

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 MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

November 10, 2020

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 10, 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 (re-elected)
 Council Member Carl Harbert
 Council Member Mike Reed (re-elected)
 Mayor Pro-Tem Tammi Fisette
 Council Member Danny Harrington (re-elected)
 Mayor Pro-Tem Lucy Fields (re-elected)

ABSENT: Council Member Terri Gauthier

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

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

2. INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Council Member 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 said he appreciated everyone coming to the meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

5. CANVASS RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

(EL ESCRUTINIO DE LOS RESULTADOS DE LA ELECCIÓN GENERAL DEL 5 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2020)

(a) Council to canvass the results of the Bridge City General Election held on November 3, 2020

(El Concilio escrutinia los resultados de la Elección del 3 de noviembre de 2020)

Mayor Rutledge passed out the November 3, 2020 Bridge City General Election canvass and tally sheets for Council to review.

6. ELECTION RESOLUTION

(RESOLUCION DE ELECCIÓN)

(a) Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 2020-20(R) declaring the results of the November 3, 2020 City of Bridge City General Election for Mayor and Council Members - Places, 2, 4, and 6

(La Consideración por el Concilio de la adaptación de la Resolución Número 2020-20(R) declarando los resultados de la Elección General del 3 de noviembre de 2020 de la Ciudad de Bridge City del Alcalde y los Miembros del Concilio en los Lugares 2, 4, y 6)

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2020-20(R), in its entirety, declaring the results of the November 3, 2020 City of Bridge City General Election.

Council Member Harbert made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2020-20(R) as read. Mayor Pro-Tem Fields seconded the motion.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

7. CONDUCT CEREMONIES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

(EL REALIZO DE CEREMONIAS A LOS MIEMBROS DEL CONCILIO)

(a) Presentation of Certificate of Election to the Mayor and Council Members - Places 2, 4, and 6

(La Presentación de Certificado de Elección al Alcalde y a los Miembros del Concilio en los Lugares 2, 4, y 6)

Mayor Rutledge read and presented the certificates of election to Council Member Mike Reed, Place 2; Council Member Danny Harrington, Place 4; and Mayor Pro-Tem/Council Member Lucy Fields, Place 6, along with his congratulations to everyone.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fields read and presented the certificate of election to Mayor David Rutledge, along with her congratulations.

The audience acknowledged the newly re-elected Mayor and Council Members with their applause.

Mayor Rutledge stated that he has served with this Council for several years now and they do a fantastic job and he appreciates them stepping up.

(b) Oaths of Office:

Mayor

Council Member, Place 2

Council Member, Place 4

Council Member, Place 6

(Juramentos de Oficio:

Alcalde

Miembro del Concilio, Lugar 2

Miembro del Concilio, Lugar 4

Miembro del Concilio, Lugar 6)

Judge Bill Dixon administered the oath of office to Mayor David Rutledge, Council Member Mike Reed, Place 2; Council Member Danny Harrington, Place 4; and Mayor Pro-Tem/Council Member Lucy Fields, Place 6. The audience acknowledged the newly sworn-in Mayor and Council Members with their applause.

(c) Newly elected officers seated on Council

(Oficiales recién elegidos asentados en el Concilio)

The newly elected officers took their seats on Council. Mayor Rutledge said "Welcome Back" to Council Members Reed, Harrington, and Fields.

8. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) *City Manager*

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. Manholes – The contractors have 30 manholes and 10 remaining.
2. Fire Hydrants – The program has just started and 4 have been completed.
3. Ditch Cleaning Program – The contractors are getting a lot of the ditches cut.
4. Storm Drainage Project – The project is complete but getting bids on the two spots the City will repair.
5. Waterwood Water Tank – Engineer is working on plans to replace the water tank, the City will remove the water tank from Romero to put at Waterwood. The City will need a set a plans approved by the TCEQ before this can be done.
6. Well Sites – the work has begun for the two well sites.
7. Water Off – Thursday, November 12, 2020 the water will off in the area behind City Hall. The contractors will change out 2 fire plugs in that area.

(b) *City Council*

Mayor Pro-Tem Lucy Fields had the following comment:

1. She thanked everyone in the City for supporting her to be a Council Member and this is her third time to serve. She said she loves the City and enjoys helping to make this a better place to live and work.

Council Member Carl Harbert had the following comment:

1. None.

Council Member Mike Reed had the following comment:

1. He said he wanted to let Council and citizens know it is a pleasure and an honor to serve again.

Council Member Tammi Fiset had the following comment:

1. She congratulated Mayor Rutledge on being re-elected. She also congratulated Council Member Reed, Council Member Harrington and Council Member Fields and thanked them for serving on the City Council.

Council Member Danny Harrington had the following comment:

1. He thanked the City for having this position and said it was an honor to serve on the City Council. He said he loved doing this and appreciated the opportunity to serve.

Council Member Terri Gauthier had the following comment:

1. Absent

(c) *City Staff*

Mike Lund, Director of Public Works had the following comment:

1. The CDBG grant for yard line application process is almost complete, but he can receive about 20 more applications. He said he will have the application process completed by next week.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge

1. He said on this election the country had a huge turnout. When that many people come out to vote, everyone wins. He said it is gratifying to him to see such a large turnout in the City election.
2. He said he wanted to thank all the Council Members and particularly the ones that stepped up to serve again. He also thanked the Citizens for the spectacular turnout at the poles.

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of the October 20, 2020 City Council Meeting

Council Member Harrington made a motion to approve the October 20, 2020 City Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Council Member Reed.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

(b) Consideration and possible approval of interlocal agreement with City of West Orange for the City of Bridge Police Department to provide after-hour, weekend, and city holiday dispatching services for the West Orange Police Department

Council Member Harbert made a motion to approve an interlocal agreement with the City of West Orange to provide dispatching services, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fields.

Chief Davis said this is the same agreement the City of Bridge City has with City of Pinehurst and they do not have full-time, 24-hour dispatching capabilities. Prior to this agreement going into effect, City of West Orange was using the Orange County Sheriff's Office and that has gone away so we picked up dispatching for them about two months ago. This is just a formality for Council

approval to do this. After speaking with Mr. Jones, we moved forward on it, so this is a formal agreement that says the City agrees to furnish these services.

Mr. Jones said dispatching for the City of West Orange will not cause a problem for the City, it is just a formality. This is identical to the City of Pinehurst's agreement with the City of Bridge City.

With no questions, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

(c) Consideration and possible action on a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the Preliminary Plat from Samuel Fountain for Cardinal Estates, located in the City Limits of Bridge City off Rachal Drive, and described as consisting of a 40.063 Acre Tract of land out of the J. Jett Survey, Abstract Number 15, Orange County, Texas

Mayor Pro-Tem Fields made a motion to approve the Preliminary Plat from Samuel Fountain for Cardinal Estates located in the City Limits of Bridge City off Rachal Drive, and described as consisting of a 40.063 Acre Tract of land out of the J. Jett Survey, Abstract Number 15, Orange County, Texas, seconded by Council Member Reed.

Mr. Jones showed City Council Members the Plat and said it was 107 lots. He said it has detention ponds on it and also said there was a major outfall ditch the City put in off of Rachal Street. He said the outfall ditch goes through the property and is also on the edge of the property. The Drainage District has approved the plan.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

(d) Consideration and possible action to certify the 2020 City of Bridge City Current and Delinquent Tax Rolls as submitted by Karen Fisher, Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector

Mayor Pro-Tem Fields made a motion to certify the 2020 City of Bridge City Current and Delinquent Tax Rolls as submitted by Karen Fisher, Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector, seconded by Council Member Harbert.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

(e) Consideration and possible action to accept Hayley Kibodeaux's resignation from the Library Advisory Board and appoint Kandice Varela to fulfill the remaining 2019-2021 term and appoint Debbie Reed to the Building Standards Commission for a 2020-2022 term

Council Member Reed made a motion to accept Hayley Kibodeaux's resignation from the Library Advisory Board and appoint Kandice Varela to fulfill the remaining 2019-2021 term and appoint Debbie Reed to the Building Standards Commission for a 2020-2022 term, 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 Harbert, Reed, Fisette, Harrington.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

11. ADJOURN

Council Member Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m., seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fields.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary