

<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 MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF BRIDGE CITY**  
**February 4, 2025**

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 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 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:** Council Member Sherby Dixon

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

City Secretary Jeanie McDowell  
Chief of Police Tod McDowell  
Director of Finance Katrina Jones  
Director of Public Works Mike Lund  
Utility Superintendent Mike Die

**2. INVOCATION**

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The invocation was 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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Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Collins.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Sherby Dixon.

**5. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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None.

**6. REPORTS & COMMENTS FROM:**

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**(a) City Manager's Report**

None.

**(b) City Council**

**Council Member Aaron Roccaforte** said the Red, White, and You Festival planning was underway. The dates would be Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and the committee was planning to have a free family night on Friday and on Saturday there would be admission. He said there would be good bands and food on both nights. He would like everyone to save the date and come out and enjoy the festival.

**Council Member Gina Mannino** said she has received some very good feedback from the library meetings. She was not sure who was attending those, but she said there were a couple of council members, Friends of the Library members, and library staff. She said that group of people seemed to be very enthused and energetic about what was happening. She said thank you to all who was taking care of that.

**Council Member Patty Collins** said as the Liaison to the library she could report on the meeting. She said they had a meeting last week that was well attended, and they are very energetic and excited about the council support and what is all going on. She said they were looking forward to continued library updates, improvements, and the summer programs but overall enthusiastic. The new board member was sworn in the council appointed a week or two ago. She said good things were coming to the library, stay tuned.

**(c) City Staff**

None.

**(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:**

None.

**7. ORDINANCE**

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**(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2025-03 ordering the City of Bridge City General Election to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025**

***(La Consideración y la posibilidad de acción para Ordenanza No 2025-03 ordenando la Elección General en la Ciudad de Bridge City que tendrá cabo el sábado, el 3 de mayo del 2025)***

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-03 ordering the City of Bridge City General Election to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Sherby Dixon.

**8. RESOLUTION**

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***(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2025-08(R) declaring Bridge City, TX as the Corndog Capital of Texas***

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-08(R) declaring Bridge City, TX as the Corndog Capital of Texas, seconded by Council Member Collins.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Sherby Dixon.

***(b) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2025-09(R) appointing Bart Bartkowiak to the Economic Development Corporation***

Council Member Mannino made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-09(R) appointing Bart Bartkowiak to the Economic Development Corporation, seconded by Council Member Collins.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Sherby Dixon.

- (c) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2025-10(R) awarding a contract for administrative services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the City's 2024 Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants from the Texas Division of Emergency Management and/or Texas Water Development Board and authorizing the execution of a contract**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-10(R) awarding a contract for administrative services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the City's 2024 Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants from the Texas Division of Emergency Management and/or Texas Water Development Board and authorizing the execution of a contract, seconded by Council Member Champagne.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Sherby Dixon.

- (d) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2025-11(R) awarding a contract for engineering services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the City's 2024 Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants from the Texas Division of Emergency Management and/or Texas Water Development Board and authorizing the execution of a contract**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-11(R) awarding a contract for engineering services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the City's 2024 Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants from the Texas Division of Emergency Management and/or Texas Water Development Board and authorizing the execution of a contract, seconded by Council Collins.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Sherby Dixon.

**9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION**

***(a) Consideration and possible action to approve January 28, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes***

Council Member Collins made a motion to approve January 28, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Sherby Dixon.

***(b) Consideration and possible action to approve a HOT TAX application from the Community Leaders Forum in the amount of \$70,000 for an event in the City***

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve a HOT TAX application from the Community Leaders Forum in the amount of \$70,000 for an event in the City, seconded by Council Member Mannino.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Sherby Dixon.

***(c) Consideration and possible action to amend the wage information for the Lift Station Technician in the 2024/2025 Budget, which was approved by the Council on August 20, 2024, and to correct the hourly wage amount for subsequent payrolls***

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to amend the wage information for the Lift Station Technician in the 2024/2025 Budget approved by the Council on August 20, 2024 to correct the hourly wage amount for subsequent payrolls, seconded by Council Member Champagne.

After discussion, Council Member Mannino amended the motion that the corrected compensation include the back pay from the date of hire for this employee, seconded by Council Member Champagne.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

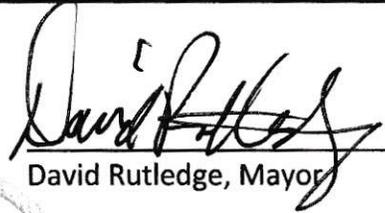
**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Sherby Dixon.

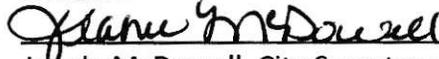
**10. ADJOURN**

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Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

  
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David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST: .

  
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Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

