

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
January 3, 2023

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 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 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
Finance Director Shelley Fields
Community Develop. Coordinator Natalie Pruitt
Municipal Judge Bill Dixon
Associate Municipal Judge Ida Schossow

2. INVOCATION

Following the invocation given by Council Member Tammi Fisette.

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 Fisette.

With no changes, discussion, or alterations, 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.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

6. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Brent Walker

1. The new module with Incode will be starting soon. In the next few weeks training with the digital PO's and digital time management will begin. The water bills that the citizens receive will be changing, they will be a full page and have information such as the usage and if there were spikes during the month.
2. He spoke with Texas A&M about the comprehensive plan, and he has put off some of the things the Council was going to do but he hasn't forgotten. He said they still needed to look at the mission, the vision, and different things they were going to do. He said the engineers have some of the information Council would need to look at such as the water wells, water storage and other data they would need to put in the comprehensive plan.
3. The Community Center could be remodeled by using Hotel Occupancy Tax monies if the City would start using it as a wedding venue and those kinds of events. He said the entry could be re-done and the doors needed to be replaced. He said the City could do those things to the Community Center now if they agreed it was a good use of the monies.

(b) City Council

Council Member Tammi Fisette said she would like to thank the City, Council and Staff for the beautiful plant that was sent to her mother-in-law's funeral. She said she is sure a lot of people know they lost both of her husband's parents. She thanked the Council and Staff for being there for them and she appreciates it. She said the rock on the Library looks wonderful.

Council Member Terri Gauthier said she looked forward to a great year and a productive year of meeting some of their goals and making plans for the City. She told Council Member Fisetta that she was sure she spoke for everyone, that they all wanted to be there for her and if there is anything she needs to let them know.

Council Member Fisetta told everyone thank you. She really appreciated the support she had received from phone calls, the ones that made it to both funerals and the visitations, the thoughts and prayers, and the texts has been wonderful, and she thanked everyone.

(c) Miscellaneous Staff

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary:

1. Wednesday, January 18 would be the first day for filing an application for a place on the general election ballot. This would also be the first day for filing declaration of write-in candidacy.
2. Friday, February 17 would be the last day for filing an application for a place on the general election ballot.

Mike Lund, Director of Public Works:

1. The meter reading system is still underway. He said the City is about 20 – 25% better than they were. The contractors would start back this week. He said you could see the results on the computer and the meters were reading on their own.
2. The well project has been on hold, but they are bringing back their pump next week and should start pumping. They would pump for about three weeks and then would take water samples. He said they would like to get the second phase bid out, but TCEQ highly recommended waiting until the City gets the water quality results.
3. The median work on Texas Avenue was bid out and awarded to a couple of contractors, but one of them fell and broke his hip and is unable to do his part of the job. He said City crews would dig the medians up so the other contractor could get started on the project.

(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:

1. He thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Reed for conducting the first meeting in December while he was out.

7. RESOLUTIONS

(a) Discussion and consideration of possible action to approve Resolution No. 2023-01(R) appointing/reappointing the Municipal Judge

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2023-01(R), in its entirety, reappointing Bill Dixon, Jr. to the Municipal Judge position.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2023-01(R), as read reappointing Bill Dixon, Jr. as Municipal Judge, seconded by Council Member Collins.

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.

(b) Discussion and consideration of possible action to approve Resolution No. 2023-02(R) appointing/reappointing the Associate Municipal Judge

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2023-02(R), in its entirety, reappointing Ida Schossow to the Associate Municipal Judge position.

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2023-02(R), as read reappointing Ida Schossow as Associate Municipal Judge, seconded by Council Member Fisetto.

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) Discussion and consideration of possible action to approve Resolution No. 2023-03(R) appointing/reappointing the City Attorney

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2023-03(R), in its entirety, reappointing Paul Fukuda to the City Attorney position.

Mayor Pro-Tem Reed made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2023-03(R), as read reappointing Paul M. Fukuda as City Attorney, seconded by Council Member Collins.

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.

(d) Discussion and consideration of possible action to approve Resolution No. 2023-04(R) appointing/reappointing the City Secretary

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2023-04(R), in its entirety, reappointing Jeanie McDowell to the City Secretary position.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2023-04(R), as read reappointing Jeanie McDowell as City Secretary, 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, Fissette, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

- (e) Discussion and consideration approving the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award Resolution No. 2023-05(R) approving a contract for administrative services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the City's 2023-2024 Texas Department of Agriculture TxCDBG grant and authorizing the execution of a contract**

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2023-05(R), in its entirety, approving the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award a contract for administrative services pertaining to the application for the City's 2023-2024 TxCDBG Grant.

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2023-05(R) approving the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award a contract for administrative services to Gary Traylor and Associates pertaining to the application for the City's 2023-2024 TxCDBG-CD Grant, seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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.

8. CONDUCT CEREMONY FOR THE NEWLY APPOINTED CITY OFFICIALS

- (a) Oaths of Office:**
- (1) Municipal Judge**
 - (2) Associate Municipal Judge**
 - (3) City Attorney**
 - (4) City Secretary**

City Attorney Paul Fukuda administered oaths to Judge Bill Dixon and Judge Ida Schossow. Judge Dixon administered oaths to Mr. Fukuda and Ms. McDowell.

The audience acknowledged each official with applause.

Mayor Rutledge told the officials "Welcome back everybody and we're glad to have y'all..."

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2022 City Council Meeting

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 6, 2022 City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Fisetete.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

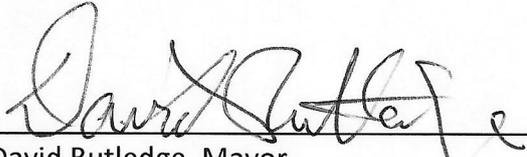
Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Reed, Council Members Roccaforte, Fisetete, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

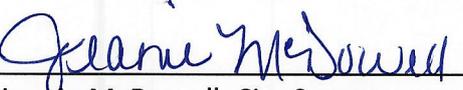
10. ADJOURN

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.



David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

