

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
CITY OF BRIDGE CITY**



**Sunday, January 22, 2023  
2:00 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers  
260 Rachal  
Bridge City TX 77611**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. PLEDGES TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FLAG**
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CITY COUNCIL TO GO INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR THE FOLLOWING SECTION:**

- (a) Section 551.074. Personnel Matters** – to deliberate the resignation of the current City Manager, and the possible appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of an interim City Manager

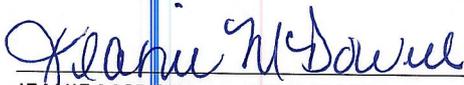
- 6. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

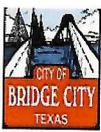
- (a)** City Council will reconvene into open session for possible discussion and/or possible action regarding Item 5(a) above.

Consideration and possible action to appoint a representative of the Bridge City Council to implement the transition from the current City Manager to the interim City Manager

- 7. ADJOURN**

**AGENDA POSTING CERTIFICATION:** I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the January 22, 2023 Agenda of items to be considered by the City Council of Bridge City was posted on the City of Bridge City Bulletin Board located at City Hall, 260 Rachal, at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2023.

  
JEANIE MCDOWELL, CITY SECRETARY



**CERTIFIED AGENDA OF CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023**

**ROLL CALL:**

MAYOR:	DAVID RUTLEDGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
COUNCIL PLACE 1:	AARON ROCCAFORTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
COUNCIL PLACE 2:	MIKE REED MAYOR PRO-TEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
COUNCIL PLACE 3:	TAMMI FISETTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
COUNCIL PLACE 4:	PATTY COLLINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
COUNCIL PLACE 5:	TERRI GAUTHIER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
COUNCIL PLACE 6:	SHERBY DIXON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Others in Attendance:	JEANIE MCDOWELL, CITY SECRETARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
	CITY ATTORNEY PAUL FUKUDA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	

The City Council of Bridge City, Texas, convened in Closed Executive Session on Sunday, January 22, 2023, beginning at 2:04 p.m., in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (*Texas Government Code, Chapter 551*) for the following sections:

- 5(a) **Section 551.074. Personnel Matters** – to deliberate the resignation of the current City Manager, and the possible appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of an interim City Manager

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No formal action was taken by City Council during the closed session. Upon conclusion of the Closed Executive Session the City Council reconvened into open session and will possibly take action regarding the item listed above.

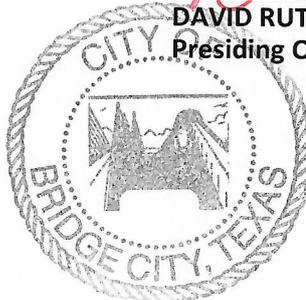
The City Council ended its Closed Executive session at 3:04 p.m. on Sunday, January 22, 2023.

I, David Rutledge, the presiding officer of the Closed Executive Session of the City Council of the City of Bridge City, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct record of the proceedings on the above date.

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell  
JEANIE MCDOWELL, City Secretary

David Rutledge  
DAVID RUTLEDGE, Mayor  
Presiding Officer



<b>AARON ROCCAFORTE</b> <i>Mayor Pro-Tem/Council Member, Place 1</i>	<b>DAVID RUTLEDGE</b> <i>Mayor</i>	<b>DANNY HARRINGTON</b> <i>Council Member, Place 4</i>
<b>MIKE REED</b> <i>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>RICHARD SAVOY</b> <i>Council Member, Place 6</i>

## **CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AND EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES**

### **CITY OF BRIDGE CITY**

**January 22, 2023**

The City Council of Bridge City met in a special session and an executive session on Sunday, January 22, 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 2:00 p.m.

#### **CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:**

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

#### **CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:**

#### **CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

City Secretary Jeanie McDowell  
 City Attorney Paul Fukuda  
 Police Chief Tod McDowell

#### **2. INVOCATION**

Invocation given by Council Member Terri Gauthier.

#### **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 AGENDA**

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

With no corrections, additions, or deletions, 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. ADJOURN TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**CITY COUNCIL TO GO INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR THE FOLLOWING SECTION:**

- (a) *City Council to go into closed executive session pursuant to the provision of Chapter 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the resignation of the current City Manager, and the possible appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of an interim City Manager***

Mayor Rutledge asked the audience to please leave the council chambers while Council went into Closed Executive Session. He opened the executive session at 2:03 p.m. to deliberate the resignation of the current City Manager, and the possible appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of an interim City Manager.

**6. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

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Mayor Rutledge reconvened the Council Meeting into open session at 3:04 p.m.

Council Member Fisetete made a motion to discuss the second half of 6a prior to the first half of 6a and to name the second half 6b, 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, Fisetete, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

- (b) *Consideration and possible action to appoint a representative of the Bridge City Council to implement the transition from the current City Manager to the interim City Manager***

Council Member Fisetete made a motion to appoint Council Member Terri Gauthier as the representative of the Bridge City Council to implement the transition from the current City Manager to the interim City Manager, 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, Fissette, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**(a) City Council will reconvene into open session for possible discussion and/or possible action regarding Item 5(a) above**

Council Member Collins made a motion to appoint Mike Lund, Director of Public Works as interim City Manager with an additional \$2,000 per month, as a stipend, while the City Council search for a new City Manager, 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.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to pay the current city manager until February 6 and accept his letter of resignation, seconded by Council Member Collins.

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

**MOTION CARRIED:**

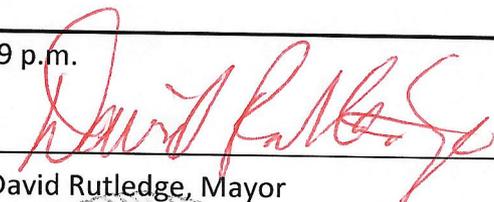
**Ayes:** Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Reed, Council Members Roccaforte, Fissette, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

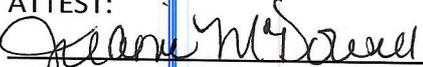
**Absent:** None.

**7. ADJOURN**

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

  
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David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

