

<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**  
**December 6, 2022**

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at the City Hall of Bridge City, 260 Rachal, Bridge City, Texas.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Reed called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Reed  
Council Member Aaron Roccaforte  
Council Member Tammi Fisetto  
Council Member Terri Gauthier  
Council Member Sherby Dixon

**CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:** Mayor David Rutledge  
Council Member Patty Collins

**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  
Finance Director Shelley Fields  
Community Develop. Coordinator Natalie Pruitt

**2. INVOCATION**

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Following the invocation given by City Attorney Paul Fukuda.

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

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Mayor Pro-Tem Reed 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 Pro-Tem Reed thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

With no changes, discussion, or alterations, Mayor Pro-Tem Reed called for a vote.

#### MOTION CARRIED.

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Mayor Rutledge and Council Member Collins.

#### 5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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None.

#### 6. REPORTS & COMMENTS

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##### (a) City Manager

##### *City Manager Brent Walker*

1. Christmas in the Park went really well and later Staff will bring to Council ideas with groups and committees and would like the Council to be a part of it. He said there are things to talk about that could be done in a workshop. He said the electricity the City put in is great. He said City Staff are looking into putting in new pathways to the park from the Little League parking lot. He also said there are a couple of places the City could add lights permanently and would not have to have light towers. He said other than these few issues, the Christmas in the Park was pretty successful.

##### (b) City Council

**Council Member Aaron Roccaforte said** he would like to thank everyone that helped put Christmas in the Park together. He said he thought it ran pretty smooth.

**Council Member Tammi Fisetto said** she thought Christmas in the Park went very well. She said she was able to talk to some of the vendors. She said she thought a workshop where everyone can get together and put out some ideas would be great. She said she rode out to the park, and she thought of something that may help and doesn't know if Staff had looked at putting lights on the library facing the community center.

Mr. Walker said that was one of the areas and also the senior center to put permanent lights there instead of having the light towers. He said there is not a lot of traffic back there, but for safety reasons. He said overall he was very pleased with the lighting comparatively.

Council Member Fisetto said it looked good and she thanked the staff for all the work out at the park. She said she doesn't know how many entries they had in the parade, but it seemed to go really good. She said everyone had a good time.

Mr. Walker said unfortunately we ran against a lot of things in a lot of different communities that normally were not there.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Reed said** he would like to reiterate what everyone else said about Christmas in the Park and the Parade. He said he was out at the park on Friday night and at the parade on Saturday night. He said he appreciates all the effort it took to put it all together. He told Mike Die and Mike Lund to tell their guys how much it was appreciated.

**Council Member Terri Gauthier said** she was sorry she could not be there, but she was sick. She said she knows what it takes because last year she was very involved. She said she would like to thank everyone because it takes a lot of commitment, thought, and organization. She said she did get some feedback from some of the vendors, and they felt Friday went very well. She said hopefully everyone would come up with new ideas to make it better.

**Council Member Sherby Dixon said** he would like to thank the staff and everyone for the hard work. He said there were days he drove by and everyone was out there working. He said he wanted to mention the Christmas party and that was a lot of hard work there too. He said he knew some of the ladies here put in the hard work....

Mr. Walker said the ladies were Kim and Jeanie.

He said it was very nice. He thanked them for the hard work.

**(c) Miscellaneous Staff**

Mike Lund, Director of Public Works:

He said he would like to thank the utility guys for all their hard work out at the park. He said he did not have one complaint from any of the vendors.

**Projects:**

1. The contractors are back at the Sunnyside well and they have put in the majority of the casing, which would be 600' to 700'. There would be a couple of stages they are doing this week such as the packing, cement, and everything. He said by the end of this year, beginning of next year the City should be pumping water out of it.
2. A crew of three are changing the IRT radios for the metering system. They are hoping to change out about 40 – 50 IRTs per person per day. City Staff said in about 15 -20 days the project should be completed.
3. The contractors have one bridge almost completed at the sewer plant and there are two bridges.

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

None.

**7. RESOLUTION**

- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by Resolution No. 2022-16(R) a contract with Traylor and Associates for administrative services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the City's Flood Mitigation Assistance grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency administered through the Texas Water Development Board and authorizing the execution of a contract**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-16(R) approving the Selection Review Committee's recommendation to award a contract with Traylor and Associates for administrative services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the City's Flood Mitigation Assistance grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency administered through the Texas Water Development Board and authorizing the execution of a contract, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Reed called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Mayor Rutledge and Council Member Collins

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

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**(a) *Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2022 City Council Meeting***

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 15, 2022 City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

With no changes, discussion, or alterations, Mayor Pro-Tem Reed called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Mayor Rutledge and Council Member Collins

**(b) *Consideration and possible action to approve buying down excess vacation time to bring all accumulated vacation time to meet existing carry over policy***

Council Member Fisetto made a motion to consider buying down excess vacation time to bring all accumulated vacation time to meet existing carry over policy, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

Council Member Fisetto amended the motion to approve buying down excess vacation time to bring all accumulated vacation time to meet existing carry over policy, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

With no further discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Reed called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Mayor Rutledge and Council Member Collins.

**(c) Consideration and possible action to approve the design of the mural that will be painted on the Bridge City Public Library**

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to lay on the table approving the design of the mural that will be painted on the Bridge City Public Library, seconded by Council Member Fisetete.

With no further discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Reed called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Mayor Rutledge and Council Member Collins.

**(d) Consideration and possible action to approve a preliminary plat for Colonial Estates Phase 2 Subdivision submitted by Access Surveyors on behalf of property owner Tom Tran with Car & Mera LLC which is in the city limits of Bridge City off Hwy 1442 and is described as consisting of a 20.896 acre tract further described as 6 Abst 6 Samuel Davis Tract 27**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve a preliminary plat for Colonial Estates Phase 2 Subdivision submitted by Access Surveyors on behalf of property owner Tom Tran with Car & Mera LLC which is in the city limits of Bridge City off Hwy 1442 and is described as consisting of a 20.896 acre tract further described as 6 Abst 6 Samuel Davis Tract 27, seconded by Council Member Dixon.

With no further discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Reed called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Mayor Rutledge and Council Member Collins.

**(e) Consideration and possible action to approve budget amendment 2022-02 in the amount of \$38,681 to demo and replace 25' eave strut at the Bridge City Public Library**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve budget amendment 2022-02 in the amount of \$38,681 to demo and replace 25' eave strut at the Bridge City Public Library, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

With no further discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Reed called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Mayor Rutledge and Council Member Collins.

**(f) Consideration and possible action on potential rescheduling/cancellation of the December 20, 2022 City Council Meeting**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to cancel the December 20, 2022 City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Fisette.

After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Reed called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

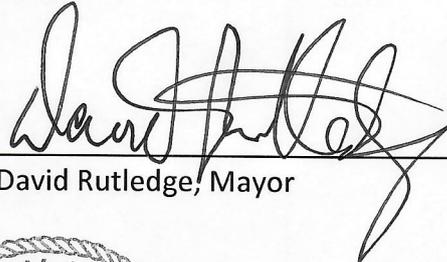
**Ayes:** Mayor Pro-Tem Reed, Council Members Roccaforte, Fisette, Gauthier, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

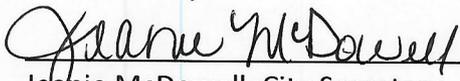
**Absent:** Mayor Rutledge and Council Member Collins.

**9. ADJOURN**

Mayor Pro-Tem Reed adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

  
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David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

