

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF BRIDGE CITY
July 7, 2022

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 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
Council Member Aaron Roccaforte
Council Member Tammi Fisette
Council Member Patty Collins
Council Member Terri Gauthier
Council Member Sherby Dixon

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Reed

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Brent Walker
City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
City Attorney Paul Fukuda
Chief Tod McDowell
Public Works Director Mike Lund
Utility Superintendent Mike Die

2. INVOCATION

Following the invocation given by Council Member Patty Collins.

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 Fisette made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Roccaforte, Fisette, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

6. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Brent Walker had the following report for Council:

He said he had been working on the budget. He said during the rain the City had was a great opportunity to look at the ditches. He said some of the ditches had tree branches and limbs in them and was cleaned up. He said they also addressed some problem areas.

(b) City Council

Council Member Aaron Roccaforte said the bridge on East Roundbunch was opened.

Council Member Tammi Fisette said to Mr. Walker you said a lot of the ditches had already been cleaned out.

Mr. Walker said yes.

Council Member Fisette asked Mr. Walker if the City had anything else that would need to be addressed.

Mr. Walker said yes and they have a few on the list here and one of the things city staff was working on is between the city and contracting some actual other clean out. He said that would be removing the silt and everything. He said once he gets the bids, he would bring it to Council for approval and then the contractors would start on it.

Council Member Fisette said so cleaning culverts out.

Mr. Walker said yes.

Council Member Fisette said she noticed when she was riding around after the rain, it would be like dry here, dry here, wet here.

Mr. Walker said yes, and the city staff took a lot of pictures. He said the guys have been going out with a pressure washer and blowing out some of the culverts to get them where they would flow.

Council Member Terri Gauthier said she wanted to thank the police department for being diligent to place an officer at the end of Turner Drive because of the traffic that was speeding through there.

(c) City Staff

City Attorney Paul Fukuda said they had the Building and Standards hearing on Ms. Black's property and they ordered a demolition on that. He said he knew there had been a lot of complaints from the citizens on that.

Mayor Rutledge asked Mr. Fukuda if there was a timeline on this.

Mr. Fukuda said 30 days, which would be July 28, 2022.

Mayor Rutledge asked if it was signed off on.

Mr. Fukuda said it was not signed off on, but she attended the hearing.

Miscellaneous City Staff:

Police Chief Tod McDowell said just remember if it is not posted if you are in a residential area anywhere in the state of Texas it is prima facia evidence the speed limit is 30 mph in a neighborhood. He said we do have some neighborhoods that are less than which are 20 mph. He said if there is not a sign it is 30 mph in a residential area.

(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:

He said the City needs to confirm who all is going to the Texas Municipal League Conference.

Ms. McDowell said she would need to know by Friday, but no later than Monday.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve the June 21, 2022 City Council meeting minutes

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve the June 21, 2022 City Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Council Member Collins.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Roccaforte, Fissette, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

(b) Consideration and possible action to appoint a City Council Liaison to the City Planning and Zoning Commission

Council Member Collins made a motion to appoint a City Council Liaison to the City Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

After discussion, Council Member Collins amended the motion to appoint Council Member Dixon as the City Council Liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Roccaforte, Fisetto, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

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

Council Member Fisetto made a motion to nominate a Council Member to serve as the City Liaison on the Fire Department's Pension Committee, seconded by Council Member Collins.

After discussion, Council Member Collins amended the motion to appoint Council Member Roccaforte to serve as the City Liaison on the Fire Department's Pension Committee, seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Roccaforte, Fisetto, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

(d) Consideration and possible action to appoint a Council Member to serve as the City Liaison on the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to appoint a Council Member to serve as the City Liaison on the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, seconded by Roccaforte.

After discussion, Council Member Roccaforte amended the motion to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Reed to serve as the City Liaison on the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, seconded by Council Member Fisetto.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Roccaforte, Fisetto, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

(e) Consideration and possible action to appoint a Council Member as City Council representative to the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to appoint a Council Member as the City Council representative to the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee, seconded by Council Member Fisetete.

After discussion, Council Member Roccaforte amended the motion to appoint Council Member Gauthier as the City Council representative to the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee, seconded by Council Member Collins.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Roccaforte, Fisetete, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

(f) Consideration and possible action to appoint the City Collective Bargaining Committee for the 2021-2022 Bridge City Police Association contract negotiations

Council Member Collins made a motion to appoint the City Collective Bargaining Committee for the 2021-2022 Bridge City Police Association contract negotiations, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

After discussion, Council Member Gauthier amended the motion to appoint Council Member Fisetete and Council Member Collins to the City Collective Bargaining Committee for the 2021-2022 Bridge City Police Association contract negotiations, seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Roccaforte, Fisetete, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

8. ADJOURN

Council Member Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m., seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Roccaforte, Fisetete, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary