

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>Mayor Pro-Tem/Council Member, Place 5</i>
TAMMI FISETTE <i>Council Member, Place 3</i>		LUCY FIELDS <i>Council Member, Place 6</i>

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

January 21, 2020

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 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 Carl Harbert
 Council Member Mike Reed
 Council Member Tammi Fisette
 Council Member Danny Harrington
 Mayor Pro-Tem Terri Gauthier
 Council Member Lucy Fields

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

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

2. INVOCATION

Invocation given by Council Member Tammi Fisette.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

5. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. Elsie Street Drainage Project – started working again today, contractors had some problems and Mike Lund, Director of Public Works, spoke with them to get it corrected.
2. Center Street Ditches – weather is holding the contractors up. The project has been awarded and the contractors are ready to begin, but a lot of the it is in the back of houses. It will be a week or two for the ground to dry enough to get in citizen's backyards.
3. Wastewater Treatment Plant Filter Press – still trying to get parts. The electricians have not gotten out there to finish either, so there is a little delay on that. The contractors have a certain amount of days to complete the job.
4. Manhole Projects – the contractors will begin February 3, 2020. It has be awarded and now have a letter for a start date. The contractors may begin the job a few days before that, as far as going out and looking at things, but February 3, 2020, is the actual start date.
5. Roadside Ditches – that is on the agenda for tonight to be awarded, there is 10 street names. The list of street names are in the back of the agenda. Also, there is another list that will be a lot more comprehensive, that is several million dollars that will be done. When the City gets the list together, you will be getting a list of the locations. Also, that project will be at a further date.

6. Texas Water Development Board – gave the City permission to begin the flushing valves or fire plugs, the project will begin soon.

(b) City Council

Council Member Carl Harbert

None.

Council Member Mike Reed

None.

Council Member Tammi Fisette

None.

Council Member Danny Harrington

None.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier passed out flyers regarding the Census. She told the Mayor and City Council the Census taker hourly wage is now \$20 per hour and \$.58 per mile. The Census will begin training in February and the employment is February through September so it is 8 months long. You can work part-time or full-time. If anyone would like to attend Rotary, February 13, 2020, the Census will have a representative there to give out information and explain how important the Census is and why the City should get everyone included. Council Member Gauthier said she wanted everyone to understand how important it is that the word gets out and the citizens participate.

Council Member Lucy Fields would like to add to Council Member Gauthier's statement, she received a memo last week and they have 523 Census takers approved, but their goal is 852 for Orange County. Council Member Fields said she wanted to congratulate Keagan Smith for being Student of the Month for January and Karen Morgan for being employee of the month for December. Also, to Council Member Gauthier, second Vice President for the SETRPC. Also, at the Chamber of Commerce Coffee they were able to give kudos to the City for helping with the fundraiser for the scholarships. The Chamber likes to put it out there how much the City works with the Chamber and how much the Chamber appreciates what the City does for the Chamber. She also thanked the ladies at City Hall for helping with the Christmas trees and the Chamber raised \$2,700 for scholarships. The Chamber is very appreciative of the City's efforts.

(c) City Staff Report

None.

Student Representative:

Keagan Smith thanked Mayor and Council for their support.

City Attorney Paul Fukuda

None.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge had the following report:

1. Mayor Rutledge congratulated Keagan Smith for being student of the month.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

7. ORDINANCE

- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2020-01 authorizing municipal participation in regulatory proceedings of ETI (Entergy Texas Inc.) at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2020**

Mr. Fukuda read the caption of Ordinance No. 2020-01, thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 2020-01 as read, seconded by Council Member Fields.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CIVIL RIGHTS DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA) RELATING TO CITY OF BRIDGE CITY CONTRACT NO. 7219050

- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2020-01(R) authorizing signatories for TxCDBG Contract No. 7219050**

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2020-01(R), in its entirety, authorizing signatories for TxCDBG Contract No. 7219050.

Council Member Harbert made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-01(R), seconded by Council Member Reed.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.
Absent: None.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2020-02(R) adopting and/or reaffirming policies and procedures for civil rights, equal opportunity and fair housing as required by the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program and authorizing publication of required notices

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2020-02(R), in its entirety, adopting and/or reaffirming policies and procedures and procedures for civil rights, equal opportunity and fair housing as required by TxCDBG program and authorizing publication of required notices.

Council Member Harbert made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-02(R), seconded by Council Member Harrington.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(c) Consideration and possible action proclaiming February 2020 as Fair Housing Month and authorizing the publication of a Fair Housing Public Service Announcement

Mayor Rutledge read the proclamation declaring the month of February 2020 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Bridge City.

Council Member Harbert made a motion to declare the month of February 2020 as Fair Housing Month, seconded by Council Member Fields.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of the January 7, 2020 City Council Meeting

Council Member Reed made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2020 City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Harrington.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve the City Bills for the month of December 2019

Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier made a motion to approve the City Bills for the month of the December 2019, seconded by Council Member Harrington.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(c) Consideration and possible action to award a bid for the 2019 TxCDBG Project No. 7219027 to Jet Aeration for a bid amount of \$266,224.50 for the regrading/reshaping of roadside ditches and contingent on the approval of TDA (Texas Department of Agriculture) an additive alternate amount of \$32,725 to clean/jet existing driveway culverts

Council Member Fields made a motion to award a bid for the 2019 TxCDBG Project No. 7219027 to Jet Aeration, seconded by Council Member Harrington.

Mr. Jones said the amendment will be worked out as the City goes through this, originally culvert cleaning was not included. He also said it was crazy to clean the ditches and not the culverts so it will flow. So we have gone back and readdress the problem and the City is waiting on the answer, but wanted to go ahead and award for both. He said the City will address the culvert cleaning as it comes up.

Mayor Rutledge said if they allow it, it is in the motion to go ahead with it.

Mr. Jones said if they don't allow it, the City will use the combination of two things, the City doing the work plus hiring someone to help with it. The funds will be taken out of the drainage fund.

He said the City will get it done.

Council Member Fields asked if this was the company who dug the ditches out and graded them before.

Mr. Jones said it was a totally different company.

Council Member Fields asked if Jet was the one who did the sewer and they dug out clay pipes.

Mr. Jones said yes, Jet is that company.

Mike Lund said they did the last CDBG grant, yard lines.

Mr. Jones said they were a good company and the City has not had any problems with them.

Council Member Fisetete asked if the City can vote on it now if there is a possibility of the bid totals changing.

Mayor Rutledge said we can vote on it, because it has a contingent clause in it.

City Attorney Fukuda said the Council is voting on the bid amount and the alternative amount to clean/jet existing driveway culverts. Then if there is a conflict then the City will address that.

Mayor Rutledge said if they say they are not paying for the cleaning of the culverts.

City Attorney Fukuda said the City will have to deal with that through the contract.

Mr. Jones said he wanted to make sure it was already approved, so if they come back and he thinks they will, and approve the alternate amount he would like to continue with the project.

Mr. Jones said he doesn't want have to come back to Council to approve it.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

10. ADJOURN

Council Member Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m., seconded by Council Member Fields.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary