

<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**  
**April 4, 2023**

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 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 Fiset
- 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
- Utility Superintendent Mike Die
- Financial Assistant/Utility Clerk Brooke Leger
- Assistant Police Chief Robert Bergeron
- Community Development Coordinator Natalie Pruitt
- Utility Clerk Erin Smith
- Utility Clerk Gloria Aguilar
- Library Clerk Kelle Miller

**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 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**

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Kenneth Prosperie  
819 Sunnyside

"I want to thank the Mayor and the Council if they helped get the tractor moving again. I was glad Mike got the tractor moving; I heard it has been running all week. We need it to keep the ditches open, flowing, and it gives the appearance of the City a lot better. Thank y'all."

### **6. REPORTS & COMMENTS**

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#### **(a) City Manager**

##### ***Interim City Manager Mike Lund***

1. Billing – new billing went out and he hoped everyone received their new water bill. If you got a mailed bill, this is what it looked like. If you are on the e-bill, you would have gotten it by email. If you signed up for e-bill you would get it by email and it is cheaper for the City, so he would encourage everyone to sign up for e-bill.
2. Sunnyside well – spoke with Jared of LJA Engineering and they were about to begin the advertising for phase 2. He would run it in the paper next weekend and it would run for two consecutive weekends. The water quality report came back pretty good. The water is a little on the corrosive side, but the water is corrosive around here so we would use a ortho phosphate. He said they would have to go through some protocols with TCEQ to make sure everything is in line, but we have already done this once and so they know what to do. Mayor Rutledge asked Mr. Lund if they were going to spell out what kind of equipment they would need to use. Mr. Lund said they already use it at all the well sites and Jared has already gotten with a company and they have already put things together for the study, so they could go ahead

- and get that ball rolling. They have not issued a quality water report to TCEQ yet, but they know as soon as they do TECQ would inform them they would have to do a corrosion study.
3. Little Dribblers – five teams made it to the National Tournament. He said he was coaching one of the teams and he would be gone the rest of the week.

**(b) City Council**

**Council Member Tammi Fisette** congratulated the Little Dribbler teams going to the National Tournament in Canton, Texas.

**Miscellaneous City Staff:**

None.

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

1. Congratulated the Little Dribblers teams going to National Tournament and wished them the best.

**7. ORDINANCE**

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- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2023-05 rezoning certain property located at 2200 Beverly 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 from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Low Density Residential District)**

Mr. Fukuda read the caption only of Ordinance No. 2023-05, 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. 2023-05 rezoning certain property located at 2200 Beverly 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 from R-1 to R-2, 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, Fisette, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**8. RESOLUTION**

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- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2023-14(R) for a contract for administration and planning services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the City's 2022 Resilient Communities Program (RCP) grant funded and administered through the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and authorizing the execution of a contract**

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2023-14(R), in its entirety, approving a contract for administration and planning services pertaining to the City's 2022 Resilient Communities Program grant.

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-14(R) approving a contract for administration and planning services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the City's 2022 Resilient Communities Program grant funded and administered through the GLO and authorizing the execution of a contract, 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, 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:**  
**March 21, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting**  
**March 31, 2023 City Council Special Meeting**

Council Member Collins made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 21, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting and March 31, 2023 City Council Special Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

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.

- (b) Consideration and possible action to approve a request from S & R Consulting regarding tying into the City's existing water and sewer to his property located behind the Villas at Cow Bayou**

Mayor Pro-Tem Reed made a motion to approve a request from S&R Consulting regarding tying into the City's existing water and sewer to his property located behind the Villas at Cow Bayou, seconded by Council Member Dixon.

After discussion, Council Member Roccaforte amended the motion to table until the City receives an engineer study on the water and sewer, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

After 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.

**(c) Consideration and possible action to approve a HOT TAX application for the Bridge City Little League to repair netting, replace lighting, install new fencing, paint main facility, and upgrade concession stand, in the amount of \$92,000 to improve the facilities to host regional and sectional Allstar Tournaments**

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve a HOT TAX application for the Bridge City Little League to repair netting, replace lighting, install new fencing, paint main facility, and upgrade concession stand in the amount of \$92,000 to improve the facilities to host regional and sectional Allstar Tournament, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** Council Members Roccaforte and Council Member Collins.

**Absent:** None.

After discussion, Council Member Gauthier amended the motion for approval contingent upon receiving a favorable written legal opinion from TML and contingent upon receiving invoices and receipts from the Little League showing their expenses, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** Council Member Collins.

**Absent:** None.

Council Member Gauthier amended her motion to include paying up to the amount of \$92,000, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** Council Member Collins.

**Absent:** None.

**(d) Consideration and possible action to appoint a member to the City Planning and Zoning Commission due to a vacancy**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to appoint Chris Bouley to the City Planning and Zoning Commission, 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, Fiset, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**(e) Consideration and possible action to approve amending the Bridge City Police Association contract to authorize the recruitment and employment of law enforcement training academy cadets**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve amending the Bridge City Police Association contract to authorize the recruitment and employment of law enforcement training academy cadets, 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.

**(f) Consideration and possible action to ratify the contract between the City of Bridge City and Discovery Information Technologies, Inc. dated October 17, 2022**

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to discuss the possibilities of rather or not to ratify the contract between the City of Bridge City and Discovery Information Technologies, Inc. dated October 17, 2022, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

After discussion, Council Member Gauthier amended the motion to ask the City Attorney to enter into negotiations to terminate the contract, 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, Fisetite, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**(g) Consideration and possible action concerning designations, assignments, duties, performance and compensation for the Utility Clerk and Senior Utility Clerks positions in the City of Bridge City**

Council Member Collins made a motion to discuss the designations, assignments, duties, performance and compensation for the Utility Clerk and Senior Utility Clerks positions, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

After discussion, Council Member Collins amended the motion to develop a Senior Utility Clerk job description and that job is posted with the City's normal policies and procedures and adjust the budget to accommodate the bilingual increase for Utility Clerk and adjust the salary for the Senior Utility Clerk and the current employees will maintain their salary until the positions are filled, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

After discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None

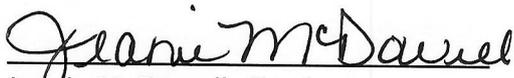
**10. ADJOURN**

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.



David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

