

<b>AARON ROCCAFORTE</b> <i>Council Member, Place 1</i>	<b>DAVID RUTLEDGE</b> <i>Mayor</i>	<b>PATTY COLLINS</b> <i>Mayor Pro-Tem/ Council Member, Place 4</i>
<b>GINA MANNINO</b> <i>Council Member, Place 2</i>		<b>CHRIS BOULEY</b> <i>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**  
June 17, 2025

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 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  
Council Member Aaron Roccaforte  
Council Member Bryant Champagne  
Mayor Pro-Tem Patty Collins  
Council Member Chris Bouley  
Council Member Sherby Dixon

**CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:** Council Member Gina Mannino

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

City Manager Bart Bartkowiak  
City Secretary Jeanie McDowell  
Chief Tod McDowell  
Utility Superintendent Mike Die

**2. INVOCATION**

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The invocation given by Council Member Sherby Dixon.

**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 Champagne.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Mannino.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

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**(a) City Council to hear and consider public comments regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Transportation for a Transportation Alternative grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the proposed Shared Use Path project which would construct a shared pedestrian/bike path along East and West Roundbunch**

After reading Agenda Item 5(a) Mayor Rutledge opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. Ernie Crochet, LJA gave a presentation to the citizens regarding a plan for a walking path along East and West Roundbunch.

Mayor Rutledge asked twice if there were any questions or comments from the citizens.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge closed the public hearing at 6:18 p.m.

**6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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None.

**7. REPORTS & COMMENTS**

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**(a) City Manager Bart Bartkowiak**

1. Bad weather – he said the City suffered a lightning strike that damaged the collector antenna for the meter reading system on the Rachal water tower and back fed down the ethernet cable into City Hall and the Public Works buildings. He said city personnel was still collecting everything that was destroyed. He said the City was back up on an alternate solution for now. He said city personnel was collecting data of the damage to file on insurance. He said it was in discussion to go back with a fiber optic cable up the water tower so if the City was struck in the future, it would eliminate the path for the current to back feed to cause damage.

**(b) City Council**

**Council Member Aaron Roccaforte** said the Red, White, and You festival planning was going exceptionally well and the City received rack cards to pass out. He said before council members leaves, please take some to pass out. He said please help get the information out and let people know about the event. He said there would be a lot of advertising on Facebook and and

other social media platforms in the coming week. If you see it on social media, please share the advertisements.

**(c) City Staff**

None.

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

1. The TML Region 16 meeting will be on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> with check in time at 5:30 at the Community Center. Please sign up with the City Secretary. Mr. Scott Houston would be the guest speaker.
2. He encouraged all the council members to participate in the dunking booth at the Red, White, and You Celebration. Please sign up the times convenient for you with the City Secretary.

**8. ORDINANCE**

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- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2025-10 rezoning certain property located at 155 Texas Ave described as 1.86 acres of land out of 29.901 and part of 382 ABST, 382 Thomas Bowles Tract 001 and TR001A-3 in the City of Bridge City, Texas from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to C-3 (Third Commercial District)**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-10 rezoning 1.86 acres of property located at 155 Texas Ave from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to C-3, (Third Commercial District), 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, Council Members Roccaforte, Champagne, Bouley, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Mannino.

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

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- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes of June 3, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting**

Mayor Pro-Tem Collins made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Collins, Council Members Roccaforte, Champagne, Bouley, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Mannino.

**(b) Consideration and possible action to approve the bills list for the month of May 2025**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the bills list for the month of May, 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, Council Members Roccaforte, Champagne, Bouley, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Mannino.

**(c) Consideration and possible action to approve issuing a purchase order in the amount of \$185,295.84 to Kraftsman for the construction of four pickleball courts Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to appoint Judy Cole to the Planning and Zoning**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve issuing a purchase order in the amount of \$185,295.84 to Kraftsman for the construction of four pickleball courts, 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, Council Members Roccaforte, Champagne, Bouley, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Mannino.

**(d) Consideration and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bridge City, Texas and Orange County for Electronic Warrant Cloud Based Services**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bridge City, Texas and Orange County for Electronic Warrant Cloud Based Services, seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

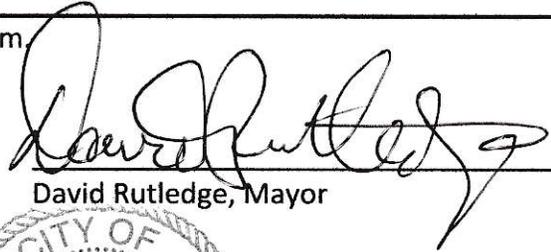
**Ayes:** Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Collins, Council Members Roccaforte, Champagne, Bouley, and Dixon.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** Council Member Mannino.

**10. ADJOURN**

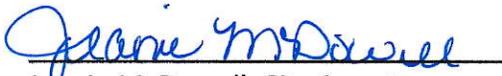
Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 6:39p.m.



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David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

