

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
CITY OF BRIDGE CITY
April 16, 2024

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 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 a.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

ABSENT:

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Christopher Baker
City Attorney Paul Fukuda
City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
Chief of Police Tod McDowell
Utility Superintendent Mike Die

2. INVOCATION

Following the invocation given by Council Member Bryant Champagne.

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 Champagne.

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.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

6. REPORTS & COMMENTS FROM:

(a) City Manager

Christopher Baker

1. Flushing at Sunnyside well began on Monday as anticipated, and samples of the water would be taken. The City would need 3 positive days of water samples that passed the testing. If the water is positive, the flushing would be completed this week. The TCEQ report has been submitted, the City would be overlapping the task to suppress the schedule as much as possible. Mayor Rutledge said even though they would not be flushing, and they hold onto the sample, and we don't get the results for a while it would not hurt to continue the flushing occasionally. Mr. Die said it would be flushed a minimum of at least once a week. Council Member Champagne asked if the water that was being flushed was contained in the ditch and not overflowing. Mr. Baker said there was a little overflow in the ditch that took place yesterday and Mike Lund and Mike Die identified some drainage improvements and that would be solved.
2. There was a dirty water outbreak in the neighborhood behind city hall and after flushing it was cleared up.
3. Community Center doors which he advised Council on before has been ordered and should have install date later this week. He said the doors should be delivered next week.

(b) City Council

Council Member Aaron Roccaforte said the Red, White, & You Celebration preparations were moving forward. He said this would be a major event and hoped the citizens would be excited about it.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Reed said the school district participated in the school bus rodeo. He said if you have never seen it, it is impressive what those school bus drivers can do. The Bridge City School District drivers took first place both in the conventional school bus and transit school bus competition in our area. He said they both would be competing in the state competition. He also said most everyone knows he and his wife, Debbie, took a trip to California last week and it was much needed. He said it settled a lot of anxiety. He said he wanted everyone to know and

those who contributed to their trip how much they really appreciated it. He said they love every one of them.

Council Member Bryant Champagne said he did not know there was a school bus rodeo and he thought it was awesome.

Council Member Patty Collins said Dana Espinald with the Small Business Development Center invited Mayor and City Council to attend the 2024 Annual Small Business Awards Banquet Bridging Communities, Tuesday, April 30th at 6:00 p.m. at the Orange County Convention and Expo Center and seating is limited. She said Ms. Espinald would have seats available for the City Council. She said if you were interested, please contact Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary.

(c) City Staff

Tod McDowell, Chief of Police

He said he would like to express the police department's appreciation to Mr. Baker as he attended and helped during their ALLERT Training. Mr. Baker dedicated his own time to go to be a hostage. He said he would like to present him a certificate for appreciation for his help. Mr. Baker said it was nice getting shot and being able to leave.

(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:
None.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024 City Council Regular and Meeting

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting, 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, Champagne, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve the bills list for the month of March 2024

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve the bills list for the month of March 2024, 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, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(c) Consideration and possible action to appoint a Building Standards Commission alternate member

Council Member Collins made a motion to appoint Mark Kelly to the Building Standard Commission as an alternate member, 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.

(d) Consideration and possible action to approve the goals set forth for the City Manager for the calendar year 2024

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the goals set forth for the City Manager for the calendar year 2024, seconded by Council Member Champagne.

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.

(e) Consideration and possible action to appoint a committee for the purposes of redesigning the City's logo.

Council Member Collins made a motion to appoint Council Member Gauthier, Council Member Roccaforte, and herself to a committee for the purpose of redesigning the City's logo, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

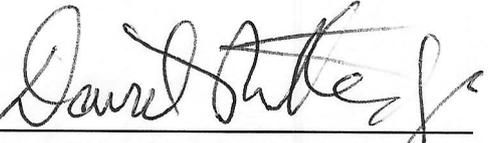
Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Reed, Council Members Roccaforte, Champagne, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

8. ADJOURN

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.



David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

