

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
September 6, 2022

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 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 6:01 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor David Rutledge
Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Reed
Council Member Aaron Roccaforte
Council Member Tammi Fisette
Council Member Patty Collins
Council Member Terri Gauthier
Council Member Sherby Dixon

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Brent Walker
City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
City Attorney Paul Fukuda
Chief Tod McDowell
Assistant Chief Robert Bergeron
Personnel/Purchasing Kim Tucker
Finance Director Shelley Fields
Public Works Director Mike Lund
Utility Superintendent Mike Die
Community Development Coordinator Natalie Pruitt

2. INVOCATION

Following the 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 THE AGENDA

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

5. CITIZEN RECOGNITION

(a) Recognizing Bridge City resident for his accomplishments

Mayor Rutledge recognized Ty Chambless for his accomplishments. He was one of 18 selected to play with the 12u WBSC World Cup in Taiwan to represent the United States.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

(a) City Council to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed ad valorem tax rate for the 2022 tax year for the City of Bridge City, Texas, levied as follows:

\$0.14599 per \$100.00 valuation - Debt Service Rate (Interest and Sinking)

\$0.33629 per \$100.00 valuation - Maintenance and Operations Rate

\$0.48228 per \$100.00 valuation - Total Tax Rate

After reading Agenda Item 5(a) Mayor Rutledge opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. and asked if there were any questions or comments.

With no questions or comments, Mayor Rutledge closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

8. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Brent Walker had the following report for Council:

Mr. Walker spoke with Texas Target Communities and next council meeting their representative would like to speak with the City Council about building a comprehensive plan for the City. He said they would also ask about pricing for their services. He also said it would be next summer before they could start the project with the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Reed Yes
Council Member Roccaforte Yes
Council Member Fisetta Yes
Council Member Collins Yes
Council Member Gauthier Yes
Council Member Dixon Yes

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2022-13 amending the adopted 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget for items that were not budgeted in the amount of \$274,216

Mr. Fukuda read the caption only of Ordinance No. 2022-13, thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-13 amending the adopted 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget for items that were not budgeted in the amount of \$274,216, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(c) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2022-14 declining to approve the change in rates requested in Entergy Texas, Inc's Statement of Intent filed with the City on August 31, 2022

Mr. Fukuda read the caption only of Ordinance No. 2022-14, thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-14 declining to approve the change in rates requested in Entergy Texas, Inc's Statement of Intent filed with the City on August 31, 2022, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

10. RESOLUTION

- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2022-11(R) approving the submission of an application for Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program to be operated for the FY2023 year**

Mr. Fukuda read the entirety of Resolution No. 2022-11(R), approving the submission of an application for Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-11(R), approving the submission of an application for Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program to be operated for the FY2023 year, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

11. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes for the August 16, 2022 City Council Meeting**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 16, 2022 City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

- (b) Consideration and possible action to appoint/reappoint members for the 2022-2023 terms to the following City Boards and Commissions**

Board of Adjustment

Building Standards Commission

Planning and Zoning Commission

Library Advisory Board

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to appoint/reappoint members for the 2022-2023 terms to the following City Boards and Commission: Board of Adjustment, Building Standards Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Library Advisory Board, seconded by Council Member Collins.

Action taken to the Planning and Zoning Commission:

Beverly Perry, Board of Adjustment Member was appointed to the vacant position of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Bryant Champagne, John Nickum, Brian Leatherwood, and Judy LeBlanc were reappointed as Board Members.

Action taken to the Board of Adjustments

The three alternate board members, Patsy Dowden, Carl Harbert, and Barry Foster were appointed as Board Members to fill the three vacancies. Curtis LeBlanc was reappointed as board member.

Action taken to the Building Standards Commission

No action was taken. Mayor Rutledge requested each Council Member to bring back one name to fill the vacancies. Mike Cole and Thanh Nguyen were reappointed as Board Members

Action taken to Library Advisory Committee

Tabitha Blakeney was appointed to the Library Advisory Committee. Joyce Dubose was reappointed as a member.

After discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

WORKSHOP SESSION

12. WORKSHOP ITEM FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

(a) *Discuss Hurricane preparedness in conjunction with the Bridge City School District personnel*

Gina Mannino and Cliff Hargraves with the Bridge City School District joined City Council and City Staff in a workshop to discuss hurricane preparedness. Mayor Rutledge handed out an Emergency Operations Organizational Chart to all participants present. He went over each position and it's job description in detail of the organizational chart.

Mayor Rutledge asked Council Member's to volunteer their services in a position and the results are as follows.

Fire Department Liaison: Council Member Tammi Fisetta
Donations Manager: Council Member Terri Gauthier
Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Reed

Volunteers Coordinator: Council Member Sherby Dixon
Council Member Patty Collins
Council Member Aaron Roccaforte
Council Member Sherby Dixon
Transportation Services Manager: Mayor Pro-Tem Reed

Staff Assignments:

Emergency Management Coordinator: Tod McDowell, Chief of Police
Operations Manager: Brent Walker, City Manager
Public Safety Manager: Tod McDowell, Chief of Police or his designee
Public Works Manager: Mike Lund, Director of Public Works
Health & Services Coordinator: Erin Wheat
Cost & Time Accounting Manager: Shelley Fields, Director of Finance
Resource Manager: Kim Tucker, Director of Personnel/Purchasing
Citizens Services Manager: Gloria Aguilar, Utility Clerk
Erin Smith, Utility Clerk
Legal Group (City & School Attorney's): Paul Fukuda
Public Information Officer: Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

Mayor Rutledge said there would be a workshop on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at the Bridge City School Administration Building

13. ADJOURN

Council Member Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

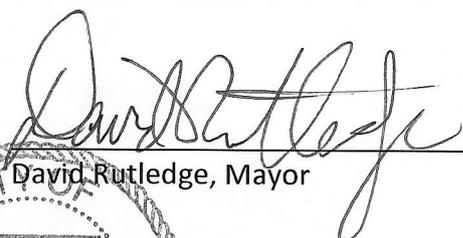
Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Reed, Council Members Roccaforte, Fisette, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary



David Rutledge, Mayor

