

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

## AGENDA

### CITY OF BRIDGE CITY



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

6:00 PM

City Hall Council

Chambers 260 Rachal

Bridge City TX 77611

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. PUBLIC HEARING

(a) City Council to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed ad valorem tax rate for the 2021 tax year for the City of Bridge City, Texas, levied as follows:

\$0.16374 per \$100.00 valuation - Debt Service Rate (Interest and Sinking)

\$0.35995 per \$100.00 valuation - Maintenance and Operations Rate

\$0.52369 per \$100.00 valuation - Total Tax Rate

6. REPORTS & COMMENTS FROM:

(a) City Manager

(b) City Council

(c) City Staff

(d) Mayor

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS

*At this time comments will be taken from citizens on subject matters not on the agenda. All comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes for each speaker as adopted in the City of Bridge City Council Decorum and Procedures*

*Policy. As noted in the Texas Open Meetings Act no deliberation of or decision about a subject not included on the current meeting notice shall be allowed by Council. Your comments are appreciated and will be forwarded to staff.*

**8. ORDINANCE**

- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2021-10 adopting and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the 2021 tax year for the City of Bridge City, Texas as follows: 4  
  
\$0.16375 per \$100.00 valuation - Debt Service Rate (Interest and Sinking)  
\$0.35995 per \$100.00 valuation - Maintenance and Operations Rate  
\$0.52369 per \$100.00 valuation - Total Tax Rate
  
- (b) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2021-11 amending Ordinance No. 90-2 and Exhibit "A" of Ordinance Nos. 03-04, 05-07, 2013-04, 2015-09 and 2018-16 by increasing sewer, water, and garbage rates 7

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

- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes for the August 17, 2021 City Council Meeting 20
  
- (b) Consideration and possible action to approve the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by resolution LJA Engineering for grant engineering services in conjunction with an application (*if applicable*) of funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide application preparation and project implementation, if awarded. 29

**10. ADJOURN**

**AGENDA POSTING CERTIFICATION:** I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the September 7, 2021, Agenda of items to be considered by the City Council of Bridge City was posted on the City of Bridge City Bulletin Board located at City Hall, 260 Rachal, at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 3, 2021.

*/s/Jeanie McDowell*

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JEANIE MCDOWELL, CITY SECRETARY

**EXECUTIVE SESSION STATEMENT:** The City Council of Bridge City reserves the right to adjourn into a Closed Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Chapter 551 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), Section 551.073 (Deliberations Regarding Gifts and Donations), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and Section 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations).

**NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE:** Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting are requested to contact the City Secretary's office 48 hours in advance of the meeting at 409.735.6801 and reasonable accommodations will be made for assistance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THAT ALL APPLICABLE STATE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH AND FIXING AND LEVYING MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

WHEREAS, the CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, has complied with all statutes of the State of Texas, including but not limited to Sections 26.04, 26.05, and 26.06 of the Tax Code of the State of Texas as well as the Home Rule Charter of the CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS:**

Section 1: There is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the (A) payment of principal and interest on bonds and other evidences of indebtedness, and (B) to provide maintenance and operating expenditures for the municipal government of the CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022, upon all property, real, personal, or mixed, within the corporate limits of the said city, subject to taxation not exempt from taxation, a tax of \$0.52369 cents on each ONE HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$100.00) DOLLARS valuation of property, at ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) market value, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes herein set forth:

<b>SECTION A:</b>	Payment of Principal and Interest on	
	Bonds and Other Evidences of Indebtedness:	\$0.16374
<b>SECTION B:</b>	Maintenance and Operating Expenditures:	\$0.35995

The tax herein levied shall be collected by the County of Orange Tax Assessor/Collector, acting as a tax collector for the CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, at the same time as the taxes for the County of Orange are collected for the year 2021.

**THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR’S TAX RATE.**

**THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 2.81 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-24.75.**

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage by the City Council of the CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS.

**SECTION “A” PASSED** by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021, at the regular meeting of the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, as follows:

<i>Please sign under your name &amp; initial under your vote</i>	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
MAYOR DAVID RUTLEDGE			
MAYOR PRO-TEM AARON ROCCAFORTE			
COUNCIL MEMBER MIKE REED			
COUNCIL MEMBER TAMMI FISETTE			
COUNCIL MEMBER DANNY HARRINGTON			
COUNCIL MEMBER TERRI GAUTHIER			
COUNCIL MEMBER LUCY FIELDS			

**SECTION "B"** PASSED by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021, at the regular meeting of the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, as follows:

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COUNCIL MEMBER MIKE REED			
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DAVID RUTLEDGE, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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JEANIE MCDOWELL, City Secretary

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PAUL M. FUKUDA, City Attorney

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-11**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1.02 OF ORDINANCE 90-2 AND EXHIBIT "A" OF ORDINANCE NO. 03-04, ORDINANCE NO. 05-07, ORDINANCE NO. 2013-04, ORDINANCE NO. 2015-09 AND ORDINANCE NO. 2018-16 OF THE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS:**

That Section 1.02 of Ordinance No. 90-2 and "Exhibit A" of Ordinance No. 03-04, Ordinance No. 05-07, Ordinance No. 2013-04, Ordinance No. 2015-09 and Ordinance 2018-16 of the City of Bridge City, Texas, is hereby amended as per Exhibit "A" (Inside City Limits) and Exhibit "B" (Outside City Limits), attached hereto, and made part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

If any section or subsection, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this Ordinance shall be found illegal, invalid, or void by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then such findings shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, but the same shall be valid and in effect, it being the expressed intention of the City Council of the CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, to pass each sentence, clause, paragraph, section, or exhibit individually.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage by the City Council of the CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS,**  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

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DAVID RUTLEDGE, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JEANIE MCDOWELL, City Secretary

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PAUL M. FUKUDA, City Attorney

# **Inside City Limits Utility Rates**

Effective 10/01/21 (10/31/21 Billing)

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY  
WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE RATES  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GALLONS (In 1,000's)	WATER	SEWER	GARBAGE	GARBAGE SALES TAX	STREET RECONSTRUCT	WATER/SEWER MAINTENANCE	TOTAL
0 - 2 (Minimum)	13.00	13.65	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	58.19
3	16.50	17.30	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	65.34
4	20.00	20.95	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	72.49
5 (Average)	23.50	24.60	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	79.64
6	27.00	28.25	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	86.79
7	30.50	31.90	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	93.94
8	34.00	35.55	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	101.09
9	37.50	39.20	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	108.24
10	41.00	42.85	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	115.39
11	44.50	46.50	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	122.54
12	48.00	50.15	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	129.69
13	51.50	53.80	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	136.84
14	55.00	57.45	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	143.99
15	58.50	61.10	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	151.14
16	62.00	64.75	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	158.29
17	65.50	68.40	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	165.44
18	69.00	72.05	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	172.59
19	72.50	75.70	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	179.74
20	76.00	79.35	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	186.89
21	79.50	83.00	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	194.04
22	83.00	86.65	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	201.19
23	86.50	90.30	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	208.34
24	90.00	93.95	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	215.49
25	93.50	97.60	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	222.64

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY  
WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE RATES  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GALLONS (In 1,000's)	WATER	SEWER	GARBAGE	GARBAGE SALES TAX	STREET RECONSTRUCT	WATER/SEWER MAINTENANCE	TOTAL
26	97.00	101.25	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	229.79
27	100.50	104.90	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	236.94
28	104.00	108.55	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	244.09
29	107.50	112.20	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	251.24
30	111.00	115.85	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	258.39
31	114.50	119.50	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	265.54
32	118.00	123.15	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	272.69
33	121.50	126.80	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	279.84
34	125.00	130.45	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	286.99
35	128.50	134.10	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	294.14
36	132.00	137.75	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	301.29
37	135.50	141.40	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	308.44
38	139.00	145.05	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	315.59
39	142.50	148.70	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	322.74
40	146.00	152.35	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	329.89
41	149.50	156.00	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	337.04
42	153.00	159.65	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	344.19
43	156.50	163.30	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	351.34
44	160.00	166.95	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	358.49
45	163.50	170.60	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	365.64
46	167.00	174.25	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	372.79
47	170.50	177.90	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	379.94
48	174.00	181.55	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	387.09
49	177.50	185.20	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	394.24
50	181.00	188.85	21.75	1.79	4.00	4.00	401.39

**CITY OF BRIDGE CITY  
WATER AND SEWER RATES  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021**

**WATER RATES:**

**INSIDE CITY LIMITS:**

0 - 2,000 GALLONS (MINIMUM)-----	\$	13.00	
3,000 - 50,000 GALLONS-----	\$	3.50	PER 1,000
OVER 50,000 GALLONS-----	\$	3.50	PER 1,000

**OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS:**

**DOUBLE THE ABOVE INSIDE CITY LIMIT RATES.**

**SEWER RATES:**

**INSIDE CITY LIMITS:**

0 - 2,000 GALLONS (MINIMUM)-----	\$	13.65	
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**OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS:**

**DOUBLE THE ABOVE INSIDE CITY LIMIT RATES.**

**METER DEPOSIT:**

EACH METER.....	\$	125.00
IF TERMINATED MORE THAN 3 TIMES IN 1 YR.....	\$	150.00

**GARBAGE RATES**

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021**

	<b><u>GARBAGE FEE</u></b>	<b><u>SALES TAX</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
<b><u>RESIDENTIAL:</u></b>			
Inside of City Limits	21.75	1.79	23.54
Outside of City Limits	24.34	2.01	26.35
<b><u>COMMERCIAL:</u></b>			
Flat Rate	33.86	2.79	36.65
<b><u>EXTRA CART</u></b>	6.67	0.55	7.22
<b>SALES TAX BREAK-DOWN:</b>	6.25%	State Sales Tax	
	1.50%	City Sales Tax	
	<u>0.50%</u>	County Sales Tax	
	8.25%	Total Sales Tax	

**CITY OF BRIDGE CITY  
WATER AND SEWER RATES  
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**WATER TAPS:**

3/4 " Tap	\$	700.00
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2" Tap	\$	1,950.00
Over 2" Negotiated		

**SEWER TAPS:**

4" Tap	\$	600.00
6" Tap	\$	750.00

**MISC. FEES:**

Reread Fee - Charge if reread is correct	\$	15.00
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After Hours Fee - Non-Emergency	\$	50.00

**TAMPER FEES:**

Master Lock	\$	35.00
3/4 Locking Curb Stop	\$	30.00
3/4 Water Meter	\$	55.00
3/4 Meter Register	\$	50.00
Itron Antenna with Cable	\$	30.00
Itron Encoder	\$	135.00
Meter Box and Lid	\$	25.00
50 Foot Sewer Tape	\$	225.00
100 Foot Sewer Tape	\$	300.00

**3% fee on all credit card charges**

**USER FEES:**

Street Maintenance Fee	\$	4.00
Water / Sewer Maintenance Fee	\$	4.00

# **Outside City Limits Utility Rates**

Effective 10/01/21 (10/31/21 billing)

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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3	33.00	34.60	24.34	2.01		93.95
4	40.00	41.90	24.34	2.01		108.25
5	47.00	49.20	24.34	2.01		122.55
6 (Average)	54.00	56.50	24.34	2.01		136.85
7	61.00	63.80	24.34	2.01		151.15
8	68.00	71.10	24.34	2.01		165.45
9	75.00	78.40	24.34	2.01		179.75
10	82.00	85.70	24.34	2.01		194.05
11	89.00	93.00	24.34	2.01		208.35
12	96.00	100.30	24.34	2.01		222.65
13	103.00	107.60	24.34	2.01		236.95
14	110.00	114.90	24.34	2.01		251.25
15	117.00	122.20	24.34	2.01		265.55
16	124.00	129.50	24.34	2.01		279.85
17	131.00	136.80	24.34	2.01		294.15
18	138.00	144.10	24.34	2.01		308.45
19	145.00	151.40	24.34	2.01		322.75
20	152.00	158.70	24.34	2.01		337.05
21	159.00	166.00	24.34	2.01		351.35
22	166.00	173.30	24.34	2.01		365.65
23	173.00	180.60	24.34	2.01		379.95
24	180.00	187.90	24.34	2.01		394.25
25	187.00	195.20	24.34	2.01		408.55

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY  
WATER AND SEWER (OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS)  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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26	194.00	202.50	24.34	2.01		422.85
27	201.00	209.80	24.34	2.01		437.15
28	208.00	217.10	24.34	2.01		451.45
29	215.00	224.40	24.34	2.01		465.75
30	222.00	231.70	24.34	2.01		480.05
31	229.00	239.00	24.34	2.01		494.35
32	236.00	246.30	24.34	2.01		508.65
33	243.00	253.60	24.34	2.01		522.95
34	250.00	260.90	24.34	2.01		537.25
35	257.00	268.20	24.34	2.01		551.55
36	264.00	275.50	24.34	2.01		565.85
37	271.00	282.80	24.34	2.01		580.15
38	278.00	290.10	24.34	2.01		594.45
39	285.00	297.40	24.34	2.01		608.75
40	292.00	304.70	24.34	2.01		623.05
41	299.00	312.00	24.34	2.01		637.35
42	306.00	319.30	24.34	2.01		651.65
43	313.00	326.60	24.34	2.01		665.95
44	320.00	333.90	24.34	2.01		680.25
45	327.00	341.20	24.34	2.01		694.55
46	334.00	348.50	24.34	2.01		708.85
47	341.00	355.80	24.34	2.01		723.15
48	348.00	363.10	24.34	2.01		737.45
49	355.00	370.40	24.34	2.01		751.75
50	362.00	377.70	24.34	2.01		766.05

**CITY OF BRIDGE CITY  
WATER AND SEWER RATES  
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**OUTSIDE RATES**

**WATER RATES:**

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<b>AARON ROCCAFORTE</b> <i>Mayor Pro-Tem/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>Council Member, Place 6</i>

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

### CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

**August 17, 2021**

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 17, 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  
 Mayor Pro-Tem Aaron Roccaforte  
 Council Member Mike Reed  
 Council Member Tammi Fisette  
 Council Member Danny Harrington  
 Council Member 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 Kim Tucker  
 Public Works Director Mike Lund  
 Utility Superintendent Mike Die

#### **2. INVOCATION**

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Invocation given by City Attorney 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 Reed made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Fields.

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

#### **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

### **5. PUBLIC HEARING**

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**(a) City Council to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed 2021-2022 Budget for the City of Bridge City, Texas via telephone conference**

***“This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$218,075, which is an 10.61%, and of that amount \$86,171 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. The 2021 property is tax rate is a 3.12% decrease from last year's rate.”***

After reading Agenda Item 5(a) Mayor Rutledge opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. Mayor Rutledge asked twice if there were any questions or comments on this budget.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

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

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**(a) City Manager**

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

1. Local Acquisition Program – the City had 5 people who qualified to use this program. He said one or two have decided not to use the program, but the City could have up to 8 or 9. He said the application period is back open until October 15, 2021. He said this

program is available for anyone who has had flooding problems or is in a low area and would like to get out of it. He said with this the program the City does not lose the property; they would have an appraisal done on the property and give the people a fair market value for their home. He said the structure would be torn down, the lot would be levelled and then can be sold. He said anything built on the lot must meet the new flood plain height requirements.

Mayor Rutledge asked Mr. Jones if the City could post and get the word out that the application process is re-opened.

Mr. Jones said the County is doing the same as the City. Mr. Jones said the City would get advertising out to the citizens.

Ms. Morgan, Finance Director told the Mayor the flyer and application are on the website.

Council Member Fields asked Mr. Jones if the City had any applications approved at this point.

Mr. Jones said the City had five that were pre-approved. He said he knew for sure one applicant had backed out. He said he would contact those five to make sure they were still interested.

Mike Lund reported:

1. Yard line replacement – the contractors have completed 42 out of 125, but the weather has slowed the project down and the City was having an issue with the locate company. The contractors were still on time for the completion of the project.
2. Generators – the transfer switches are in; the plumbers have completed their part of the job. Dewayne was out looking at the transfer switches and getting everything ready to install them. He said he would schedule Centerpoint to install the gas line. He said he would like to get this project completed before a hurricane.
3. Street construction project – 2 out 3 streets were completed. The headwalls on Franklin have not been completed, but the contractors said it would be two to three weeks before completion. Upon completion of the headwalls City Staff would clean up the area and then the contractors would pave the street.

Mr. Jones told the Mayor the City had a little movement on the Sunnyside well project. He said the engineers were near completion of the plans to get approval from the State. He said there would be an item on the agenda to hire the Grant Administrator for the \$1M grant to be used at the Roberts well.

**(b) City Council**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte**

None.

**Council Member Mike Reed**

None.

**Council Member Tammi Fisette** asked if two of the three streets had been completed. She said she went down all three streets this weekend. She asked if Professional Drive and Gary Street had a topcoat on them. She said it almost looked as if they were not complete.

Mr. Lund said they were complete.

Council Member Fisette said on Gary Street across from Acadian, right behind their building, left hand side of the street, there was a pothole holding water.

Mr. Lund said he would look at it.

**Council Member Danny Harrington**

None.

**Council Member Gauthier**

None.

**Council Member Lucy Fields**

None.

**(c) City Staff Report**

None.

**City Attorney Paul Fukuda** said he attended the TML Legal Conference and received good information. He said he was a little frustrated trying to get an exchange for the City's water with Waterwood and Regal Pointe. The lawyer for Orangefield said they were wanting to do it, but she is not moving forward with it. He said it is being worked on and will only work if both sides would work.

**(d) Mayor**

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

None.

**7. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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**Kenneth Prosperie**  
**819 Sunnyside**

He said TXDOT is out there trying to clean up some of the City's storm drains. He said he hopes the City can stay with them or get ahead of them, because the storm drains from where they are going crosses the road to Walgreens. He said there are two pipes that go under Texas Aveune from the Mobile station crosses over to Walgreens and goes into that ditch which is East Roundbunch. He said East Roundbunch runs down to David Street where there is an outfall ditch and that is where the water is heading to that outfall ditch. He said he walked it and looked at it and there were a lot of places the grade is terrible. He said it is like a foot, two foot higher. He said there were a lot of issues kind of like this, he showed City Council pictures,

you see a big pipe and that looks nice, but half of the pipe is almost closed in. He said that is not getting full flow. He said you will be getting a lot of water coming from the intersection and heading this way, towards David Street. He said this picture will not show a lot because it is hard to tell, but if you notice the ground the water is going this way it would have to go up a foot and a half. He said he tried to take a picture so the Council could see where it was going to have to go up a foot and a half. He said it is supposed to be graded down towards David Street. He said what he is trying to say... the guys have been out there mowing that is a good sign, he loved to see that. He said Richard and his guy's Mike Chesson is doing a good job and Kevin is on a tractor also, so the City had two tractors running. He said it makes a world of a difference, people don't realize all the stuff in the ditches, and it gets stopped up the water can't get out fast enough. When the City gets these heavy rains and of course this is basically plugged up stuff like you always see. He showed the Council a picture and said this is down East Roundbunch going down to David Street, he is showing the City Council pictures not that... and then you have people do stuff like this. He said this is the things he doesn't understand he doesn't know who is letting them do this or if this is something that was okayed, but they are putting corrugated pipe on another pipe. He said this would slow the water flow down putting in the wrong size is what they are doing. He said the main one he wanted to show the Council is this a perfect example, he said he knows they have all seen this if they have been down East Roundbunch, this guy is spraying round up, he said it is mud and they can't get in there with a weed eater. He said what happens is the pipe would collapse and the side that collapsed encloses in the ditch, so there is no grade, this water is supposed to be going this way and you see where it is sitting, Mr. Fukuda told Mr. Prosperie his 3 minutes are up.

## **8. ORDINANCE**

**(a) *Remove from table - Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2021-06 allowing certain employees with the City who have terminated previous memberships in the TMRS System to deposit the sums so withdrawn plus annual withdrawal charges***

Mr. Fukuda read the caption only of Ordinance No. 2021-06, thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10.

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte made a motion to remove from the table and approve Ordinance No. 2021-06 allowing certain employees with the City who have terminated previous memberships in the TMRS System to deposit the sums so withdrawn plus annual withdrawal charges, seconded by Council Member Harrington.

After discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

### **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** Council Member Fisetette.

**Absent:** None.

**9. RESOLUTIONS**

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**(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2021-15(R) adopting the proposed 2021-2022 Budget for the City of Bridge City, Texas**

Mr. Fukuda read the entirety of Resolution No. 2021-15(R), adopting the proposed budget.

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-15(R) adopting the proposed 2021-2022 Budget, seconded by Council Member Harrington.

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 Roccaforte	Yes
Council Member Reed	Yes
Council Member Fisette	Yes
Council Member Harrington	Yes
Council Member Gauthier	Yes
Council Member Fields	Yes

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**(b) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2021-16(R) authorizing signatories for the City's CDBG-DR Contract No. 20-065-153-C929**

Mr. Fukuda read the entirety of Resolution No. 2021-16(R), authorizing signatories for the City's CDBG-DR.

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-16(R) authorizing signatories for the City's CDBG-DR Contract No. 20-065-153-C929, seconded by Council Member Fields.

After discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**(c) Consideration and possible action to approve the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by Resolution No. 2021-17(R) to Traylor & Associates for grant administration services in conjunction with an application (if applicable) of funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide project administration and project-related management services, if awarded**

Mr. Fukuda read the entirety of Resolution No. 2021-17(R), approving the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award to Traylor & Associates for grant administration services.

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by Resolution No. 2021-17(R) to Traylor & Associates for grant administration services in conjunction with an application of funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide project administration and project-related management services, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

After discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

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

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**(a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes for the following meetings:**

***July 21, 2021 City Council Special Meeting***

***July 26, 2021 City Council Special Meeting***

***July 27, 2021 City Council Special Meeting***

***August 3, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting***

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve the following minutes: July 21, 2021 City Council Special Meeting, July 26, 2021 City Council Special Meeting, July 27, 2021 City Council Special Meeting and August 3, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting, 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 Roccaforte, Council Members Reed, Fisette, Harrington, Gauthier, and Fields.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte made a motion to approve City bills for the month of July 2021, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

***(c) Consideration and possible action authorizing the Mayor to sign the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission Mutual Aid Agreement***

Council Member Harrington made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission Mutual Aid Agreement, seconded by Council Member Fields.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member.

***(d) Consideration and possible action to award a bid for the Waterwood Ground Storage Tank Project to American Tank Company, Inc in the amount of \$96,250***

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte made a motion to award a bid for the Waterwood Ground Storage Tank Project to American Tank Company, Inc in the amount of \$96,250, seconded by Council Member Reed.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**9. ADJOURN**

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Council Member Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 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 Roccaforte, Council Members Reed, Fisetite, Harrington, Gauthier, and Fields.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

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David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary



# Memorandum

*From*  
*City of Bridge City, Director of Finance*

August 31, 2021

To: The City of Bridge City City Council  
From: The Vendor Evaluation/Review Committee

The Evaluation/Review Committee reviewed four (4) Engineering firms Request for Qualifications information packets to award the Engineering Services for the American Recovery Program Act – Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Grant. The RFQ's are on file if Council would like to review.

The Evaluation/Review Committee would like to recommend that the City Council award the Engineering Services Contract of the American Recovery Program Act - CLFRF Grant to LJA Engineering.

LJA ENgineering has worked for the City on many projects and has worked very well with the staff and knows the City infrastructure as well as the funding entities that the grants were issued through.

A copy of this meetings minutes will be attached as verification of award.



# SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>August 29</i>	<i>August 30</i>	<i>August 31</i>	1	2	3	4
5	6  <i>City Hall closed for holiday!!</i>	7  6:00 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL MEETING	8	9	10	11
12	13  <i>Happy Birthday Karen Morgan!!</i>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21  6:00 p.m. COUNCIL MEETING	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	<i>October 1</i>	<i>October 2</i>