

AARON ROCCAFORTE <i>Mayor Pro-Tem / Council Member, Place 1</i>	DAVID RUTLEDGE <i>Mayor</i> 	DANNY HARRINGTON/ *PATTY COLLINS <i>Council Member, Place 4</i>
MIKE REED **Mayor Pro-Tem / Council Member, Place 2		TERRI GAUTHIER <i>Council Member, Place 5</i>
TAMMI FISETTE <i>Council Member, Place 3</i>		RICHARD SAVOY/ *SHERBY DIXON <i>Council Member, Place 6</i>

OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBER
****CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT****

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

May 17, 2022

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 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 (Outgoing)
 Council Member Patty Collins (Incoming)
 Council Member Terri Gauthier
 Council Member Richard Savoy (Outgoing)
 Council Member Sherby Dixon (Incoming)

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Member Tammi Fisette

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Brent Walker
 City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
 City Attorney Paul Fukuda
 Finance Director Karen Morgan
 Chief Tod McDowell
 Public Works Director Mike Lund
 Utility Superintendent Mike Die
 Municipal Court Judge Bill Dixon
 Personnel/Purchasing Director Kim Tucker
 Assistant Finance Director Shelley Fields

2. INVOCATION

Following the invocation given by Council Member Gauthier.

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 THE AGENDA

Council Member Reed made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte.

With no changes, discussion, or alterations, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote..

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Fissette.

5. CANVASS RESULTS OF THE MAY 7, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

(EL ESCRUTINIO DE LOS RESULTADOS DE LA ELECCIÓN GENERAL DEL 7 DE MAYO DEL 2022)

(a) Council to canvass the results of the Bridge City General Election held on May 7, 2022

(El Concilio escrutinia los resultados de la Elección del 7 de mayo del 2022)

Mayor Rutledge passed out the May 7, 2022 Bridge City General Election canvass for Council to review.

6. ELECTION RESOLUTION

(RESOLUCION DE ELECCIÓN)

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2022-07(R) declaring the results of the May 7, 2022 City of Bridge City General Election for Mayor and Council Members –Places 2, 4, and 6

(Consideración y posible acción para aprobar la Resolución No. 2022-07(R) que declara los resultados de la Elección General para Alcalde y Concejales de la Ciudad de Bridge del 7 de mayo de 2022 – Lugares 2, 4 y 6)

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2022-07(R), in its entirety, declaring the results of the May 7, 2022 City of Bridge City General Election.

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2022-07(R) declaring the results of the May 7, 2022 City of Bridge City General Election, seconded by Council Member Savoy.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Fisetete.

7. CONDUCT CEREMONIES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

(EL REALIZO DE CEREMONIAS A LOS MIEMBROS DEL CONCILIO)

(a) Presentation of Certificate of Election to Mayor and Council Members - Places 2, 4, and 6

(Entrega de Acta de Elección al Alcalde y Concejales - Puestos 2, 4 y 6)

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte read and presented the certificate of election to Mayor David Rutledge. Mayor Rutledge read and presented the certificates of election to Council Member Mike Reed, Place 2; Council Member Patty Collins, Place 4; and Council Member Sherby Dixon, Place 6, along with his congratulations to everyone.

(b) Oaths of office:

Mayor

Council Member, Place 2

Council Member, Place 4

Council Member, Place 6

(Juramentos de cargo:

Alcalde

Concejal, Lugar 2

Concejal, Lugar 4

Concejal, Lugar 6)

Judge Bill Dixon administered the oaths of office to Mayor David Rutledge, Mike Reed, Place 2; Patty Collins, Place 4; and Sherby Dixon, Place 6. The audience acknowledged the newly sworn-in council members with their applause.

(c) Newly elected officers seated on Council

(Oficiales recién elegidos asentados en el Concilio)

The newly elected officers took their seats on Council. Mayor Rutledge said "Welcome" to Council Member Collins and Council Member Dixon and "Welcome Back" to Council Member Reed.

(d) Recognition of outgoing Council Members

(Reconocimiento de Miembros del Concilio salientes)

Mayor Rutledge presented a plaque to Council Member Savoy. Mayor Rutledge thanked Mr. Savoy on the behalf of the City Council for his service. He said they really enjoyed him being on the City Council. He said they appreciate all his hard work and everything he has done for the City and all of the citizens of Bridge City. Mayor Rutledge also presented a plaque to Council Member Harrington. Mayor Rutledge thanked Mr. Harrington on the behalf of the City Council

for his service. He said they really enjoyed him being on the City Council. He said they would miss him. The audience acknowledged their thanks with applause.

8. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

9. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Brent Walker had the following report for Council:

He said he has been working on grants last week and into this week. He said there is a lot of money out there, but since this is more of a celebration, he would start business on the next meeting. He said there are a few good meetings coming up and he would go over a lot of different things. He said he looks forward to the new people and thank you to the old people.

(b) City Council

Mayor Pro-Tem Aaron Roccaforte said he would like to congratulate the newly elected officials and farewell to the outgoing officials.

Council Member Mike Reed said the same as Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte. He said he appreciates everyone's help. He said to the outgoing officials, the City really appreciates the time that you have spent with the Council. He said he looks forward to working with the new Council. He told the new officials if they need anything or want to know anything he said he and the Council would be there to help you.

Council Member Patty Collins she said she wanted to say thank you to the Council for their support and certainly to the citizens for electing her to serve in the position. She said she looked forward to serving the City. She told Mr. Harrington thank you and she appreciates his phone call from the very first moment, it has meant the world to her. She said thank you to Mr. Harrington and Mr. Savoy for their service to the City. She said she looks forward to working with the Council.

Council Member Terri said she is really excited about the new Council Members and she looks forward to their input and helping in the decision making. She said she and the rest of the Council would be here for them and any questions they may have. She said she wanted to thank Mr. Harrington and Mr. Savoy for their participation, friendship and all they have given to the City. She said it is a sacrifice to be focused and to be here and she appreciates that very much.

Council Member Sherby Dixon he said first of all he would like to thank the citizens that came out and voted during early voting and also on election day. He said he wanted to thank his family for their support. He said he wanted to thank his wife for her support. He said he was

looking forward to working with each and everyone of the Council Members. He thanked Mr. Harrington and Mr. Savoy for their service. He said he was ready to get to work.

(c) City Staff

Mike Lund:

He said the manhole is being repaired at East Roundbunch and Blueberry and the contractors should be done with it tonight.

Karen Morgan:

She said as many of the Council already knows, Friday, May 27th would be her last day. She said she was retiring after spending more than 26 years with the City. She said would like to thank the Mayor and Council present and past. She said they spent many hours preparing budgets, making decisions to bring the City forward and recovering from disasters. She said she was proud of what they achieved, and she prays the City continues to move forward in a positive way. She said she was grateful for all the opportunities and the time she has spent here with each of the Mayors, Council Members, and employees throughout the years.

(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:

Mayor Rutledge told Ms. Morgan she could not go until they had a decent send off for her. He said on May 27, 2022 between the hours of 2p.m. and 4p.m. please come out and wish Ms. Morgan well on the next phase of her life. He said you could thank her for everything she has done for the City, the sacrifices she has made and he does not think the City would be where they are today if Ms. Morgan hadn't been there. He said she has done well.

He said June 7, 2022 after the meeting, they would have a video on the Open Meeting Act which is required training for all of the Council. He said also on June 21, 2022 after the meeting, they would have a video on the Public Information Act which is also required training for all the Council Members. He asked the Council to make every effort to attend.

He said he would like to say something about the election. He said it makes him feel good that people are willing to serve and give their time. He said other people are willing to help to continue the Council's journey. He said this is what makes America unique. He said there are people fighting and dying in Ukraine just for the right to vote. He said a lot of the people of Bridge City turned out for this election, but a lot did not, and they don't appreciate it like they should. He said he knew a lot of the audience turned out because they had a vested interest. He said it was something all citizens really need to take to heart and need to get people out to vote. He said the City had a 22% voter turnout in the election this year. He said it was only that high because of the school bond issue. He told everyone to encourage more participation in the voting process, because it is the one thing in this world you could do to keep your country free. He said please encourage others you know to get out and vote.

He told Council he would get with them individually for TML training for courses they could take for newly elected Council Members. He said he would give them dates and if possible they

could attend the courses. He said he would get them the resources they need to grow in their positions.

10. ORDINANCES

(a) *Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2022-08 amending the City of Bridge City's September 21, 2021 flood damage prevention Ordinance*

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-08 amending the City of Bridge City's September 21, 2021 flood damage prevention ordinance, 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, Council Members Reed, Harrington, Gauthier and Savoy.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Fisetette.

11. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) *Consideration and possible action to approve the May 3, 2022 City Council meeting minutes*

Council Member Reed made a motion to approve the May 3, 2022 City Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte.

With no changes, discussion, or alterations, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte, Council Members Reed, Collins, Gauthier and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Fisetette.

(b) *Consideration and possible action to approve City bills for the month of April 2022*

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte made a motion to approve the City bills for the month of April 2022, 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, Collins, Gauthier and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Fisetette.

(c) Consideration and possible action to appoint new Mayor Pro-Tem to the City Council, as required by the City Charter, Section 3.05

Mayor Rutledge explained that the normal procedure is to go from year to year starting at Place 1 and going to Place 6. Mr. Roccaforte was the Mayor Pro-Tem this past year as Place 1. Mayor Rutledge said he would now entertain a motion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte made a motion to appoint Place 2 as new Mayor Pro-tem, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

With no other nominations or discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte, Council Members Reed, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Fisetette.

(d) Consideration and possible action to amend the awarded bid to J & S Construction in the amount of \$782,500 for the Sunnyside well to include the alternate bid in the amount of \$160,000 for a total amount of \$962,500

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to amend the awarded bid to include the alternate bid in the amount of \$160,000 for a total amount of \$962,500 to J&S Construction, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Reed, Council Members Roccaforte, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Fisetette.

12. ADJOURN

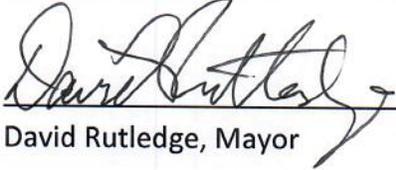
Council Member Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m., seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Reed, Council Members Roccaforte, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

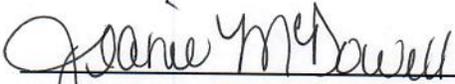
Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Fisette.



David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

