

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
September 2, 2025

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 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
Police Chief Tod McDowell
Finance Director Katrina Jones
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

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- (a) ***City Council to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed ad valorem tax rate for the 2025 tax year for the City of Bridge City, Texas, levied as follows:***

\$0.133411 per \$100.00 valuation - Debt Service Rate (Interest and Sinking)

\$0.4165892 per \$100.00 valuation - Maintenance and Operations Rate

\$0.550000 per \$100.00 valuation - Total Tax Rate

After reading Agenda Item 5(a), Mayor Rutledge opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. Mayor asked for comments on the ad valorem tax rate.

With no discussion or comments, Mayor Rutledge closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

7. REPORTS & COMMENTS

- (a) ***City Manager Bart Bartkowiak***

1. Pickleball Court – the fencing is underway, the poles were up, and they would pour a ribbon around the court on Friday. He said the fencing would go up after that. He said then they would paint the court after the fence was complete. He said city staff would clean up around the outside before opening the court to the public.
2. Warrior Bonfire Program – he read the letter to the Council that thanked them for the generous charitable contribution.
3. Council Meeting – There would be a special meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, for the Texas Water Development Board Bonds.
4. Christmas in the Park – city staff had a new idea, and it would be a Christmas Trail. He said the city would be calling on businesses and organizations to donate a 5x5 spot to

decorate and weather permitting it would be on the pony field. The backup spot would be around the pickleball court.

(b) City Council

None.

(c) City Staff

None.

(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:

None.

8. ORDINANCE

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2025-13 Sections A and B adopting and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the 2025 tax year for the City of Bridge City, Texas as follows:

\$0.133411 per \$100.00 valuation - Debt Service Rate (Interest and Sinking)

\$0.4165892 per \$100.00 valuation - Maintenance and Operations Rate

\$0.550000 per \$100.00 valuation - Total Tax Rate

Mayor Pro-Tem Collins made a motion "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a total tax rate of \$0.550000, which is effectively an 18.79 percent increase over the calculated No New Revenue tax rate. The tax rate is \$0.4165892 for maintenance and operations and \$0.133411 for debt service with a total of \$0.550000 per \$100 valuation. This rate is a 17.46 percent increase over last year's adopted rate." Motion was seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

After discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

Votes were as follows for Sections A and B:

MOTION CARRIED.

SECTION "A"

Ayes:

Mayor Rutledge	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Collins	Yes
Council Member Roccaforte	Yes
Council Member Mannino	Yes
Council Member Champagne	Yes
Council Member Bouley	Yes
Council Member Dixon	Yes

SECTION "B"

Ayes:

Mayor Rutledge Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Collins Yes
Council Member Roccaforte Yes
Council Member Mannino Yes
Council Member Champagne Yes
Council Member Bouley Yes
Council Member Dixon Yes

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

9. RESOLUTIONS

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2025-20(R) nominating Philip Welch as a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Orange County Appraisal District

Mayor Pro-Tem Collins made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-20(R) nominating Philip Welch as a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Orange County Appraisal District, 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.

10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of the August 19, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 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, and Council Members Roccaforte, Mannino, Champagne, Bouley, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(b) Consideration and possible action to appoint/reappoint members for the 2025-2027 term for the Board of Adjustment

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to appoint Lee Martin as a Board Member and reappoint Mark Bunch as alternate board member, 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.

(c) Consideration and possible action to appoint/reappoint members for the 2025-2027 term for the Building Standards Commission

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to reappoint Clarence Philpott as a Board Member, 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.

(d) Consideration and possible action to appoint/reappoint members for the 2025-2027 term for the Planning and Zoning Commission

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to reappoint Shandi Conner as a Board Member and appoint Danny Prosperie as a Board Member, Terri Gauthier as a Board Member, and Michael Gauthier as a Board Member for the 2025-2027 term for the Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by Council Member Mannino.

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 appoint/reappoint members for the 2025-2027 term for the Bridge City Public Library Advisory Board

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to reappoint Martha Mire as a Board Member and appoint Faye Harrington as a Board Member, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Collins.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

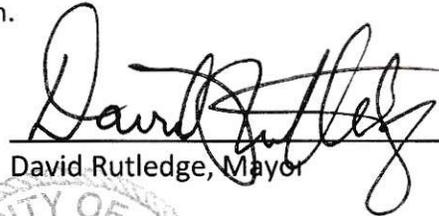
Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Collins, and Council Members Roccaforte, Mannino, Champagne, Bouley, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

11. ADJOURN

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.



David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

