

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

March 5, 2024

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 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 Terri Gauthier
Council Member Sherby Dixon

ABSENT: Council Member Patty Collins

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Christopher Baker
City Attorney Paul Fukuda
City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
Chief of Police Tod McDowell
Public Works Director Mike Lund

2. INVOCATION

Following the invocation given by Council Member Terri 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

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, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Patty Collins.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

6. REPORTS & COMMENTS FROM:

(a) City Manager

Christopher Baker had the following report for Council:

1. The City has made the preliminary cut for a CDBG Grant that would replace approximately 2,300 linear feet of sewer line and ten manholes in the Nancy Street area. He said it was not approved but the City made the initial cut, and he would continue to work with the City's partners to get it approved.
2. He would like to thank Mike Lund and his team and Katrina Jones and her team as they put in all the project information sheets for the Texas Water Development Board last week for the drinking water potential grants that they tallied up and would need \$27 million. He also said, for the clean water grants which is related to the sewer plant and the sewer collection system which totals \$19 million. These were not the grant applications, but this was the first steps, and they would work with the grant consultants to fill out the grant application. He said the teams came together in a very short period of time and he wanted to thank everyone involved.

(b) City Council

None.

(c) City Staff

Mike Lund, Director of Public Works:

The chlorine building has been delivered to Sunnyside and Entergy should have been there on Wednesday. He said he wanted to recognize a couple of employees, but he wanted to start off by saying the water department employees were required by the State of Texas to obtain license operators to take care of the water and wastewater systems. He said by State recommendations and required by law; the City has to have certified operators. He said the employees have classes, meetings, and continuing education they have to obtain. He said they start out with an entry level "D" license and progress to a "C", then "B", and then "A". He said he wanted to recognize Oustin Gillory for passing his "C" wastewater test and receiving his license. The exam he passed is about a 48% pass rate. He said he also wanted to recognize Justin Thomas for passing his "A" wastewater exam and receiving his license. The exam he passed is about a 16% pass rate.

Tod McDowell, Chief of Police:

Officer Lari Navarro was promoted to Patrol Sergeant and now they have one position to fill.

(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:

None.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 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, Champagne, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Patty Collins.

(b) Consideration and possible action to appoint the City Collective Bargaining Committee for the 2024-2025 Bridge City Police Association contract negotiations

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to reappoint Council Member Roccaforte and Council Member Dixon to serve on the City Collective Bargaining Committee for the 2024-2025 Bridge City Police Association contract negotiations, 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, Champagne, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Collins.

(c) Consideration and possible action to approve a HOT TAX application from the Community Leaders Forum in the amount of \$68,000 for an event in the City of Bridge City

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve a HOT TAX application from the Community Leaders Forum up to the amount of \$68,000 for an event in the City, 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, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Patty Collins.

(d) Consideration and possible action for approval of City of Bridge City to enter into a contract with Ashbritt, Inc. for post-storm debris removal services

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the City of Bridge City to enter into a contract with Ashbritt, Inc. for post-storm debris removal services, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Reed.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

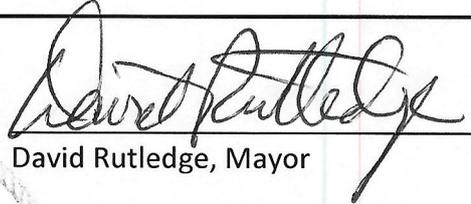
Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Reed, Council Members Roccaforte, Champagne, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Patty Collins.

8. ADJOURN

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.



David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

