

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

6:00 PM

City Hall Council

Chambers260 Rachal

Bridge City TX 77611

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1

5. 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.

6. REPORTS & COMMENTS FROM:

- (a) City Manager
- (b) City Council
- (c) City Staff
- (d) Mayor

7. ORDINANCES

- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2021-03 ordering the City of Bridge City General Election to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022

3

(La Consideración y la posibilidad de acción para Ordenanza No 2022-03 ordenando la

Elección General en la Ciudad de Bridge City que tendrá cabo el sábado, el 7 de mayo del 2022)

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

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

January 11, 2022 Special and Executive Council Meeting	6
January 18, 2022 Regular Council Meeting	9
January 24, 2022 Special Council Meeting	15

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Port Security Grant Program between the City of Bridge City and SETRPC 18

(c) Consideration and possible action to nominate a Council Member to serve as the City Liaison on the Fire Department’s Pension Committee

9. ADJOURN

AGENDA POSTING CERTIFICATION: I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the February 1, 2022, 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 4:10 a.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2022.

/s/ Jeanie McDowell

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. 2022-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, ORDERING THE GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR THE DATE, HOURS, BALLOT, EARLY VOTING CLERK AND NOTICE OF ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE LOCATION OF THE POLLING PLACE, AND DESIGNATING THE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY AS ONE VOTING PRECINCT; MAKING FINDINGS RELATED THERETO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter of the City of Bridge City, Texas, the Texas Election Code of the State of Texas, and the City Council of Bridge City, Texas hereby orders a General Election to be held in the City of Bridge City, Texas on Saturday, May 7, 2022 to elect a Mayor (At-Large) and City Council Member Place 2 (At-Large), City Council Member Place 4 (At-Large), and City Council Member Place 6 (At-Large);

WHEREAS, the City Secretary is directed to give notice of the time and place of said election by publishing an order of election in a newspaper of general circulation in this City not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the election, in accordance with Chapter 4 of the Texas Election Code.

WHEREAS, all ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code. Optical Scan ballots shall be used for early voting by mail and the ExpressVote Voting System in conjunction with Optical Scan Ballots shall be used for early voting by personal appearance and voting on Election Day, both of which are part of the ExpressVote Voting System. The City Council hereby adopts for use in early voting and election day the ExpressVote Voting System as approved by the Secretary of State.

WHEREAS, for the purpose of said election and in accordance with Article VI, as amended, of the City Charter of the City of Bridge City, Texas, there is hereby created one (1) precinct for said election, only those persons who are residents of the City of Bridge City, Texas, and are eligible voters shall vote in said election;

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

SECTION 1. There shall be a General Election in the City of Bridge City, Texas on 7th day of May 2022.

SECTION 2. Said election shall be conducted at the following locations:

Box 24	Bridge City High School	2690 Texas Ave, Bridge City, TX 77611
Box 25	Bridge City Public Works Building	220 Nitsche, Bridge City, TX 77611
Box 26	Bridge City Knights of Columbus	495 W. Roundbunch, Bridge City, TX 77611
Box 28	St. Paul Methodist Church	1155 W. Roundbunch, Bridge City, TX 77611

and shall be held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., in accordance with Section 41.031 of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 3. At said election there shall be elected the Mayor and three Council Members to serve a term of office for two (2) years. The candidate who shall have received the greatest number of votes for any office cast in such election shall be declared elected.

SECTION 4. The ballot for such election shall be in the form prescribed by statute and the said election shall be conducted in compliance with the Election Code of the State of Texas. The City Council hereby adopts for use in Early Voting and Election Day voting the ExpressVote Voting System that permits voters with physical disabilities (blindness) to cast a secret ballot. The City of Bridge City will provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place in compliance with the above stated laws. The ExpressVote Voting System shall be leased from Orange County in a separate Agreement. Any person desiring his/her name to appear on the official ballot of said General Election may do so by e-mail, fax or in person between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, and ending on Friday, February 18, 2022.

SECTION 5. The City has executed a Joint Election Agreement Services Contract with Orange County and the Orange County Elections Administrator to conduct early voting and election day voting. The Orange County Elections Administrator shall serve as the early voting clerk and shall conduct early voting.

LaDonna Alford, Early Voting Clerk
Orange County Elections Administration
123 S. Sixth Street
Orange, Texas 77630
Telephone Number: 409-882-7973
Email Address: orangecountyelecitions@yahoo.com
Website Address: <https://www.co.orange.tx.us/departments/ElectionsAdministration>

City of Bridge City Website Address: www.bridgecitytex.com

Early voting shall be conducted at the following locations:

Orange Public Library (Main Location)
220 N. 5th St. – Orange, Texas 77630

Orange County Airport
2640 S. Hwy. 87 – Orange, TX 77630

Mauriceville Community Center
7441 Cohenour Rd. – Orange, TX 77632

Raymond Gould Community Center
385 Claiborne – Vidor, TX 77662

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted Monday, April 25, 2022 through Friday, April 29, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Monday, May 2, 2022 through Tuesday, May 3, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. The City appoints the election judges as named by the Orange County Elections Administrator for the May 7, 2022 Orange County Constitutional Amendment Election.

Ballot applications to be voted by mail are to be sent to the office of the Elections Administrator. The deadline for receiving ballot by mail applications is the close of business on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

SECTION 6. Notice of said election shall be published in the official newspaper of the City of Bridge City, Texas, such publication to be not less than thirty (30) days before the day of said election; provided that this order shall serve as the election notice to be so published.

SECTION 7. 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 expressed intention of the City Council of the CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, to pass each sentence, clause, paragraph, section, or exhibit individually.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, this 1st day of February 2022.

DAVID RUTLEDGE, Mayor

AARON ROCCAFORTE, Mayor Pro-Tem

MIKE REED, Council Member, Place 2

TAMMI FISSETTE, Council Member, Place 3

DANNY HARRINGTON, Council Member, Place 4

TERRI GAUTHIER, Council Member, Place 5

RICHARD SAVOY, Council Member, Place 5

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

JEANIE MCDOWELL, City Secretary

PAUL FUKUDA, City Attorney

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

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AND EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

January 11, 2022

The City Council of Bridge City met in a special session and an executive session on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 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

Mayor Pro-Tem Aaron Roccaforte - present by video conferencing for the Executive Session only

Council Member Mike Reed

Council Member Tammi Fisetto

Council Member Danny Harrington

Council Member Terri Gauthier

Council Member Richard Savoy

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Secretary Jeanie McDowell

City Attorney Paul Fukuda

Personnel/Purchasing Director Kim Tucker

2. INVOCATION

Invocation given by Council Member Tammi Fisetto.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Reed, Fisetta, Harrington, Gauthier, and Savoy.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte.

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

CITY COUNCIL TO GO INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR THE FOLLOWING SECTION:

- (a) Section 551.074. Personnel Matters – to continue to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of the City Manager including interviewing candidates and discussing interview results and possible selection of a candidate*

Mayor Rutledge opened the executive session at 6:02 p.m. to continue deliberating the selection process for the City Manager including discussing interview results and contract terms.

6. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

- (a) City Council will reconvene into open session for possible discussion and/or possible action regarding Item 5(a) above.*

Mayor Rutledge reconvened the Council Meeting into open session at 7:22 p.m.

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to authorize Mayor Rutledge to negotiate with the candidate or candidates for the position of the City Manager, seconded by Council Member Harrington.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Reed, Fisetta, Harrington, Gauthier, and Savoy.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte.

7. ADJOURN

Council Member Savoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m., seconded by Council Member Harrington.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Reed, Fisetta, Harrington, Gauthier, and Savoy.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

DRAFT

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

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

January 18, 2022

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 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
 Mayor Pro-Tem Aaron Roccaforte
 Council Member Mike Reed
 Council Member Tammi Fisette
 Council Member Danny Harrington
 Council Member Terri Gauthier
 Council Member Richard Savoy

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
 City Attorney Paul Fukuda
 Finance Director Karen Morgan
 Personnel/Purchasing Director Kim Tucker
 Public Works Director Mike Lund
 Chief Tod McDowell
 Community Development Coordinator Natalie Pruitt

2. INVOCATION

Invocation given by City Attorney Paul Fukuda.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte 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 Roccaforte, Council Members Reed, Fisette, Harrington, Gauthier and Savoy.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

5. REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM:

(a) City Manager

City Manager's report for Council was given by Mike Lund:

Mike Lund reported:

1. Groundwater storage tanks – the contractors are preparing the groundwork for the foundation. He said the contractors dug it and are laying good materials in preparation for pouring the foundation.
2. Manholes on East Roundbunch – received the three bids, he will discuss the bids with Mike Die, Utility Superintendent. He said they are looking for a long-term fix.
3. House on Cherry –the demo work has begun.
4. Bore under Cow Bayou – received the clearance to bore under cow bayou from the Corp of Engineers. He said he is getting updated prices, since it has been so long.

(b.) City Council Report

Council Member Tammi Fisette said she received a call from the fire department, and they need a council volunteer to be a representative for their pension committee. She said they only meet once or twice a year and that is to go over numbers and make sure their members meet their quotas.

Mayor Rutledge said it would be on the next agenda.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge had the following report:

1. Council Member Terri Gauthier will be sworn in as the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission President on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at the Event Center in Beaumont at their annual meeting.

8. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Steven Hilton

4000 Candlewick, Orange, Texas

Mr. Hilton stated, "When someone picks a fight with the police department, the police always believes that person is crazy, have mental health problems, or unstable. I received a message on February 14, 2021, threatening me and I knew Brittany would never leave me alone until she pushed me to point of no return. I left her and she is angry. For the past year, I have destroyed my reputation by acting as if I'm crazy. The past year has been a set up. I always knew Brittany would have me arrested but just didn't know exactly how. I pushed the line, but I have never broke it. I'm a bad actor so I used alcohol to get my mission accomplished. Why have I done this because now if anything further happens, Bridge City Police Department can not say I'm mentally ill. Because now if anything further happens the Bridge City Police.... I have insured this and the Bridge City Police Department's specific Robert Bergeron has fallen in my trap. Now they will have to come up with some other excuse for persistent harassment. I have lost a lot of friends due to this act and I have lost them, but if I have lost them, they were never my friends to begin with. So, the problem I ran into with my plan, is I don't know when to stop. Uh, during the past year, I have displayed violent and unpredictable behavior. I have done this on purpose. I have done to keep the Bridge City Police Department unaware of my next move, so they have no clue of predicting what next, I'm going to do. I have kept this plan a complete secret and I told no one, not even my fiancé. I have done this so it could not be misconstrued as a conspiracy. The problem I ran into with my plan is I didn't know when to stop, when to cut off the act, when to return to normal, that's the problem I ran into. But I have heavily relied on the Lord and the Lord has me four guardian angels, my fiancé Aubrie McPherson, Rory Chapman and my best friend with the Chambers County Sheriff Barbara Bienvenu and Deputy County Sheriff Lane Mooney. Deputy Bienvenu and Sheriff Mooney and I talked and came to the conclusion, and I allowed them to protect me. Sheriff Mooney treated me with respect, care and showed me he would actually protect me. I am truly humbled by the generosity showed me by the most powerful law enforcement officer in Orange County, how I appreciate Sheriff Mooney for giving up his entire Saturday, January 8, 2022, other than by telling him many times thank you ... I am stopping my plan of destruction. I will not tarnish a badge which now because of Sheriff Mooney I feel the shine is bright to me. I will start to build my reputation and become the nice guy I have always wanted to be. I don't like what I have become but it was necessary case in point. Last month I was arrested for bond violation, simple for going to my best friend's funeral in Plano, Texas. Shawn was an idol to me, but demons caught up with him. I have had many friends that have committed suicide and his death hurt me bad. His funeral was on November 30, 2021. JP Simonton received a thick manilla envelope from Brittany Hilton and with numerous bond violations. I was arrested December 7, 2021, my bond doubled, and I spent roughly 6 hours in jail due to my ex-wife jailing me every time she

can. I'm calling a public truce because Sheriff Mooney and Deputy Bienvenu's kindness in a terrible situation. All I want to do is grieve without having to worry about going to jail due to my bitter ex-wife, who just happens to be a Bridge City Police Detective. I am truly happy with the life I have presently. I have wonderful friends, a great woman, a beautiful house, and a different outlook on life. I am taking my recent experience and I am going to turn it positive, but I need y'all's help. Please, please, please let me live at peace and without any more oppression. I feel oppressed and when I feel oppressed or harassed, I fight, and I don't give up. I am tired of fighting, but freedom is not free. I look oppressed in the eye and say is that all you got."

9. ORDINANCE

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2022-02 authorizing municipal participation in regulatory proceedings of ETI (Entergy Texas Inc.) at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2022

Mr. Fukuda read the caption only of Ordinance No. 2022-02, 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. 2022-02 authorizing municipal participation in regulatory proceedings of ETI at the PUC of Texas in 2022, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Aaron Roccaforte, Council Members Reed, Fissette, Harrington, Gauthier and Savoy.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

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

January 4, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

January 5, 2022 Special and Executive Council Meeting

January 6, 2022 Special and Executive Council Meeting

January 7, 2022 Special and Executive Council Meeting

January 8, 2022 Special and Executive Council Meeting

Council Member Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, January 5, 2022 Special and Executive Council Meeting, January 6, 2022 Special and Executive Council Meeting, January 7, 2022 Special and Executive Council Meeting, and January 8, 2022 Special and Executive Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Savoy.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve the Bill list for December 2021

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve the bill list for December 2021, seconded by Council Member Reed.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Aaron Roccaforte, Council Members Reed, Fisetta, Harrington, Gauthier and Savoy.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(c) Consideration and possible action to approve a contract which extends an offer of employment to fill the position of City Manager vacated by Jerry Jones

Council Member Fisetta made a motion to approve a contract which extends an offer of employment to fill the position of City Manager vacated by Jerry Jones, seconded by Council Member Harrington.

Mayor Rutledge said the City Council conducted an extensive interview process and interviewed several applicants. After interviewing the candidates, it was a unanimous decision by City Council to hire Brent Walker. Mr. Walker is the current assistant city manager in Dalhart, Texas. He will begin his employment with the City on February 1, 2022.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Aaron Roccaforte, Council Members Reed, Fisetta, Harrington, Gauthier and Savoy.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(d) Consideration and possible action to enter into a Joint Election Agreement Services Contract between LaDonna Alford, Orange County Elections Administrator and the City of Bridge City, Texas to supervise and conduct the General Elections to be held on May 7, 2022

Council Member Savoy made a motion to enter into a Joint Election Agreement Services Contract with LaDonna Alford, Orange County Elections Administrator to supervise and conduct the General Election to be held on May 7, 2022, seconded by Council Member Harrington

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Aaron Roccaforte, Council Members Reed, Fisetto, Harrington, Gauthier and Savoy.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

9. ADJOURN

Council Member Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m., seconded by Council Member Savoy.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

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

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

January 24, 2022

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Monday, January 24, 2022, 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 6:02 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 Richard Savoy

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
 City Attorney Paul Fukuda
 Finance Director Karen Morgan
 Personnel/Purchasing Director Kim Tucker
 Utility Superintendent Mike Die
 Chief Tod McDowell

2. INVOCATION

Invocation 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 thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Reed made a motion to approve the agenda, 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, Fissette, Harrington, Gauthier and Savoy.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

6. REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM:

(a) City Manager

City Manager's report for Council
None.

(b.) City Council Report

None.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge had the following report:

1. None.

(c.) City Staff Report

City Attorney Paul Fukuda told Council Member Gauthier congratulations on being sworn in as the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission President.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to appoint an Acting City Manager

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte made a motion to appoint Mayor Rutledge Acting City Manager until the new City Manager signs a contract, seconded by Council Member Savoy.

After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte amended his motion to appoint Mayor Rutledge as Acting City Manager until the new City Manager signs a contract with no pay for the duration of the appointment, seconded by Council Member Savoy.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

9. ADJOURN

Council Member Savoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m., seconded by Council Member Harrington.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

FY 2021 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)
Memorandum of Understanding

Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement

**Between the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) and the City of Bridge City
Regarding the City of Bridge City's use of the Southeast Texas Emergency Alerting Network**

1. PARTIES. The parties to this Agreement are SETRPC and the City of Bridge City.

2. The purpose of this Agreement is for the local jurisdiction to acknowledge the SETRPC's application for 2021 Port Security Grant funds (October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2024) to provide regional access to the South East Texas Regional Emergency Alerting Network, to signify the City of Bridge City's support of the project, and to set forth terms by which each of the parties will ensure the project's success.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES. The roles and responsibilities of each party are understood as follows:

SETRPC agrees to:

- Administer the emergency alerting system
- Ensure compliance with grant requirements
- Contact with and ensure timely payment to third party vendor for emergency alerting network services

City of Bridge City agrees to:

- Follow Emergency Network Services guidelines as outlined in the Interlocal Agreement between SETRPC and the City of Bridge City
- It is anticipated that industry expenses for promoting the regional emergency alerting network will provide the required cash match; however if this is deemed an ineligible match or if expenses are insufficient to meet the full required cash match, the City of Bridge City agrees to provide a pro rate match not to exceed \$2,422.54 over two years.

5. POINT OF CONTACT. Stephen L. Curran

Director, Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Division
South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
2210 Eastex Freeway
Beaumont, Texas 77703
Office: (409) 924-7514
Fax: (409) 899-0826
Email: scurran@setrpc.org
Website: www.setrpc.org

6. OTHER PROVISIONS. Nothing in this agreement is intended to conflict with current laws or regulations of the State of Texas or local Government. If a term of this agreement is inconsistent with such authority, then that term shall be invalid, but the remaining terms and conditions of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE. The terms of the agreement will become effective on the date found next to the signatures below.

8. MODIFICATIONS. This agreement may be modified upon the mutual written consent of the parties.

9. TERMINATION. The terms of this agreement, as modified with the consent of both parties, will remain in effect until the grant end date for an approved grant. Either party, upon 30 days written notice to the other party may terminate this agreement.

APPROVED BY:

Shanna Burke
Executive Director
SETRPC

Signature

Date

David Rutledge
Mayor
City of Bridge City

Signature

Date

COPY

<u>2019</u>	<u>Population (based on 2019 Census Data estimates)</u>	<u>% of Population</u>	<u>Match</u>		
Jefferson County (includes: Nome, China, Taylor Landing)	31,645	7.3747%	\$	9,743.41	
Beaumont, City of	118,078	27.5175%	\$	36,355.89	
Bevil Oaks	1,274	0.2969%	\$	392.26	
Groves, City of	15,953	3.7178%	\$	4,911.88	
Nederland, City of	17,439	4.0641%	\$	5,369.42	
Port Arthur, City of	54,563	12.7157%	\$	16,799.80	
Port Neches, City of	12,638	2.9452%	\$	3,891.20	
Hardin County (includes: Rose Hill Acres)	35,396	8.2489%	\$	10,898.33	
Kountze, City of	2,217	0.5167%	\$	682.61	33880 436
Lumberton, City of	12,816	2.9867%	\$	3,946.01	2108
Silsbee, City of	6,805	1.5859%	\$	2,095.24	13073
Sour Lake, City of	1,944	0.4530%	\$	598.55	6617
Orange County (includes: Pine Forest, Rose City)	40,468	9.4309%	\$	12,459.98	59,178 1924
Bridge City, City of	7,868	1.8336%	\$	2,422.54	23722
Orange, City of	18,297	4.2640%	\$	5,633.60	57602
Pinehurst, City of	2,077	0.4840%	\$	639.50	
Vidor, City of	10,570	2.4633%	\$	3,254.47	
West Orange, City of	3,181	0.7413%	\$	979.42	
Jasper County	35,872	8.3598%	\$	11,044.89	
	429,101	100.000%	\$	132,119.00	

Population Total	429,101
Port Security 25% Match	\$ 132,119.00
Port Security 75% Grant Funds	\$ 396,357.00
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS:	\$ 528,476.00

Jefferson County Population	251,590
Hardin County Population	59,178
Orange County Population	82,461
Jasper County Population	35,872
	429,101



FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

January 30

January 31

1

2

3

4

5



6:00 pm
COUNCIL MEETING



Mayor Pro-Tem
Roccaforte!!

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19



6:00 pm
COUNCIL MEETING

5:00 p.m.

Last Day to File
in
City Secretary's
Office for
General Election
(Mayor, Places 2,
4 & 6)

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

PRESIDENT'S
DAY

City Hall Closed
for Holiday

5:00 pm
Last Day for
write-in candidate
to declare
candidacy



Mayor David
Rutledge!!

5:30 p.m.
Drawing for Place
on Ballot at
City Hall

5:00 pm
Last Day for
ballot candidate
to withdraw

Last day for
write-in candidate
to withdraw

27

28

March 1

March 2

March 3

March 4

March 5