

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

## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

### CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

April 20, 2021

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at the City Hall of Bridge City, 260 Rachal, Bridge City, Texas.

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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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 Fisette  
 Council Member Danny Harrington  
 Council Member Terri Gauthier  
 Mayor Pro-Tem 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  
 Public Works Director Mike Lund  
 Utility Superintendent Mike Die

#### 2. **INVOCATION**

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Invocation given by City Attorney Paul Fukuda.

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

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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**

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Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve the agenda, 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 Reed, Fisetto, Harrington, Gauthier.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Harbert.

### **5. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION:**

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#### **(a) Presentation of Proclamation declaring April 2021 as "Fair Housing Month"**

Mayor Rutledge read the proclamation (Attachment No. 1). Mayor Rutledge explained no one was in attendance to accept the proclamation.

### **6. REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM:**

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#### **(a) City Manager**

**City Manager Jerry Jones** had the following report for Council:

1. Generators – City Staff has been working on these for the Public Works Building and City Hall. There was a slight delay and will be a couple of more weeks before staff gets started on these.
2. Meter Change Out – the Contractors changed out about 215 out of the 2,000, so they are really making progress.

#### **(b) City Council**

**Council Member Carl Harbert**

Absent.

**Council Member Mike Reed**

None.

**Council Member Tammi Fisetto** said she would like to remind City Council of the workshop they will be having after the Election. Council Member Fisetto said she would like to get some

thoughts. She asked the Mayor a couple of months ago about City Council having a workshop to discuss some ideas, just Council sit around and talk to each other and come up with some ideas on anything that any of us might have to improve this year. Council Member Fisetta said communication is big on her list. She said she has talked to Mike Lund about several things. She said she talked to Mr. Lund about getting text to the City Council Members so when they receive phone calls from the citizens, they can tell them right off the bat it's just Sonic and Whataburger, it is not city wide. Council Member Fisetta said for such as a boil water notice. She said anything the City Council can do to help out and they will not have to run around and find something. If you do not mind, just be thinking about anything you think could help. She said she believed it will be after the elections.

Mayor Rutledge said that is the earliest they could do it.

Council Member Fisetta also said on Texas Avenue in front of Whataburger, the section that was re-done, now it seems to be getting further back. She asked if City Staff has communicated to the State on that and is there anything being done in that area.

Mr. Jones said it has been called in several times. He said it is doing the same thing it had done before they fixed it the last time, it is starting to wrinkle again. Mr. Jones said it is caused by the trucks coming up and putting on the brakes, because there is so much weight it slides the asphalt. He said it is a problem they would have to correct.

***Council Member Danny Harrington***

None.

***Council Member Gauthier***

None.

***Mayor Pro-Tem Lucy Fields*** said she was asked by a citizen about the fire hydrants on the property at Sunnyside well, what was going to happen with those, what is the City doing with them.

Mr. Jones said City Staff has not decided what they would do with them. He said they are old and are not operable, so they may be scrap iron.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fields said a couple of people were wanting them to paint for decorations.

Mr. Jones said he would get back with her after he talks with City Staff.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fields said she was approached and was asked what type of overlay was going on FM 1442. She said she knew it was a state highway, but does the City know or have any idea.

Mr. Jones said that is a State Highway, but he understood it would be hot mix. Mr. Jones said the State has not given City Staff no information on that job.

**(c) City Staff Report**

None.

**City Attorney Paul Fukuda**

None.

**(d) Mayor**

**Mayor David Rutledge had the following report:**

None.

## **7. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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**Kristen Placette**

**8012 Eyrie Drive**

**Port Arthur, TX 77642**

Ms. Placette said she was there to award to two gentlemen with the “Employee of the Month”. She said they did some hard work during the freeze back in February, they were nominated back then. We have had some scheduling conflicts, and we are here today to honor them. She said the two recipients are Mike Lund and Mike Die. She said she would read a little bit about them. She said Mike Lund graduated from Bridge City High School in 1995 and went to work for the City of Bridge City shortly afterwards. In his twenty-six years of service with the City, Mike has worked his way up to Director of Public Works. She said he holds a Class A Water License, a Class A Wastewater License and Plumbing Inspector License. Lund is a past president and currently a coach for the Bridge City Little Dribblers. Mike has been married for 18 years and has two children who attends Bridge City schools. Mike Die graduated from Bridge City in 1994, and he accepted employment with the City of Bridge City in 2005. In his 16 years of service with the City, Mike has worked his way up to Utility Superintendent. He holds a Class A Water License, a Class A Wastewater License and Plumbing Inspector License. Mike has been married for 16 years and has four children and one granddaughter. Both of Mike’s sons are currently serving in the Army National Guard. Mike is also involved with FFA activities with his youngest daughter, Rory. Ms. Placette said the Bridge City Ambassadors, they were both nominated at one of their meetings back in February, and we are here to honor them today. She said before she has them come and give them their gift baskets, she wanted everyone to know what the City’s gracious businesses have donated for these guys. She said the cup and flashlight is from COS Printing, gift cards from Sabine Federal Credit Union for \$25 each, blue tote from Bridge City Bank, tool kit from Ohain Web.com, koozie and office goodies from Karen Collier of Edward Jones, koozie from Orange EDC, lanyard from BEST Hospice Care, koozie from Capital Financial Group, pen from Neches Credit Union, G-Shock Watches from Matthews Jewelers in Orange. She said congratulations to those guys, please come up and take photos.

## **8. RESOLUTIONS**

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**(a) *Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2021-06(R) adopting the City of Bridge City residential homestead exemptions for the 2021 tax year***

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2021-06(R).

Councilmember Gauthier made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-06(R) adopting the City of Bridge City residential homestead exemptions for the 2021 tax year, 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, Councilmembers Reed, Fissette, Harrington, and Gauthier.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Harbert.

**(b) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2021-07(R) Resolution authorizing the submittal of a 2021/22 TxCDBG application, committing matching funds, and designating authorized signatories for contractual, environmental, and financial documents.**

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2021-07(R).

Mayor Pro-Tem Fields made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-07(R) authorizing the submittal of a 2021-2022 TxCDBG application, committing matching funds, and designating authorized signatories for contractual, environmental and financial documents, seconded by Council Member Harrington.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Ayes:** Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fields, Councilmembers Reed, Fissette, Harrington, and Gauthier.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Harbert.

**(c) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2021-08(R) accepting the construction completion of the flushing valve replacement project (TWDB DWSRF 62815) by BDS Constructors, LLC DBA MK Constructors in compliance with Texas Water Development Board drinking water state revolving funds**

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2021-08(R).

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-08(R) accepting the construction completion of the flushing valve replacement project by BDS Constructors, LLC DBA MK Constructors in compliance with Texas Water Development Board drinking water state revolving funds, seconded by Council Member Reed.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Ayes:** Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fields, Councilmembers Reed, Fisetite, Harrington, and Gauthier.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Harbert.

**(d) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2021-09(R) accepting the construction completion of the manhole replacement project (TWDB CWSRF 73811) by Norman Highway Constructors, INC in compliance with Texas Water Development Board clean water state revolving funds**

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2021-09(R).

Council Member Fisetite made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-09(R) accepting the construction completion of the manhole replacement project by Norman Highway Constructors, Inc in compliance with Texas Water Development Board clean water state revolving funds, 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, Councilmembers Reed, Fisetite, Harrington, and Gauthier.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Harbert.

**9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION**

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**(a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes for the April 6, 2021 City Council Meeting**

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2021 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 Fields, Council Members Reed, Fisetite, Harrington and Gauthier.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Harbert.

**(b) Consideration and possible action to approve the City bills for the month of March 2021**

Council Member Reed made a motion to approve the City bills for the month of March 2021, 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, Fisette, Harrington and Gauthier.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Harbert.

*(c) Consideration and possible action to consider the award of the construction contract for TxCDBG (Texas Community Development Block Grant) No. 7219050 to the lowest responsible bidder to submit a complete bid packet, Jet Aeration, in the amount of \$241,380.50 and committing an additional in-kind contribution of \$21,380.50 to the project*

Mayor Pro-Tem Fields made a motion to award the construction contract for TxCDBG No. 7219050 to the lowest responsible bidder to submit a complete bid packet, Jet Aeration, in the amount of \$241,380.50 and committing an additional in-kind contribution of \$21,380.50 to the project, seconded by Council Member Reed

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**

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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, Fisette, Harrington and Gauthier.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Harbert.

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David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary