

<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>BRYANT CHAMPAGNE</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**  
**August 1, 2023**

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, August 1, 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 Bryant Champagne  
Council Member Patty Collins  
Council Member Sherby Dixon

**CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:** Council Member Terri Gauthier

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

City Secretary Jeanie McDowell  
City Attorney Paul Fukuda  
Finance Director Karen Morgan  
Chief Tod McDowell  
Personnel/Purchasing Director Kim Tucker  
Interim City Manager/Public Works Director Mike Lund  
Utility Superintendent Mike Die

**2. INVOCATION**

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Following the invocation given by Council Member Sherby Dixon.

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Gauthier.

**5. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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None.

**6. REPORTS & COMMENTS**

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**(a) City Manager**

**Interim City Manager/Public Works Director Mike Lund** had the following report for Council:

1. Sunnyside Well – the contractors are still waiting for parts to come in.
2. Letter in water bills – it is regarding flooding, and it is a requirement for the CRS every year.

**(b) City Council**

None.

**(c) City Staff**

**Chief of Police Tod McDowell:**

Chief McDowell informed the Mayor and Council that he had two new employees this week a patrol officer began employment on Monday, July 31, 2023 and a dispatcher would begin on Thursday, August 3, 2023. He told the Mayor and Council three cadets began the academy on Monday, July 31, 2023. He also said he would have another patrol officer to start on August 14, 2023.

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

None.

**7. ORDINANCE**

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- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2023-07 repealing City Ordinance No. 05-04 as required by the Texas State Legislature in the 88<sup>th</sup> legislative session passed, and the Texas Governor signed House Bill 1819 prohibiting the imposition of curfews on juveniles**

Mr. Fukuda read the caption only of Ordinance No. 2023-07, 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. 2023-07 repealing City Ordinance No. 05-04 as required by the Texas State Legislature in the 88<sup>th</sup> legislative session passed, and the Texas Governor signed House Bill 1819 prohibiting the imposition of the curfews on juveniles, 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, Champagne, Collins, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Gauthier.

**(b) *Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2023-08 authorizing the settlement of the proposed fuel reconciliation of ETI; finding that the meeting complies with the open meetings act; making other findings and provisions related to the subject; and declaring an effective date***

Mr. Fukuda read the caption only of Ordinance No. 2023-08, thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10.

Council Member Collins made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-08 authorizing the settlement of the proposed fuel reconciliation of ETI; finding that the meeting complies with the open meetings act; making other findings and provisions related to the subject; and declaring an effective date, 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, Champagne, Collins, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Gauthier.

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

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**(a) *Consideration and possible action to approve the following minutes:***  
***July 18, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting***  
***July 26, 2023 City Council Special Meeting***  
***July 27, 2023 City Council Special Meeting***

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the July 18, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting minutes, July 26, 2023 City Council Special Meeting minutes and July 27, 2023 City Council Special Meeting minutes, seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Gauthier.

- (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 after the utility study was submitted by LJA Engineering**

Council Member Roccaforte 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 after the utility study was submitted by LJA Engineering, 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, Champagne, Collins, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Gauthier.

- (c) Consideration and possible action to approve the contract between Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission and City of Bridge City for planning, development, operation and provision of 9-1-1 service and of 9-1-1 funds**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve a contract between Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission and City of Bridge City for planning, development, operation and provision of 9-1-1 service and of 9-1-1 funds, 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, Champagne, Collins, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Gauthier.

- (d) Consideration and possible action to enter into a contract between the City of Bridge City and Karen Morgan dated August 7, 2023**

Council Member Collins made a motion to enter into a contract between the City of Bridge City and Karen Morgan dated August 7, 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, Champagne, Collins, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Gauthier.

**(e) Consideration and possible action to schedule one (1) Public Hearing for Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall of Bridge City to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed 2023-2024 Budget for the City of Bridge City, Texas**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to schedule one (1) Public Hearing for Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall of Bridge City to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed 2023-2024 Budget for the City of Bridge City, Texas, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Gauthier.

**(f) Consideration and possible action to schedule one (1) Public Hearing for Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall of Bridge City to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed ad valorem tax rate for the 2023 tax year of \$0.46826 per \$100.00 valuation for the City of Bridge City, Texas (Total tax rate consists of a Debt rate of \$0.14414 and a Maintenance and Operations rate of \$0.32412)**

Council Member Collins made a motion to schedule one (1) Public Hearing for Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall of Bridge City to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed ad valorem tax rate for the 2023 tax year of \$0.46826 per \$100.00 valuation for the City of Bridge City, Texas (Total tax rate consists of a Debt rate of \$0.14414 and a Maintenance and Operations rate of \$0.32412), 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, Champagne, Collins, and Dixon.

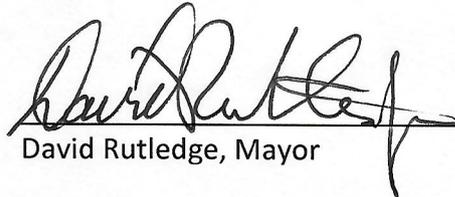
**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Gauthier.

**9. ADJOURN**

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Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

  
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David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

