

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

January 19, 2021

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, via telephone conference with the Mayor at 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.

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 Terri Gauthier
 Mayor Pro-Tem Lucy Fields

ABSENT: Council Member Danny Harrington

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

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Jerry Jones
 City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
 City Attorney Paul M. Fukuda
 Finance Director Karen Morgan
 Police Captain Tod McDowell

2. INVOCATION

Invocation was given by City Attorney Paul Fukuda.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Ayes:

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harrington

4. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry

1. Manhole project – working on the last manhole then the project will be completed.
2. Fire plug project - 22 completed and 20 left to change. The contractors are now working on the valves that need to be replaced. The project will move along quicker after the valves are replaced.
3. Ditch cleaning project – completed.
4. Damaged facilities for the City – started building a new storage building.
5. Fence in various locations - will be started next month.
6. Generators – have now been repaired. The City is in the process of installing a generator at the Public Works building and also at City Hall. The generators are owned by the City, which are from various locations that have been shut down, so no additional cost, except the hook up.

(b) City Council

Mayor Pro-Tem Lucy Fields had the following comment:

She would like to tell City Hall employees as well as Mayor Rutledge and other people who participated in the Christmas Tree fundraiser, a great big thank you. The Chamber of Commerce raised a little over \$2,300, which they have met their goals to give out scholarships this year. She just wanted to say a great big thank you. It took a lot of coordination by different people as well as the sponsors and the person who purchased the trees.

Council Member Carl Harbert had the following comment:

None.

Council Member Mike Reed had the following comment:
None.

Council Member Tammi Fiset had the following comment:
She asked Mr. Jones if he had any updates on the sewer line project.
Mr. Jones said the City is in the process, the engineer is drawing up specifications to bid the yard lines. He also said as soon as the engineer completes the specifications, the City will bid the project and get it started. Mr. Jones said the City has around 110 or 115 that are signed up and still have room for a few more.
Council Member Fiset told the Mayor the Luke app location finder is putting her in Houston and in areas across the City that she was not there. She asked Mayor Rutledge if that would come back to the City or someone else.
Mayor Rutledge said it would go to the engineering firm that provided the app. Mayor Rutledge told Council Member Fiset they were aware of the problem.

Council Member Danny Harrington had the following comment:
Absent.

Council Member Terri Gauthier had the following comment:
None.

(c) City Staff

City Attorney Paul Fukuda had the following comment:
None.

**(d) Mayor
Mayor David Rutledge**

1. Drive thru is still up and running and working really well. It has been a really big help for the employees who work in the front office.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

6. ORDINANCE

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2021-01 authorizing municipal participation in regulatory proceedings of ETI (Entergy Texas Inc.) at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2021

Mr. Fukuda read the caption of Ordinance No. 2021-01, thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10.

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-01 authorizing municipal participation in regulatory proceedings of ETI at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2021, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fields

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Ayes:

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harrington.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2021-02 ordering the City of Bridge City General Election to be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021

(La Consideración y la posibilidad de acción para Ordenanza No 2021-02 ordenando la Elección General en la Ciudad de Bridge City que tendrá cabo el sábado, el 1 de mayo del 2021)

Mr. Fukuda read the caption of Ordinance No. 2021-02, thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fields made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-02 ordering the City of Bridge City General Election to be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021, seconded by Council Member Fisette.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Ayes:

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harrington

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

(c) Consideration and possible action to amend Resolution No. 2019-15(R)

Council Member Reed made a motion to amend Resolution No. 2019-15(R), seconded by Council Mayor Pro-Tem Fields.

Mayor Rutledge told the City Council the Resolution had the wrong date, should have been 2021. Mr. Jones said when this was sent in, which is pertaining to the water well City Staff is working on, the amount included for the City that was being funded is incorrect. The City had to change the Resolution to the new amount. It is a formality to change numbers, and a large portion of this will be covered by additional funding.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Ayes:

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harrington

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of the December 1, 2020 City Council Meeting

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve the December 1, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Council Member Fisette.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Ayes:

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harrington.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve the Bill lists for November 2020 and December 2020

Mayor Pro-Tem Fields made a motion to approve the Bill lists for November 2020 and December 2020, seconded by Council Member Harbert.

Council Member Fisette said on the final half of the drive-thru, the \$22,959.85, she was able to get with Ms. Morgan, Director of Finance, and she said the City would be reimbursed by the CARES Grant. She said she was also looking at the parking lot striping and the direction signs and she ask if the City would be reimbursed for those as well.

Mr. Jones said the City has already received the funding, so we are not being reimbursed, the City is simply writing a check to cover that amount. The City has the money and both of those would be covered.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Ayes:

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harrington.

(c) Consideration and possible action to enter into a Joint Election Agreement Services Contract between Tina Barrow, Orange County Elections Administrator and the City of Bridge City, Texas to supervise and conduct the General Election to be held on May 1, 2021

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to enter into a Joint Election Agreement Services Contract between Tina Barrow, Orange County Elections Administrator and the City of Bridge City, Texas to supervise and conduct the General Election to be held on May 1, 2021, seconded by Council Member Reed.

Council Member Harbert asked Mayor Rutledge is there were any cost.

Mr. Jones said there was a cost, the last election was a little over \$4,000. He said the City is expecting the next election would be around the same cost of \$4,500 to \$5,000.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Ayes:

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harrington

(d) Consideration and possible action to extend the Emergency Declaration of Local Disaster for COVID-19

Council Member Harbert made a motion to extend the Emergency Declaration of Local Disaster for COVID-19, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fields.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Ayes:

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harrington.

(e) Consideration and possible action to extend the Emergency Declaration of Local Disaster for Hurricane Laura

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Votes were orally given as follows:

Ayes:

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harrington.

8. ADJOURN

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m., seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fields.

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 Gauthier	Yes

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harrington.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary