

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

March 19, 2024

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 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
Finance Director Katrina Jones
Utility Superintendent Mike Die
Community Development Coordinator Natalie Pruitt

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 Gauthier 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, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

City Council to hear and consider public comments on the voluntary annexation of the following property:

- (a) *A 16.882-acre tract of land in the JOHN JETT SURVEY, Abstract No 15 in Orange County Texas, being all of that certain 16.907-acre tract of land described in an instrument to Precision Lakes LLC, a Texas limited liability Company of record in County Clerk's File No 486811 of the Official Public Records.*

Mayor Rutledge began the Public Hearing on the voluntary annexation at 6:03 p.m. He asked if there were any public comments on the annexation. With no comments or questions, Mayor Rutledge asked again for comments or questions. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

7. REPORTS & COMMENTS FROM:

- (a) *City Manager*

Christopher Baker

1. Mr. Baker shared the following: Orange County Turn-In Vessel Program for unwanted boats if you, your family, or friends or if you know of anyone that may have one, there will be an opportunity to bring them to the Orange County Collection Station. The Texas General Land Office would be accepting the vessels at this location. It is free if you need to get rid of a boat. It would be available on April 6th, 9th, 11th, and 13th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you would like more information or would like to share it, Mr. Baker will give out the flyer.

(b) City Council

Council Member Aaron Roccaforte said he would like to thank the Mayor, City Council and Staff on behalf of the Roccaforte family for the flowers for his grandmother's funeral. He said they greatly appreciated it, and they knew everyone was there for them.

(c) City Staff

Tod McDowell, Chief of Police:

He asked Jeremy Broussard, Alec Lawson, and Nathan Noyola to come to the front of the Council Chambers. Chief McDowell told the Mayor and City Council that the officers completed a long and hard academy, and they represented the City very well. He said this was the first time in forty years the City had sponsored and paid for them as employees to go through the Academy. He administered the oath of office to the officers and introduced them to the Mayor and Council as their new police officers.

(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:

1. Mayor Rutledge thanked the new officer's families for allowing them to come to Bridge City to help protect the citizens.

8. ORDINANCES

(a) *Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2024-03 renaming a public street; providing an effective date, a repealing clause, and severability clause*

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-03 renaming a public street; providing an effective date, a repealing clause, and severability clause, seconded by Council Member Collins

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.

(b) *Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2024-04 rezoning certain property located at 1965 Miller Abst No. 6, Davis Tr 021 R10932 in the City of Bridge City, Texas from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to C-2 (Second Commercial District)*

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-04 rezoning certain property located at 1965 Miller Abst No. 6, Davis Tr 021 R10932 in the City of Bridge City, Texas from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to C-2 (Second Commercial District), 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.

- (c) ***Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2024-05 amending Ordinance No. 00-1 and Ordinance No. 2019-08 and Exhibit "A" reconstructing the building, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing permits fees and adding a variance and re-zoning fee***

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-05 amending Ordinance No. 00-1 and Ordinance No. 2019-08 and Exhibit "A" reconstructing the building, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing permits fees and adding a variance and re-zoning fee, seconded by Council Member Collins.

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 Ordinance No. 2024-06 annexing the following described territory:***

A 16.882-acre tract of land in the JOHN JETT SURVEY, Abstract No 15 in Orange County Texas, being all of that certain 16.907-acre tract of land described in an instrument to Precision Lakes LLC, a Texas limited liability Company of record in County Clerk's File No 486811 of the Official Public Records.

Council Member Collins made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-06 annexing a 16.882-acre tract of land in the JOHN JETT SURVEY, Abstract No 15 in Orange County Texas, being all of that certain 16.907-acre tract of land described in an instrument to Precision Lakes LLC, a Texas limited liability company of record in County Clerk's File No 486811 of the Official Public Records, 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.

- (e) *Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2024-07 calling for the redemption of the Bridge City, Texas Tax and Waterworks & Sanitary Sewer System subordinate Lien Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2012 maturing 2025 and 2027 in the amount of \$780,000 at par as of May 7, 2024 and authorize the paying agent registrar for the bonds to deliver the Notice of Redemption*

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Ordinance No 2024-07 calling for the redemption of the Bridge City, Texas Tax and Waterworks & Sanitary Sewer System subordinate Lein Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2012 maturing 2025 and 2027 in the amount of \$780,000 at par as of May 7, 2024 and authorize the paying agent registrar for the bonds to deliver the Notice of Redemption, 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, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

- (a) *Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting*

Council Member Dixon made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

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 February 2024*

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the bills list for the month of February 2024, seconded by Council Member Collins.

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 approve the 2024 Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment increase of 2.2484% to be applied to the City's Municipal Telecommunications Right-of-Way Access Line Rates

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the 2024 Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment increase of 2.2484% to be applied to the City's Municipal Telecommunications Right-of-Way Access Line Rates, 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, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(d) Consideration and possible action to approve the amendment of the Community Center and Senior Citizen's policy and procedures to revise the rental and deposit fees

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the amendment of the Community Center and Senior Citizen's policy and procedures to revise the rental and deposit fees, seconded by 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.

(e) Consideration and possible action to approve a letter commenting on TxDOT's traffic diversion plan

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve a letter commenting on TxDOT's traffic diversion plan, seconded by Council Member Collins.

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.

10. ADJOURN

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.



David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

