

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>
BRYANT CHAMPAGNE <i>Council Member, Place 3</i>		SHERBY DIXON <i>Council Member, Place 6</i>

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AND SPECIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

December 13, 2023

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 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 Bryant Champagne
Council Member Patty Collins
Council Member Terri Gauthier
Council Member Sherby Dixon

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
Personnel/Purchasing Director Kim Tucker

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 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, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.
Absent: None.

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 continue deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of the City Manager including interviewing candidates and discussing interview results***

Mayor Rutledge asked the audience to please leave the council chambers while Council went into Closed Executive Session. He opened the executive session at 6:03 p.m. to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of the City Manager including interviewing candidates and discussing interview results.

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.***

Mayor Rutledge reconvened the Council Meeting into open session at 8:31 p.m.

Council Member Collins made a motion to authorize John Kross, Slavin Consulting Management to negotiate a contract with Christopher Baker, 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, Champagne, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

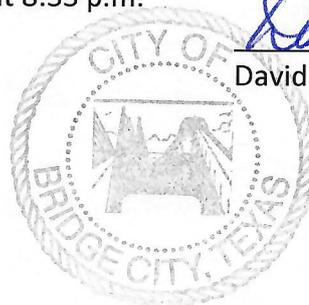
Absent: None.

7. ADJOURN

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.



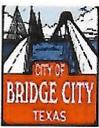
David Rutledge, Mayor



ATTEST:



Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary



**CERTIFIED AGENDA OF CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 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:	BRYANT CHAMPAGNE	<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
	PAUL FUKUDA, CITY ATTORNEY	<input type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
	MIKE LUND, INTERIM CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS	<input type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
	JOHN KROSS, SUVIN & ASSOC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
	CHRISTOPHER BAKER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
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The City Council of Bridge City, Texas, convened in Closed Executive Session on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, beginning at 6:03 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 continue to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of the City Manager including interviewing candidates and discussing interview results _____

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 8:31 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 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

