

AARON ROCCAFORTE <i>Council Member, Place 1</i>	DAVID RUTLEDGE <i>Mayor</i> 	PATTY COLLINS <i>Council Member, Place 4</i>
GINA MANNINO <i>Council Member, Place 2</i>		TERRI GAUTHIER <i>Mayor Pro-Tem/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

August 6, 2024

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 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 Terri Gauthier
Council Member Aaron Roccaforte
Council Member Gina Mannino
Council Member Patty Collins
Council Member Sherby Dixon

ABSENT: Council Member Bryant Champagne

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Christopher Baker
City Attorney Paul Fukuda
City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
Chief of Police Tod McDowell
Director of Finance Katrina Jones

2. INVOCATION

The invocation was 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 Gauthier, and Council Members Roccaforte, Mannino, Collins, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Champagne.

5. PROCLAMATIONS

(a) Proclamation presented to the Bridge City 10 year old Little League All-Star team recognizing their State Championship

Mayor Rutledge and the City Council recognized the Bridge City Little League 10 year old All-Star team for becoming the Texas East State Champions. Players Jake Gearhart #9, Rody Hussey #12, Tucker Hardin #22, Easton Dishon #8, Reid Trimble #10, Mason Bartholamew #99, Kamdyn Verrett #5, Kaiser Havard #2, Raleigh Fults #44, Alex Burkart #15, Chaplin Arkeen #1 and Connor Lopez #24 accepted the Proclamation presented by the Mayor and the City Council.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

7. REPORTS & COMMENTS FROM:

(a) City Manager's Report

Christopher Baker

1. Notice from TxDot – The left lane of the Rainbow Bridge (SH 73) southbound would be closed on Wednesday, August 7th beginning at 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The closure would begin near Shady Drive in Bridge City to Rainbow Lane in Port Arthur. Everyone should expect delays. This is just for one day.
2. Code Enforcement Office – had a transition in the office and the City of Orange would backfill for building inspections only not code. He said he would like to publicly recognize the City of Orange for cooperating with the City during this transition period.

(b) Council Member Gina Mannino said she would like to reinstate how much she enjoyed the strategic planning retreat. She said she enjoyed working with staff and the rest of the council members and discussion of ways to make Bridge City better, so thank you for the opportunity.

(c) City Staff

None.

(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:

None.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve the following minutes:
July 16, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting

July 26, 2024 City Council Special Meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting and July 26, 2024 City Council Special Meeting, seconded by Council Member Mannino.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Champagne.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve and update the City of Bridge City Financial Policies and Procedures for Federal Grant projects and the City of Bridge City Procurement Policy applicable to all procurements made with federal funds

Council Member Mannino made a motion to consider and possibly approve the updated Bridge City Financial Policies and Procedures for Federal Grant projects and the City of Bridge City Procurement Policy applicable to all procurements made with federal funds, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier made a motion to approve the City's Financial Policies and Procedures for Federal Grant projects and the City of Bridge City Procurement Policy applicable to all procurements made with federal funds, seconded by Council Member Collins.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Champagne.

(c) Consideration and possible action to schedule one (1) Public Hearing for Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall of Bridge City to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed 2024-2025 Budget for the City of Bridge City, Texas

Council Member Collins made a motion to schedule one (1) Public Hearing for Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall of Bridge City to hear and consider public comments

regarding the proposed 2024-2025 Budget for the City of Bridge City, Texas, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Champagne.

(d) Consideration and possible action to schedule one (1) Public Hearing for Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall of Bridge City to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed ad valorem tax rate for the 2024 tax year of \$0.468260 per \$100.00 valuation for the City of Bridge City, Texas (Total tax rate consists of a Debt rate of \$0.088839 and a Maintenance and Operations rate of \$0.379421)

Council Member Collins made a motion to schedule one (1) Public Hearing for Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall of Bridge City to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed ad valorem tax rate for the 2024 tax year of \$0.468260 per \$100.00 valuation for the City of Bridge City, Texas (Total tax rate consists of a Debt rate of \$0.088839 and a Maintenance and Operations rate of \$0.379421), seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

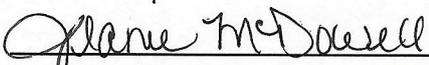
Noes: None.

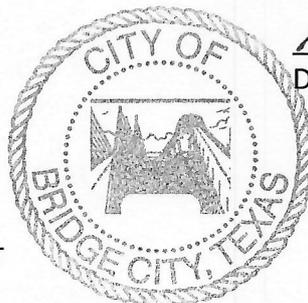
Absent: Council Member Champagne.

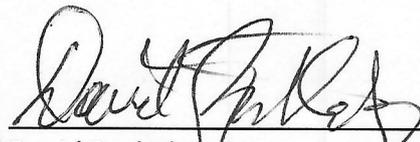
9. ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:


Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary




David Rutledge, Mayor