertised through the press.

City Attorney Paul Fukuda

None.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge had the following report:

1. He thanked the Staff and all City Employees who worked hard during Hurricane Laura. He said even though it was a very minor hurricane relative to others the City has encountered, it still takes the same amount of work, dedication, planning and forethought and execution to make it work.

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Barry Foster
1005 Charlotte Lane

Mr. Foster said the last City Council Meeting, the Council spoke about several board of commissions that needed citizens, I would be very happy to serve on the Board of Adjustments. He said he lived outside of the city limits until he bought a house. He said it is nice to be able to get involved with the City.

8. ORDINANCE

(a) *Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2020-09 amending Ordinance No. 91-11 and Exhibit "A" of Ordinance No. 91-11, Purchasing Policy for the City of Bridge City, Texas*

Mr. Fukuda read the caption of Ordinance No. 2020-09, 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. 2020-09 amending Ordinance No. 91-11 and Exhibit "A" of Ordinance No. 91-11, Purchasing Policy for the City of Bridge City, Texas, seconded by Council Member Harrington.

Mr. Jones said this an addition to the existing Ordinance, the Federal Government requires this for the City to get federal grants. The City will add this to the back of the existing policy.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fields, Council Members Reed, Fiset, Harrington and Gauthier.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harbert.

8. RESOLUTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution 2020-17(R) adopting Financial Policies and Procedures for Federal Grant Contracts

Mr. Fukuda read the entirety of Resolution No. 2020-17(R).

Mayor Pro-Tem made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-17(R) adopting Financial Policies and Procedures for Federal Grant Contracts, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

Council Member Fisette said there is a correction to the second Section 2, should read Section 3. Mayor Rutledge said was is noted.

Mr. Jones said this a policy that has to be adopted for federal grants or monies. It is the procedure they want the City to follow in order to use and disburse these grants. Mr. Jones said this will be separate resolution within itself. This is not part of the City's financial policy, it will be a separate document.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fields, Council Members Reed, Fisette, Harrington and Gauthier.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harbert.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of the September 15, 2020 City Council Meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem Fields made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Fisette.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fields, Council Members Reed, Fisette, Harrington and Gauthier.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harbert.

10. ADJOURN

Council Member Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m., seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fields.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fields, Council Members Reed, Fiset, Harrington and Gauthier.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harbert.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary