

AARON ROCCAFORTE <i>Council Member, Place 1</i>	DAVID RUTLEDGE <i>Mayor</i> 	PATTY COLLINS <i>Council Member, Place 4</i>
GINA MANNINO <i>Council Member, Place 2</i>		TERRI GAUTHIER <i>Mayor Pro-Tem/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
June 4, 2024

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 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 Terri Gauthier
Council Member Aaron Roccaforte
Council Member Gina Mannino
Council Member Bryant Champagne
Council Member Patty Collins
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 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 Gauthier, Council Members Roccaforte, Mannino, Champagne, Collins, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

5. PROCLAMATION

(a) Proclamation declaring May 2024 as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" in the City of Bridge City

Mayor Rutledge presented the proclamation declaring May 2024 as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" to the motorcyclists who attended the meeting. They thanked the council for the proclamation and testified how important it was for motorists to watch for motorcycles on the road. They also thanked the Council for participating in 2024 to share the road campaign, for the proclamation and for urging the citizens to give motorcyclist the same respect and right of way as any other vehicle deserves.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

7. REPORTS & COMMENTS FROM:

(a) City Manager

Christopher Baker

1. The City had a rainstorm on Saturday and depending on what part of the City you were in you received 5 to 8 inches of rain in a very short period of time. He said it was quite a storm event. He said on Monday, City Staff posted on Facebook and STAN to ask the citizens to call into the City if they had water in their home and give us their address and other information. The City received 98 calls and some of the water was in houses, yard buildings, storage buildings, and garages. Some of the information the City collected was how much water was in the garage, storage building, or their home and it would be put on a GIS map. This would be used as the tool for Public Works to go out to inspect all the stormwater facilities the City maintains and make sure they are cleaned, graded, and free of any obstructions. He said they would detail their inspections then the City would have real data. He said if we have a hurricane, the City will know these areas were cleaned and it would help facilitate the drainage. He said he would update the City Council in a manager's memo when the data was compiled.

(b) City Council

Council Member Gina Mannino said she would like to thank the department heads, Christopher, and Tod that made time to visit with her in the last couple of weeks. She said they

took her around and showed her a different view of the city. She said they gave her information on how their department was run. She said she appreciated the time they spent educating her on the workings of the city.

Council Member Champagne said he would like to thank Christopher and the department heads and that was very innovative, and he would like to see more data like this. He said that was outstanding and real time information and it would be real to the people.

(c) City Staff

Paul Fukuda, City Attorney

He said the DNH lawsuit has been nonsuited, which means they have essentially given up. He said they could refile it if they chose, but it would be a silly move, why would they do that when they were in already in a lawsuit. He said he believed that matter would be resolved.

(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:

1. He said he would like to instruct Mr. Baker to contact TxDot to get another clean up at the intersection of Roundbunch and Texas Avenue. He said it has been since 2018 when the drains were cleaned out, so it was time to clean them out again.
2. He announced the City would have a ribbon cutting on Thursday morning, June 6, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the Sunnyside well site.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve the following minutes:**
May 7, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting
May 14, 2024 City Council Special Meeting

Council Member Collins made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting and May 14, 2024 City Council Special Meeting, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

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

Council Member Dixon made a motion to approve the bills list for the month of April 2024, seconded by Council Member Champagne.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(c) Consideration and possible action to appoint a Council Member to serve as the City Liaison on the Fire Department's Pension Committee

Council Member Mannino made a motion to appoint Council Member Roccaforte to serve as the City Liaison on the Fire Department's Pension Committee, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(d) Consideration and possible action to appoint a Council Member to serve as the City Liaison on the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to open the item for discussion, seconded by Council Member Mannino.

After discussion, Council Member Collins made a motion to appoint Council Member Mannino to serve as the City Liaison on the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(e) Consideration and possible action to appoint a Council Member as City Council representative to the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee

Council Member Collins made a motion to appoint Council Member Gauthier to serve as the City Council representative to the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee, seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(f) Consideration and possible action to appoint a Council Member as City Council representative to the Economic Development Corporation

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to appoint Council Member Mannino as City Council representative to the Economic Development Corporation, seconded by Council Member Champagne.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

WORKSHOP SESSION

9. WORKSHOP ITEM FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

(a) Open Meeting Act training for the City Council

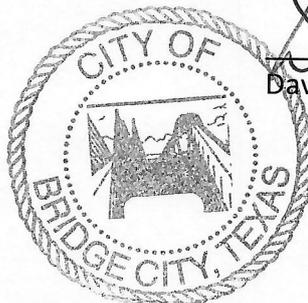
The Mayor and City Council watched a video on the Open Meetings Act. The Council Members will be presented with a certificate of completion of the video at next council meeting.

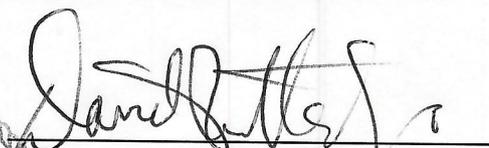
10. ADJOURN

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary




David Rutledge, Mayor