

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

April 2, 2024

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 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
Personnel/Purchasing Director Kim Tucker
Utility Superintendent Mike Die

2. INVOCATION

Following the invocation given by City Attorney Paul Fukuda.

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, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

6. REPORTS & COMMENTS FROM:

(a) City Manager

Christopher Baker

1. The doors on the community center would be replaced soon. The procurement process has been completed. There will be enhancements on the doors, such as having windows in them. He said it would be an improvement to the building.
2. The contractors at the Sunnyside well would start flushing soon. They would be discharging in the ditch or in the SRA canal and is anticipated to last three days.

(b) City Council

Council Member Aaron Roccaforte said the Quality of Life Committee had created the "Save the Date" flyer that was sent out to the Council for June 28-29th for the Red, White & You Celebration. It will be held at the community center and there will be a drone light show, Bag of Donuts, various food vendors, and so on and so forth. He asked the Council to tell as many people as they could, and he also informed them the committee was looking for sponsorships. If anyone has any ideas as to who they would like to ask for sponsorships, let the committee know. He said please spread the word.

Council Member Bryant Champagne said he would like to thank everyone that was involved with the Red, White & You "Save the Date" flyer. He said he thought it would be a good community event and the citizens would enjoy it. He said he was looking forward to the event.

Council Member Terri Gauthier said the committee was very excited about the celebration in June and being able to get an exciting thing to happen like the drone show and Bag of Donuts. She said it was just really helping our community to have something that they could come to and enjoy. She said the committee has a lot of work to do, but we have made some progress. She said the biggest thing right now is getting our sponsorships and we have a lot to offer the ones who would put in money to sponsor the event. This would be a great advertisement and recognition for the sponsors.

(c) City Staff

None.

(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:

1. He said he liked the Red, White, & You Celebration and would be a great event for the community. He told the City Council the staff would need help getting it organized before and during the event.

7. RESOLUTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2024-07(R) to approve the agreement between the State of Texas and the City of Bridge City for the maintenance, control, supervision, and regulation of certain State Highways in the City

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-07(R) the agreement between the State of Texas and the City of Bridge City for the maintenance, control, supervision, and regulation of certain State Highways in the City, 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, Collins, Gauthier, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 City Council Regular and Meeting

Council Member Collins made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

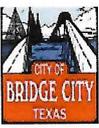
With no changes, discussion, or alterations, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.



**CERTIFIED AGENDA OF CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024**

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR:	DAVID RUTLEDGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
COUNCIL PLACE 1:	AARON ROCCAFORTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
COUNCIL PLACE 2:	MIKE REED MAYOR PRO-TEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
COUNCIL PLACE 3:	BRYANT CHAMPAGNE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
COUNCIL PLACE 4:	PATTY COLLINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
COUNCIL PLACE 5:	TERRI GAUTHIER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
COUNCIL PLACE 6:	SHERBY DIXON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Others in Attendance:	JEANIE MCDOWELL, CITY SECRETARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
	PAUL FUKUDA, CITY ATTORNEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
	CHRISTOPHER BAKER, CITY MANAGER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
	KIM TUCKER, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
	JOHN KROSS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
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The City Council of Bridge City, Texas, convened in Closed Executive Session on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, beginning at 6:11 p.m., in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (*Texas Government Code, Chapter 551*) for the following sections:

9(a) **Section 551.074. Personnel Matters** – discussion on the evaluation and duties of the City Manager including review of performance objectives related to the City Manager’s performance.

No formal action was taken by City Council during the closed session. Upon conclusion of the Closed Executive Session the City Council reconvened into open session and will possibly take action regarding the item listed above.

The City Council ended its Closed Executive session at 7:11 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

I, David Rutledge, the presiding officer of the Closed Executive Session of the City Council of the City of Bridge City, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct record of the proceedings on the above date.

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell
 JEANIE MCDOWELL, City Secretary



David Rutledge
 DAVID RUTLEDGE, Mayor
 Presiding Officer

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. ADJOURN TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

CITY COUNCIL TO GO INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR THE FOLLOWING SECTION:

- (a) *Section 551.074. Personnel Matters – discussion on the evaluation and duties of the City Manager including a review of performance objectives related to the City Manager’s performance*

Mayor Rutledge asked the audience to please leave the council chambers while the Council went into Closed Executive Session. He opened the executive session at 6:11 p.m. to discuss the evaluation and duties of the City Manager including a review of performance objectives related to the City Manager’s performance.

10. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

- (a) *City Council will reconvene into open session*

Mayor Rutledge reconvened the Council Meeting into open session at 7:11 p.m. No action was taken.

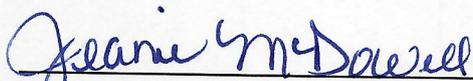
11. ADJOURN

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.



David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

