

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 9, 2025

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 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 Chris Bouley
Council Member Sherby Dixon

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:

Council Member Gina Mannino
Council Member Bryant Champagne

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

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

2. INVOCATION

The invocation given by Mayor Pro-Tem Collins.

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 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, Bouley, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Mannino and Council Member Champagne.

5. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager Bart Bartkowiak

1. Pickleball Court – was continuing to come along, the concrete around the poles was finished and the netting should be put on by next week. The court would be painted tomorrow.
2. Library – had received the official notification from the State that the Library is accredited for this year. The library staff would post the notice on the door.

(b) City Council

None.

(c) City Staff

Tod McDowell:

He said the department would have new employees beginning tomorrow. One is a police officer and other one is a part-time dispatcher.

(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:

None.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

7. PRESENTATION

(a) Presentation by Guy Goodson, Bond Counsel and R. Dustin Traylor of RBC Capital Markets, Financial Municipal Advisor to the City on the Texas Water Development Board Resolution 25-077

Guy Goodson, Bond Counsel told Mayor and City Council this was a Water Development Board Clean Water State Revolving Fund financing for the proposed 2025 Series Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Certificates of Obligation. He said principal amount of

the proposed bonds was \$7,250,000 and the pricing was shown as the total interest cost of 3.0818 percent, and the federal arbitrage would be 2.941 percent. He said the total interest cost takes into consideration certain non-project costs. He said planned closing would be October 7th and the bonds would mature on July 15, 2045. He said the bonds per the Water Development Board's rules in the Resolution they adopted allowed for a ten year early call date. He said RBC blended the current debt obligations into the early maturities primarily those in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2029, so that there would be a lower interest number in the first four years. He said there was a relatively stable debt service amount for the years beginning in fiscal year September 30, 2030, through the end of the bond term in the fiscal year September 30, 2045. He said there was one thing they came back with and said they were not showing a principal payment in either this year or 2026-2027, but they would require an amendment to have a principal payment in 2026. He said there would not be a principal payment in 2027 so there would be a little dip that would not be significant but then it would stay stable until the other debt is paid off.

8. ORDINANCE

(a) Consideration and Possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2025-14:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, TAX AND WATERWORKS & SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM SURPLUS REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2025; LEVYING A CONTINUING DIRECT ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE CERTIFICATES; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS, CONDITIONS AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE CERTIFICATES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND AN ESCROW AGREEMENT; COMPLYING WITH THE LETTER OF REPRESENTATIONS ON FILE WITH THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-14 authorizing the issuance of the City of Bridge City, Texas, Tax and Waterworks & Sanitary Sewer System Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025; levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax for the payment of the certificates; prescribing the form, terms, conditions and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale and delivery of the certificates; authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement and an escrow agreement; complying with the letter of representations on file with the depository trust company; and providing an effective date, 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, Bouley, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Mannino and Council Member Champagne.

- (b) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2025-15 amending Ordinance No. 90-2 including exhibit "A" and exhibit "B" of Ordinance Nos. 03-04, 05-07, 2013-04, 2015-09, 2018-16, 2022-11, 2023-11, and 2024-11 by increasing water and sewer rates**

Mayor Pro-Tem Collins made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-15 amending Ordinance No. 90-2 including exhibit "A" and exhibit "B" of Ordinance Nos. 03-04, 05-07, 2013-04, 2015-09, 2018-16, 2022-11, 2023-11, and 2024-11 by increasing water and sewer rates, seconded by Council Member Bouley.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Mannino and Council Member Champagne.

9. RESOLUTIONS

- (a) Consideration and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2025-21(R) establishing continuing disclosure policy and procedures concerning securities issued or guaranteed by Bridge City, Texas**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-21(R) establishing continuing disclosure policy and procedures concerning securities issued or guaranteed by Bridge City, Texas, seconded by Council Member Bouley.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Mannino and Council Member Champagne.

10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

- (a) Consideration and possible action to authorize a paying agent/registrar agreement and an escrow agreement with BOKF, NA**

Mayor Pro-Tem Collins made a motion to authorize a paying agent/registrar agreement and an escrow agreement with BOKF, NA, 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, Bouley, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Mannino and Council Member Champagne.

(b) Consideration and possible action to authorize execution and delivery of additional documents, affidavits, notices and certificates as may be necessary to proceed with issuance and sale of \$7,250,000 City of Bridge City, Texas tax and waterworks & sanitary sewer system surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025 and to authorize the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Secretary, City Manager and/or other city officials to take such action and to execute such documents as may be necessary for the issuance of the certificates

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Mannino and Council Member Champagne.

(c) Consideration and possible action to authorize all accounts and funds necessary with the district's depository or paying agent/registrar as may be required by the Texas Water Development Board Resolution 25-077 or as required by the certificate ordinance

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to authorize all accounts and funds necessary with the district's depository or paying agent/registrar as may be required by the Texas Water Development Board Resolution 25-077 or as required by the certificate ordinance, 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, Bouley, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Mannino and Council Member Champagne.

(d) Consideration and possible action to adopt Post-Issuance Compliance Policy for Tax-Exempt Obligations

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to adopt Post-Issuance Compliance Policy for Tax-Exempt Obligations, 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, Bouley, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Mannino and Council Member Champagne.

(e) Consideration and possible action authorizing the City of Bridge City to enter into a contract with the Bridge City Police Association for the period effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to authorize the City of Bridge City to enter into a contract with the Bridge City Police Association for the period effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, 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, Bouley, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Mannino and Council Member Champagne.

(f) Consideration and possible action on potential rescheduling/cancellation of the September 16, 2025 City Council Meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem Collins made a motion to cancel the September 16, 2025 City Council Meeting.

After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Collins amended her motion to reschedule the September 16, 2025 meeting to October 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

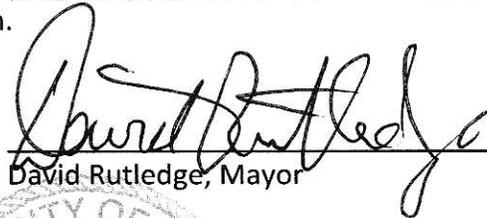
Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Collins, and Council Members Roccaforte, Bouley, and Dixon.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Mannino and Council Member Champagne.

11. ADJOURN

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.



David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

