

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
May 7, 2024

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 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 Patty Collins
Council Member Sherby Dixon

ABSENT: Council Member Bryant Champagne
Council Member Terri Gauthier

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Christopher Baker
City Attorney Paul Fukuda
City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
Chief of Police Tod McDowell
Personnel/Purchasing Kim Tucker
Utility Superintendent Mike Die

2. INVOCATION

Following the invocation given by Council Member Patty Collins.

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 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, Collins, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Members Champagne and Gauthier.

5. PRESENTATIONS

(a) Present Elizabeth Bunch with an achievement award for her being approved for the Gold Award of the Girl Scout Troop 3639

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(b) Present Jordann Owing with an achievement award for her being approved for the Gold Award of the Girl Scout Troop 3639

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(c) Present Abigail Nguyen with an achievement award for her being approved for the Gold Award of the Girl Scout Troop 3639

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(c) Presenting the Core Values for the City of Bridge City Employees by Kim Tucker, Director of Personnel

Kim Tucker, Director of Personnel presented Core Values for the City of Bridge City employees.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

7. REPORTS & COMMENTS FROM:

(a) City Manager

Christopher Baker

1. Sunnyside well paperwork and test were turned into TCEQ and he would expect to hear back from them soon.
2. The community center doors have been replaced.

3. He would like to thank Mayor Pro-Tem Reed for stepping up last week and doing the video for the EDC and he did a great job. He said he was looking forward to seeing his dramatic big screen debut at the EDC luncheon.

(b) City Council

Council Member Aaron Roccaforte said he would like to thank the City for allowing him to attend the Small Town Conference, which was very knowledgeable. Also, he said he would like to mention the traffic on East Roundbunch at Bland Extension and the number of wrecks that have been there. He said maybe City Staff could do more studying and get that resolved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Reed said because this would be his last official meeting with the City, he wanted to say how much he appreciated the opportunity to serve as long as he had on City Council. He said it was a pleasurable trip and the City has had its ups and downs, but overall it has been a really good trip. He said he would always treasure the experience of being part of the building of Bridge City. He said the gift you all gave his wife, Debbie, was very much appreciated.

Council Member Sherby Dixon said thank you Mike for your service to the Council and also the service to the citizens of Bridge City. He said he enjoyed working and serving with him. We all will miss you. He said his prayers were with him and Debbie.

(c) City Staff

Tod McDowell, Chief of Police

Chief McDowell said the cadets have completed their training and are on their own.

Paul Fukuda, City Attorney

Mr. Fukuda said he would thank Mike publicly for particularly stepping up again when the City really needed you. He said he would like to give a shout out to Sergeant Navarro who testified in the Bridge City trials last week and after she testified, he learned that was the first time she had testified. He said he was shocked to hear that based on how well she did. He said she seemed certainly like someone who was a veteran at testifying in court and she did a great job. He also congratulated the Mayor on the election.

County Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte

He said he enjoyed working with Mike and appreciated his time over the years.

(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:

Mayor Rutledge said whenever the City asked Mike to help, he has never said no. He said when he needed someone and he would ask for assistance in thinking about something, because they think a lot alike, he could see something that he had not thought of, and he could almost make the problem go away. He thanked Mike for his insight and his knowledge and for stepping up.

8. ORDINANCES

- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2024-08 to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the people, declaring a Moratorium on issuing licenses for food trucks within the city limits**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-08 protecting the health, safety, and general welfare of the people, declaring a Moratorium on issuing licenses for food trucks within the city limits, 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, Collins, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Members Champagne and Gauthier.

- (b) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2024-09 authorizing the settlement of Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A Centerpoint Energy Entex and Centerpoint Energy Texas Gas's statement of intent to increase rates in the Houston, Texas Coast, South Texas and Beaumont/East Texas Divisions, filed October 30, 2023, finding meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act; making other findings and provisions related to subject; and declaring an effective date**

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Members Champagne and Gauthier.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 City Council Regular and Meeting**

Council Member Collins made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting, seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

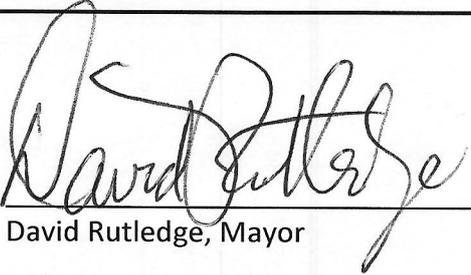
Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Reed, Council Members Roccaforte, Collins, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

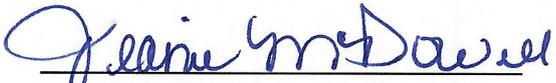
Absent: Council Members Champagne and Gauthier.

10. ADJOURN

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.


David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

