

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

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**CITY OF BRIDGE CITY**  
**September 10, 2024**

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at the City Hall of Bridge City, 260 Rachal, Bridge City, Texas.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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Mayor David Rutledge called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 a.m.

**CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor David Rutledge  
Mayor Pro-Tem Terri Gauthier  
Council Member Gina Mannino  
Council Member Aaron Roccaforte  
Council Member Bryant Champagne  
Council Member Patty Collins  
Council Member Sherby Dixon

**ABSENT:** None.

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

City Secretary Jeanie McDowell  
City Attorney Paul Fukuda  
Chief of Police Tod McDowell  
Finance Director Katrina Jones  
Public Works Director Mike Lund

**2. INVOCATION**

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Following the invocation given by Council Member Bryant Champagne.

**3. PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FLAG**

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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**

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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 Gauthier, Council Members Roccaforte, Mannino, Champagne, Collins, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**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 – to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of an Interim City Manager***

Mayor Rutledge asked the audience to please leave the council chambers while Council went into Closed Executive Session. He opened the executive session at 6:02 p.m. to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of an Interim City Manager.

#### **6. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

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- (a) *City Council will reconvene into open session for possible discussion and/or possible action regarding Item 5(a) above.***

Mayor Rutledge reconvened the Council Meeting into open session at 6:37 p.m.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to appoint Katrina Jones as Acting Interim City Manager without the authority to sign city checks and stipend of \$2,000 per month, seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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.

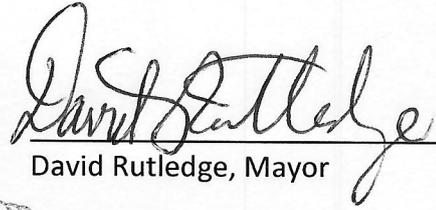
**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

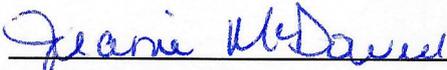
**7. ADJOURN**

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

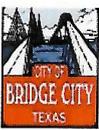
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David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary





**CERTIFIED AGENDA OF CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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:	GINA MANNINO	<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, MAYOR PRO-TEM	<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
	KIM TUCKER, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> PRESENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
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The City Council of Bridge City, Texas, convened in Closed Executive Session on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, beginning at 6:02 p.m., in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (*Texas Government Code, Chapter 551*) for the following sections:

5(a) Section 551.074. Personnel Matters – deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, and duties of an interim City Manager.

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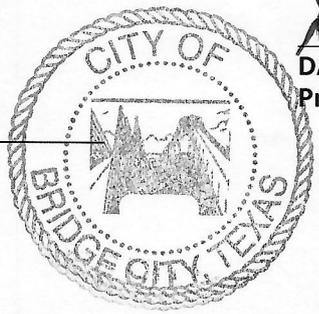
No formal action was taken by City Council during the closed session. Upon conclusion of the Closed Executive Session the City Council reconvened into open session and will possibly take action regarding the item listed above.

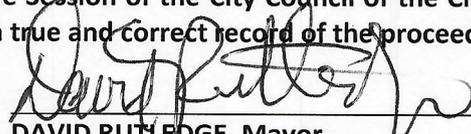
The City Council ended its Closed Executive session at 6:37 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

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, City Secretary



  
DAVID RUTLEDGE, Mayor  
Presiding Officer