

AARON ROCCAFORTE <i>Council Member, Place 1</i>	DAVID RUTLEDGE <i>Mayor</i> 	PATTY COLLINS <i>Council Member, Place 4</i>
*MIKE REED/GINA MANNINO **Mayor Pro-Tem / Council Member, Place 2		TERRI GAUTHIER **Mayor Pro-Tem/Council Member, Place 5
BRYANT CHAMPAGNE <i>Council Member, Place 3</i>		SHERBY DIXON <i>Council Member, Place 6</i>

OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBER
****CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT****

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

May 14, 2024

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 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 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor David Rutledge
Mayor Pro-Tem Aaron Roccaforte
Council Member Mike Reed (Outgoing)
Council Member Gina Mannino (Incoming)
Council Member Patty Collins
Council Member Terri Gauthier
Council Member Sherby Dixon

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Member Bryant Champagne

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Christopher Baker
City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
Personnel/Purchasing Director Kim Tucker
Finance Director Katrina Jones
Chief Tod McDowell
Public Works Director Mike Lund
Utility Superintendent Mike Die
Municipal Court Judge Bill Dixon

2. **INVOCATION**

Following the invocation given by Council Member Gauthier.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Reed made a motion to approve the agenda, 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, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Champagne.

5. CANVASS RESULTS OF THE MAY 4, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

(EL ESCRUTINIO DE LOS RESULTADOS DE LA ELECCIÓN GENERAL DEL 4 DE MAYO DEL 2024)

(a) Council to canvass the results of the Bridge City General Election held on May 4, 2024

(El Concilio escrutinia los resultados de la Elección del 4 de mayo del 2024)

Mayor Rutledge passed out the May 4, 2024 Bridge City General Election canvass and the official results for Council to review.

6. ELECTION RESOLUTION

(RESOLUCION DE ELECCIÓN)

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2024-08(R) declaring the results of the May 4, 2024 City of Bridge City General Election for Mayor and Council Members –Places 2, 4, and 6

Consideración y posible acción para aprobar la Resolución No. 2024-08(R) que declara los resultados de las Elecciones Generales de la Ciudad de Bridge City del 4 de mayo de 2024 para Alcalde y Miembros del Concejo – Lugares 2, 4 y 6

Mayor Rutledge read Resolution No. 2024-08(R), declaring the results of the May 4, 2024 City of Bridge City General Election.

Mayor Pro-Tem Reed made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2024-08(R) declaring the results of the May 4, 2024 City of Bridge City General Election, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Champagne.

7. CONDUCT CEREMONIES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

(EL REALIZO DE CEREMONIAS A LOS MIEMBROS DEL CONCILIO)

(a) Presentation of Certificate of Election to the Mayor and Council Members - Places 2, 4, and 6

(Presentación de Certificado de Elección al Alcalde y Concejales - Lugares 2, 4 y 6)

Mayor Pro-Tem Reed read and presented the certificate of election to Mayor David Rutledge, along with his congratulations to him. Mayor Rutledge read and presented the certificate of election to Council Member Gina Mannino, Place 2; Council Member Patty Collins, Place 4; and Council Member Sherby Dixon, Place 6, along with his congratulations to everyone.

(b) Oaths of office:

Mayor

Council Member, Place 2

Council Member, Place 4

Council Member, Place 6

(Alcalde

Concejal, Puesto 2

Concejal, Puesto 4

Concejal, Puesto 6)

Judge Bill Dixon administered the oaths of office to David Rutledge, Mayor; Gina Mannino, Council Member, Place 2; Patty Collins, Council Member, Place 4; and Sherby Dixon, Council Member, Place 6. The audience acknowledged the newly sworn-in council members with their applause.

(c) Newly elected officers seated on Council

(Oficiales recién elegidos asentados en el Concilio)

The newly elected officers took their seats on Council. Mayor Rutledge said "Welcome" to Council Member Mannino and "Welcome Back" to Council Member Collins and Council Member Dixon.

(d) Recognition of outgoing Council Members

(Reconocimiento de Miembros del Concilio salientes)

Mayor Rutledge recognized Mike Reed as outgoing Mayor Pro-Tem/Council Member, Place 2. He thanked Mr. Reed for his years of service. He served faithfully and he could not say thank you enough for what he had done for the council and city.

8. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

9. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Christopher Baker had the following report for Council:
He congratulated all council members and thanked them for serving.

(b) City Council

Council Member Aaron Roccaforte told Mike Reed that it had been a pleasure and thanked him for his service to the City. He also told him he would always be a phone call away. He said he appreciated him, and he also welcomed Gina Mannino to the Council and told her he was glad to have her on board.

Council Member Gina Mannino said she was looking forward to the opportunity to learn more about the workings of the City Council and the City. She said she appreciated Mike Reed and Debbie's friendship. She told Mike she was just holding his seat if and when he was ready to come back. She said she appreciated John and Brenda Scales for being there to support her. She also thanked her mother for coming to the meeting to support her. She said she looked forward to the next two years.

Council Member Patty Collins told Mike Reed she loved him and was going to miss him not only for his dedication and service to the City but to the City's district as well. She said what he and Debbie has done for the kids over the years, she could not thank them enough from the bottom of her heart. She said Mike welcomed her two years ago and treated her like she had been here forever, which she was grateful for that. She said she loved them both and she hoped to see them around all the time. She also welcomed Councilmember Mannino to the City Council.

Council Member Terri Gauthier welcomed Gina Mannino to the City Council and said she was excited to have her. She said she felt she would be a blessing and an asset to the Council. She told Mike and Debbie, she loved them and thanked Mike Reed for all the years he has served on the Council. She said he had been a great inspiration and mentor to all of the Council. She said the Council was praying for them and believed for great things and miracles in their life.

Council Member Sherby Dixon thanked Mike Reed for his service and he enjoyed working with him. He said he would be praying for him and Debbie and again he gave him a big thank you for his service. He told Gina Mannino welcome, and he was looking forward to working with her.

(c) City Staff

Jeanie McDowell:

Ms. McDowell thanked Mike Reed, and said she appreciated the time spent with him and his help he offered. She also welcomed Gina Mannino.

Mike Lund:

Mr. Lund congratulated Mayor Rutledge and said to Mike Reed he hoped he enjoyed his retirement.

Katrina Jones:

Ms. Jones congratulated Gina Mannino, and she looked forward to working with her. She thanked Mike Reed and said he and his wife were in her prayers.

Kim Tucker:

Ms. Tucker thanked them all.

Tod McDowell:

Chief McDowell congratulated Gina Mannino and Mayor Rutledge for their win of their election. He also thanked Mike Reed for his service through the years.

Bill Dixon:

Judge Dixon congratulated Gina Mannino and told Mike Reed he wished him the best of luck. He also congratulated Mayor Rutledge.

(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:

Mayor Rutledge thanked Debbie Reed for loaning the City Mike and he appreciated him. He said from the bottom of his heart thank you.

10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to appoint new Mayor Pro-Tem to the City Council, as required by the City Charter, Section 3.05

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to appoint Council Member Terri Gauthier as Mayor Pro-Tem; seconded by Council Member Collins.

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 City Council Liaison to the City Planning and Zoning Commission

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to reappoint Place 6, Sherby Dixon as the City Council Liaison to the City Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by Council Member Collins.

With no other nomination or discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

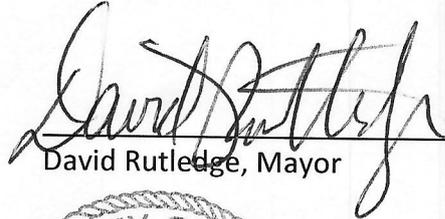
Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier, Council Members Roccaforte, Mannino, Champagne, Collins, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

11. ADJOURN

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 6:20p.m.



David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeannie McDowell, City Secretary

