

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BRIDGE CITY**



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023
6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
260 Rachal
Bridge City TX 77611**

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

At this time comments will be taken from citizens on subject matters not on the agenda. All comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes for each speaker as adopted in the City of Bridge City Council Decorum and Procedures Policy. As noted in the Texas Open Meetings Act no deliberation of or decision about a subject not included on the current meeting notice shall be allowed by Council. Your comments are appreciated and will be forwarded to staff.

6. REPORTS & COMMENTS FROM:

- (a) City Manager
- (b) City Council
- (c) City Staff
- (d) Mayor

7. ORDINANCE

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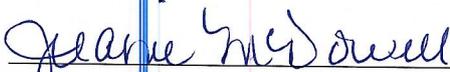
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10. ADJOURN

AGENDA POSTING CERTIFICATION: I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the February 7, 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 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 3, 2023.


JEANIE MCDOWELL, CITY SECRETARY

EXECUTIVE SESSION STATEMENT: The City Council of Bridge City reserves the right to adjourn into a Closed Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Chapter 551 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), Section 551.073 (Deliberations Regarding Gifts and Donations), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and Section 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations).

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE: Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting are requested to contact the City Secretary's office 48 hours in advance of the meeting at 409.735.6801 and reasonable accommodations will be made for assistance.

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
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February 7, 2023

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 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 Fisetite
- 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
- Chief Tod McDowell
- Personnel/Purchasing Kim Tucker
- Public Works Director/Interim City Manager Mike Lund
- Finance Director Karen Morgan

2. INVOCATION

Following the invocation given by Council Member Sherby Dixon.

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 Collins.

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.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

6. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

Interim City Manager Mike Lund

1. J & S were still working on the Sunnyside well and they were pulling the turbine development pump and installing the submersible pump. After installing the pump, the contractors would start the thirty-six hour pumping test. He said the contractors were pumping on average about 3,000 gallons per minute out of that line with very little draw down. He said it would not be an issue for the City to get the 1,200 gallon minute rate. He said after the contractors complete the thirty-six hour pumping test, the City would get water samples and they would know the water quality.
2. One of the medians on Texas Avenue has been poured with concrete and the other one would be poured soon.
3. Shadowdale Street is getting re-worked. The contractor's equipment had a malfunction, and it is being repaired. After repairs to his equipment and weather permitting, he would be back on Shadowdale.
4. The metering system was about 70% complete. He said the City was reading more meters than they had read in the past.
5. The contractor almost has all the materials for the Library roof repairs. He is waiting on the eave struts and would begin the project when they were in.

(b) City Council

Council Member Aaron Roccaforte said the judging of the legos was fun and he encourages all Council Members to participate if they have not already. He said the kids are very imaginative and they put forth a lot of effort into the program.

Council Member Mike Reed said on Thursday at lunch the area Mayor Pro-Tems would be meeting and would be talking about current events in city government. He said the agenda would be open because this would be the first meeting.

Council Member Tammi Fisette said she had a citizen call this week asking her if his meter had been replaced. She asked Mr. Lund was she right in saying if it had been replaced it would have a light blue lid.

Mr. Lund said yes but the meters are not being replaced it is just the IRT.

She asked if that would be a good answer because he said normally.

Mr. Lund said that is what the City is putting in now is the meters with the blue lids.

Council Member Fisette said if there is anything other than the light blue lids then more than likely their meter has not been changed.

Mr. Lund said unless they ordered meters, they may get a batch of black lids in. He said the City is getting down to the last of the meters and it is hard to get meters in. He said they are calling everyone to try to get the meters so they may get the ones with black lids. He said to add to that point he has had some calls that the lids were floating off. He said that would be another project for another day. He said the City would focus on getting the meters to read. He said the City would have to do a study between now and 2024 for lead and copper. The State has ordered the City to have an individual study of every single tap in the city to verify the types of lines at each tap. The employees would have to go to every house and dig up 18" behind the meter to verify the kind of line they have is it plastic, is it galvanized, or is it copper. He said they would also have to take pictures for the State for proof. He said thanks to the Michigan thing, we have to do it. He said when the staff does that, they would replace boxes and that would keep those lids from floating off.

Council Member Fisette said okay.

Council Member Gauthier asked when city staff would have to start that.

Mr. Lund said we have between now and the end of 2024, that is what the State has given them. He said the City has already started on some of them. He said this is a process already in place.

Council Member Fisette said since the City has cleared off and filled in the medians she watched someone turn from Texas Avenue to Ferry Drive trying to beat the light so they were going pretty fast, but they hit that median and tore their tire up. She asked if there have been any other reports of people doing this, and do we need to paint the sides yellow or some color to make it stand out a little more.

Mr. Lund said TxDot is working on getting signs to put out there. He said the medians have been there since he could remember.

Council Member Gauthier asked what kind of signs TxDot would put out there.

Mr. Lund said the normal signs such as do not enter. They would be break away signs.

Council Member Terri Gauthier said she was pleased that the medians have been cleaned up and she did not know what kind of signage the City would be getting for out there.

Mr. Lund said these are signs from TxDot are the do not enter signs. He said he thought it was discussed of putting oranges out there. He said they would have to figure out what they could put out there that would not block the view of traffic.

Council Member Collins said her and the Mayor were on a concrete cardinal mission. She said neither one of them has been successful.

Mr. Lund said they have a lot of ideas but haven't gotten that far yet.

Council Member Gauthier thanked city staff for the all the work.

Council Member Sherby Dixon said he would like to reiterate what Council Member Roccaforte said about the lego judging. He said he enjoyed it and he had fun. He said the kids put a lot of thinking into some of the lego displays.

(c) Miscellaneous Staff

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary:

1. Friday, February 17 would be the last day for filing an application for a place on the general election ballot.

Tod McDowell, Chief of Police:

He said they have three of the vehicles that were ordered on the lease that are in and are getting outfitted and they have two more they were supposed to be putting a locator on.

(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:

None.

7. ORDINANCE

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2023-02 authorizing municipal participation in regulatory proceedings of ETI (Energys Texas Inc.) at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2023

Mr. Fukuda read the caption only of Ordinance No. 2023-02, 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. 2023-02 authorizing municipal participation in regulatory proceedings of ETI at the PUC of Texas in 2023, 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. RESOLUTIONS

(a) Consideration and possible action to accept the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to approve Resolution No. 2023-07(R) to award a contract for engineering services to LJA Engineering 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. 2023-07(R), in its entirety, awarding a contract for engineering services to LJA Engineering.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-07(R), accepting the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award a contract for engineering services to LJA Engineering pertaining to the application and implementation of the City's 2023-2024 TDA TxCDBG grant and authorizing the execution of a contract, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

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.

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Council Member Collins made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 17, 2023 City Council Meeting minutes and January 22, 2023 Special meeting minutes, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

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.

(b) Consideration and possible action to call a public hearing on the need to continue City of Bridge City Ordinance No. 05-04 (Curfew for Minors) as required by the Texas Local Government Code §370.002

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to call a public hearing on the need to continue City of Bridge City Ordinance No. 05-04 (Curfew for Minors) as required by the Texas Local Government Code §370.002, 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, Fisette, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(c) Consider a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to call a joint public hearing on February 27, 2023, on a request from Brian Kemp of Corkran Management for a zone change from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Low Density Residential District) at 2200 Beverly property further described as 4.047 acres of land out of and part of lots 17-19, block 2, AD Theriot Subdivision, and part of lot 14 block 6 Orange County Farms

Mayor Pro-Tem Reed made a motion to call a joint public hearing on February 27, 2023, on a request from Brian Kemp of Corkran Management for a zone change from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Low Density Residential District) at 2200 Beverly, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

After discussion Council Member Gauthier amended the motion to lay it on the table, 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.

(d) Consideration and possible action to enter into a Lease Agreement between Sabine River Authority of Texas and the City of Bridge City, Texas to place and maintain a walking track

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to enter into a Lease Agreement between Sabine River Authority of Texas and the City of Bridge City, Texas to place and maintain a walking track, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

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.

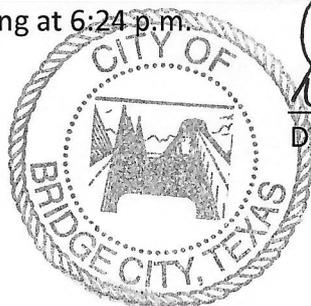
Absent: None.

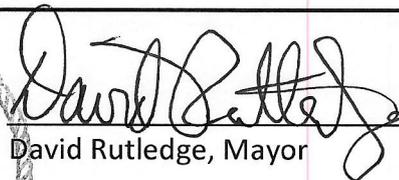
10. ADJOURN

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

ATTEST:


Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary




David Rutledge, Mayor