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| AARON ROCCAFORTE <i>Council Member, Place 1</i> | DAVID RUTLEDGE <i>Mayor</i> | PATTY COLLINS <i>Mayor Pro-Tem/ Council Member, Place 4</i> |
| GINA MANNINO <i>Council Member, Place 2</i> |  | CHRIS BOULEY <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
July 15, 2025

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 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 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor David Rutledge
Council Member Aaron Roccaforte
Council Member Gina Mannino
Council Member Bryant Champagne
Council Member Chris Bouley
Council Member Sherby Dixon

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Patty Collins

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Bart Bartkowiak
City Attorney Paul Fukuda
City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
Chief Tod McDowell
Public Works Director Mike Lund
Utility Superintendent Mike Die

2. INVOCATION

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 Bouley.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Roccaforte, Mannino, Champagne, Bouley, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Collins.

5. PRESENTATION

(a) Discussion and reviewing of the Texas Department of Agriculture Section 3 Presentation as required by TxCDBG Contract Number CDV23-0181

The presentation will be presented to Mayor and City Council at a later date.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

7. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager Bart Bartkowiak

1. Budget Workshop – sent email regarding the workshops for July 29th and July 30th as well as the strategic plan. Some council members could not make these dates for the strategic planning. He said he would ask the council to look at their schedules for August and give some dates and times that they would be available if they would like to have it in an entire afternoon like last year. He said they could also split it out into two 1½ hour sessions and tag it onto a council meeting or have it on a non-council meeting Tuesday within the month and have it in the evening. He said he needed feedback, because he needed the entire council for the strategic workshop.
2. Red, White, and You Festival – this was his first one and he thought it went really well. Everyone he ran into seemed to be having a good time. The committee was already talking about things that could be tweaked and improved. He said all in all he thought it went great. He said the festival raised over \$5,000 for the Warrior Bonfire Program. He said once city staff had the final numbers he would give the council a final financial report.
3. Pony League Baseball Field – the pony field is back in the hands of the city, so the new lease has been fully executed by both sides. He said city staff would be working on a park master plan through fiscal year 2026. He said they would work on community meetings and council meetings to see what people would like to have in the park.

4. Generators – the city was notified the city hall and Bridge City ISD generators were selected for funding under DR4781. He said FEMA had it for review, so he does not have a timeline on when. Since we hit this stage, the city should get it.
5. Easement – city staff brought to council a while back an ILA with the drainage district and he mentioned that the city may have to go to Eminent Domain to get a drainage easement through one section of the property. He said the trustee for that property, who is new in the trust, said they would agree to donate the easement. He said there would not be an Eminent Domain part of that project.
6. Tropical system – there is one in the Gulf and the current forecast for Bridge City is two to three inches of rain in our area from Thursday to Saturday. The reasonable worst case scenario would be six to eight inches of rain from Thursday to Saturday, but they don't see it more than a rain event.

(b) City Council

Council Member Aaron Roccaforte said the Red, White, and You Celebration was successful, and he thanked the volunteers, staff members, committee members, and everyone involved who made the event great. He said at the next council meeting there would be a presentation to present the Warrior Bonfire Program a check for the proceeds made from the festival.

Council Member Gina Mannino thanked Council Member Roccaforte for his leadership of the Red, White, and You Celebration. She said it was a great event.

Council Member Bryant Champagne said he had a small fundraiser and had a donation he would like to give to the Warrior Bonfire Program along with the city's donation.

(c) City Staff

Mike Lund

Mr. Lund told the Mayor and City Council the construction of the pickleball courts is now underway.

(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:

1. Thanked Officer Daws for his time volunteering in the dunking booth at the Red, White, and You Celebration
2. There will be a free legal advice clinic for veterans and spouses of deceased veterans given by the Jefferson County Bar Association on Saturday, August 23, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Lumberton Fire & EMS in Lumberton, Texas. Appointments are strongly advised.

8. ORDINANCE

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2025-11:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS TAX AND WATERWORKS & SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM SUBORDINATE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2025 (THE "CERTIFICATES") IN A MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,250,000; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY STAFF, CITY FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LEGAL COUNSEL AND BOND COUNSEL TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS DEEMED NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH CERTIFICATES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-11, seconded by Council Member Champagne.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Roccaforte, Mannino, Champagne, Bouley, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Collins.

9. RESOLUTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2025-17(R):

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE WITH TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATION PROCEEDS FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY WASTEWATER SYSTEM

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-17(R), seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Roccaforte, Mannino, Champagne, Bouley, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Collins.

10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve the recommendation from the Insurance Committee for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to purchase Employee Medical, Employee Dental and Employee Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Insurance Committee for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to purchase Employee Medical, Employee Dental and Employee Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Roccaforte, Mannino, Champagne, Bouley, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Collins.

- (b) Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes of June 17, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting**

Council Member Dixon made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting, seconded by Council Member Bouley.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Roccaforte, Mannino, Champagne, Bouley, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Collins.

- (c) Consideration and possible action to approve the bills list for the month of June 2025**

Council Member Bouley made a motion to approve the bills list for the month of June 2025, seconded by Council Member Champagne.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Roccaforte, Mannino, Champagne, Bouley, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Collins.

- (c) Consideration and possible action to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission and City of Bridge City for planning, development, operation and provision of 9-1-1 service and of 9-1-1 funds**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission and City of Bridge City for planning, development, operation and provision of 9-1-1 service and of 9-1-1 funds, seconded by Council Member Dixon

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Roccaforte, Mannino, Champagne, Bouley, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Collins.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 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 6:30 p.m. to discuss the evaluation and duties of the City Manager including review of performance objectives related to the City Manager’s performance.

12. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

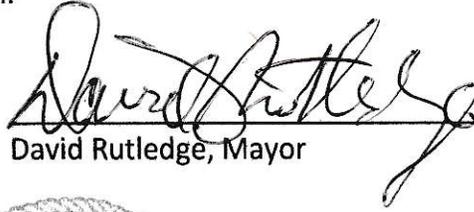
- (a) City Council will reconvene into open session**

Mayor Rutledge reconvened the Council Meeting into open session at 7:17 p.m.

No action was taken.

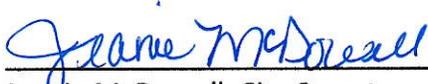
13. ADJOURN

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.



David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

