

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
August 5, 2025

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 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
- Mayor Pro-Tem Patty Collins
- Council Member Aaron Roccaforte
- Council Member Gina Mannino
- Council Member Bryant Champagne
- Council Member Chris Bouley
- Council Member Sherby Dixon

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

- City Manager Bart Bartkowiak
- City Attorney Paul Fukuda
- City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
- Chief Tod McDowell

2. INVOCATION

The invocation given by Council Member Bryant Champagne.

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 Bouley made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Collins.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

5. PRESENTATION

(a) Present the Warrior Bonfire Program with a check in the amount of \$6,574.70 from the proceeds made from the Red, White, and You Celebration

Mayor Rutledge presented Keeston Cole with a check in the amount of \$6,574.70 and told him it was an honored for the City of Bridge City to award the proceeds from the Red, White, and You festival to the Warrior Bonfire Program.

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

Melinda Smith, Traylor & Associates presented a slide show to Mayor and Council to fulfill the requirements of the Texas Department of Agriculture Section 3 by TxCDBG Contract Number CDV23-0181.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

7. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager Bart Bartkowiak

1. Pickleball Court – the dirt work was done and Kraftsman would begin the process of building the courts. After they were finished, the fence would be installed.

(b) City Council

None.

(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 15, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting
July 29, 2025 City Council Special Meeting

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting and July 29, 2025 City Council Special Meeting, seconded by Council Member Champagne.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

- (b) Consideration and possible action to amend Section 11 of the City of Bridge City Council Decorum and Procedures Policy to provide procedures for agenda posting times to comply with HB 1522**

Mayor Pro-Tem Collins made a motion to amend Section 11 of the City of Bridge City Council Decorum and Procedures Policy to provide procedures for agenda posting times to comply with HB 1522, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

- (c) Consideration and possible action to enter into a contract with Tetra Tech for Debris Monitoring Services**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to enter into a contract with Tetra Tech for Debris Monitoring Services, seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(d) Consideration and possible action to schedule one (1) Public Hearing for Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall of Bridge City to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed 2025-2026 Budget for the City of Bridge City, Texas

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to schedule one (1) Public Hearing for Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall of Bridge City to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed 2025-2026 Budget for the City of Bridge City, Texas, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Collins.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(e) Consideration and possible action to schedule one (1) Public Hearing for Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 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 2025 tax year of \$0.550000 per \$100.00 valuation for the City of Bridge City, Texas (Total tax rate consists of a Debt rate of \$0.133411 and a Maintenance and Operations rate of \$0.416589)

Council Member Champagne made a motion to schedule one (1) Public Hearing for Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 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 2025 tax year of \$0.550000 per \$100.00 valuation for the City of Bridge City, Texas (Total tax rate consists of a Debt rate of \$0.133411 and a Maintenance and Operations rate of \$0.416589), seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

WORKSHOP SESSION

9. WORKSHOP SESSION – DISCUSSION ONLY

(a) Discussion of the City of Bridge City's Strategic Plan

Bart Bartkowiak, City Manager, discussed last year's meeting under the previous city manager. Mayor and Council would like to revisit the Vision and Mission Statements.

Mr. Bartkowiak discussed the Fiscal and Resource Management and they removed FR2.

The next category discussed was Infrastructure and they agreed to add a feasibility study and benefit analysis on the Sewer under Cow Bayou Grants and add a rate study.

Under Economic Development they deleted Guideline 2 and ED3 and would like to update signage.

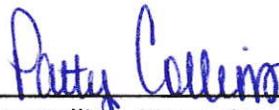
Public Safety they deleted Guideline 3 and two projects.

Sense of Community they rewrote Guideline 3 and added a project for creating a Parks Master Plan.

They would meet again in the future and discuss and prioritize the projects for each year.

10. ADJOURN

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.



Patty Collins, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

