

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

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

October 18, 2022

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at the City Hall of Bridge City, 260 Rachal, Bridge City, Texas.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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Mayor David Rutledge called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 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  
Public Works Director Mike Lund  
Utility Superintendent Mike Die  
Community Development Coordinator Natalie Pruitt  
Finance Director Shelley Fields  
Captain Richard Teague  
Officer Adam Granger

#### 2. INVOCATION

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Following the invocation given by Council Member Patty Collins.

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

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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**

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Council Member Gauthier 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Reed, Council Members Roccaforte, Fissette, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

### **5. WORKSHOP SESSION – DISCUSSION ONLY**

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**(a) Discussion of Ordinance 74-8 and its amendments regulating livestock in the City of Bridge City**

In the City Council packets were Ordinance No. 74-8, Ordinance No. 86-1 and Ordinance No. 2018-02 regulating livestock in the City of Bridge City. Mayor Rutledge said the City Council would need to decide if they would want to regulate livestock and allow it in the City or not allow it in the City or change the regulations from what is now.

City Council agreed to allow livestock in the City and have city staff enforce the Ordinances.

### **6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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None.

### **7. REPORTS & COMMENTS**

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**(a) City Manager**

**City Manager Brent Walker had** the following report for Council:

He said the city staff has been working on small projects such as cleaning up the school property that had been used for dumping. He said for the Christmas event City Staff would be getting electrical ran for the vendors and preparing to pour a pad for the Christmas tree. He said the conduit has been done for the electrical.

**(b) City Council**

**Council Member Roccaforte** said he would like to remind City Council of the TML Regional 16 meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2022 in Beaumont, TX.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Reed** said the property at the old Sims Elementary School looked good.

**Council Member Tammi Fiset** said she was glad everyone had a good time at the TML Conference. She also said she was very proud of the city employee's, because it was a great turnout at National Night Out. She said there were three tents representing the City, the police department, city hall and court. She thanked the city employees for their support.

**Council Member Terri Gauthier** congratulated Mayor Rutledge for becoming TML President and thanked the council and citizens for allowing her to attend the TML Annual Conference.

**(c) Miscellaneous Staff**

Tod McDowell, Chief of Police:

He announced to the City Council that Officer Adam Granger was promoted to Patrol Sergeant. He also congratulated him.

**(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:**

1. He thanked council and staff for their support at the TML Annual Conference.
2. He thanked city employees for their efforts for doing all the behind the scene work.

**8. ORDINANCE**

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**(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2022-16 declining to approve the change in rates requested in Entergy Texas, Inc's Statement of Intent filed with the City on July 1, 2022**

Mr. Fukuda read the caption only of Ordinance No. 2022-16, 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. 2022-16 declining to approve the change in rates requested in ETI's Statement of Intent filed on July 1, 2022, seconded by Council Member Collins.

After 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.

**9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION**

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

**September 20, 2022 City Council Meeting**  
**October 10, 2022 City Council Workshop**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 20, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes and October 10, 2022 City Council Workshop Minutes, seconded by Council Member Fisetto.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

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

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**(c) Consider recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to call a joint public hearing on October 24, 2022, on a request from Alan Cramer of HousePro Properties for a proposed replat of 320 Ferry – 2.847 Acres, Property ID R29241**

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to call a joint public hearing on October 24, 2022 on a request from Alan Cramer of HousePro Properties for a proposed replat of 320 Ferry-2.847 Acres, Property ID R29241, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

After discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**(d) Consideration and possible action to appoint a Board Member to the Building Standards Commission**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to appoint Robert Simonton, Jr. as board member to the Building Standards Commission, seconded by Council Member Collins.

After discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**(e) Consideration and possible action to appoint an alternate member to the Building Standards Commission**

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to appoint Larry Nguyen to alternate board member on the Building Standards Commission, 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, Fissette, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

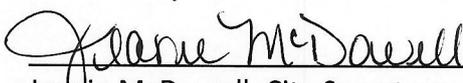
**Absent:** None.

**10. ADJOURN**

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

  
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David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

