

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

February 15, 2022

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 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 Manager Brent Walker
City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
City Attorney Paul Fukuda
Finance Director Karen Morgan
Personnel/Purchasing Director Kim Tucker
Utility Superintendent Mike Die
Public Works Director Mike Lund
Police Chief Tod McDowell
Captain Richard Teague

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

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Steven Hilton
4800 Candlewood
Orange, TX 77630

"On Thursday, February 10, 2022, I had a mental health hearing at the MHMR Facility in Beaumont Texas, and in attendance at this mental health hearing was Captain Richard Teague and Officer Adam Granger. Who sent them? Who sent them? I called and left a message for Chief McDowell, yesterday, Monday, February 9 at 10:01 a.m. and 1:57 p.m. I called the Fukuda Law Firm but no answer. Mr. Fukuda, again I am sorry. When are we going to stop these kid games, Mayor? You and I came to the agreement the war would be fought in the court of law and not and a mental health hearing is not a court of law, is it? Who in the world are Police Officers Teague and Granger as compared to a Doctor of Psychology? The Judge got so tired of hearing BCPD's and Orange County's BS testimony they ended up throwing out the case and releasing me. I was innocent of whatever JP3 Simonton accused me of and law enforcement looked like a bunch of idiots. I have been given any, I have been given any take a picture of Richard Teague's, I would have given anything to take a picture of Richard Teague's face when the Judge asked the clerk for the toxicology results, which were taken upon my arrival to the hospital. My blood and urinalysis was clean of any toxicants, especially alcohol. Y'all had nothing

to commit me and nothing to testify against me. Law Enforcement effectively has made me a political prisoner, but I guess I'm crazy, right? To make matters worse some how or another someone told the ATF I had an illegal suppressor at my residence as I was locked up in the mental facility, they raided my house based off false information. I don't know who told them the suppressors I own were illegal and the PCI name has been sealed, I wonder why? I wonder if the ATF, I wonder who told the ATF my suppressor was illegal? For some reason I believe, just hypothetically Brittany Hilton was the origin of this story, why? The federal tax stamps I acquired were in the boxes in which the suppressors came in and the boxes were never packed when Brittany Hilton was given to me. The divorce was getting bad, and I never got everything out of the house due to me fearing a false family assault accusation and a trespass warning. Once the PC affidavit gets unsealed, I am pretty sure JP Simonton will be somewhere in the charging documents which she got information from Brittany. So now its war, I will testify against Bridge City in the Watkins case insuring he walks free, then Jillian Blanchard, then Jillian Blanchard and the Robert Jackson's family will legitimately sue the City of Bridge City. Once I get my chance to prove my innocence in my cases, I will destroy Brittany and Robert Bergeron's creditability unless y'all can prevent a time machine. Which I'm sure y'all can't. I lost a lot of creditability during my act, which I explained to y'all several meetings ago, but now that I have a multibillion-dollar company as friends. I'm going to take a lengthy lie detector test proving everything, I have said is the truth courteously of Sig Sauer. Then my creditability will be restored. I told y'all the harder y'all push me the harder I will push back. I am the man with all the secrets, and I hope my excessive horn honking case was worth of which y'all are about to spend. So, I ask again who sent Teague and Granger to testify at me against the mental health hearing? Was it Chief McDowell or was it Assistant Chief Robert Bergeron?"

Mayor Rutledge told Mr. Hilton his time was up.

Mr. Hilton said, "Judge um your honor, could you find out that answer for me, who sent them?"

Mayor Rutledge told him he could not discuss anything with him that he was talking about.

Mr. Hilton said, "I just want to find out, he won't return my phone calls and I can't go to PD I'm barred to go to the PD."

Mayor Rutledge asked him to please sit down.

6. REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM:

(a) City Manager

City Manager's report for Council:

Mr. Walker said he has been working through reading all the policies. We are looking at a number of Ordinances that need looking at. He said there is a number of things he spoke with the Attorney about some of the things the City needs to look at, but that is kind of the stuff he

has been going through so far. He said he has met a lot of people and going to a lot of meetings with the Mayor. He said in a few more week hopefully we will be squared away.

(b.) City Council Report

Council Member Tammi Fisette said she sees a lot of smiling faces on city employees, and she thanked Mr. Walker for that. She said she spoke with the Mayor about Entergy starting to cut the trees on Roundbunch. She said it looks good and she did not know if they were doing this city wide. She said they were doing a good job.

(c.) City Staff Report

Miscellaneous City Staff:

Public Works Director Mike Lund gave a report of several projects:

CDBG yard lines – there are about 15 more to do until they are 100% complete. He said there were two yard lines completed today.

Meters – 250 were repaired in about a 3-week period.

Screens – they have arrived at the Sewer Plant and working on getting bids for the installation.

Storage building – have talked to the homeowner on Morning Glory and he will get it moved.

He said he is talking to the homeowner on Jennie to get it moved as well.

Manholes – we received the bids and did not like the way they looked, so we are going another route. He said they would like to have a permanent fix rather than a temporary one. Once the bids are in, they will speak with the City Manager and get it awarded.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge had the following report:

1. TML Region 16 meeting will be on Thursday, March 31, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., and will be held in Port Arthur.

7. ORDINANCE

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2022-04 denying the rate increase request of Entergy Texas, Inc. filed on January 31, 2022

Mr. Fukuda read the caption only of Ordinance No. 2022-04, 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. 2022-04 to deny the rate increase, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte.

Council Member Gauthier amend the motion to accept Ordinance No. 2022-04 as read, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of the February 1, 2022 City Council Meeting

Council Member Harrington made a motion to approve the February 1, 2022 City Council Meeting minutes, 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, Fiset, Harrington, Gauthier and Savoy.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve the Bill lists for January 2022

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte made a motion to approve the Bill lists for January 2022, seconded by Council Member Reed.

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

MOTION CARRIED:

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(c) Consideration and possible action to approve a HOT TAX application for improvements of the Orangefield ISD Cormier Museum in the amount of \$7,260

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte made a motion to approve the HOT TAX application for improvements of the Orangefield ISD Cormier Museum in the amount of \$7,260, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

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.

(d) Presentation and consideration of the 2021 Racial Profiling Report by Bridge City Police Chief Tod McDowell

Council Member Fissette made a motion to approve the 2021 Racial Profiling Report presented by Police Chief Tod McDowell, 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.

9. ADJOURN

Council Member Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m., seconded by Council Member Savoy.

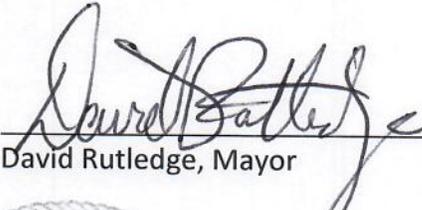
With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

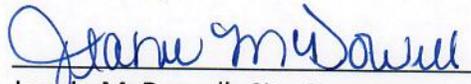
Noes: None.

Absent: None=.



David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

