

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
October 7, 2025

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 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 5:38 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

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:

Council Member Chris Bouley
Council Member Sherby Dixon

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

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

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 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, Mannino, and Champagne.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Bouley and Council Member Dixon.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

6. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager Bart Bartkowiak

1. The city executed an agreement with HDR with a cost of \$24,892 for the water rate study that was talked about during budget. When it was talked about during budget the initial proposal from a firm was \$40 something thousand. He said the staff actually budgeted \$35,000 because they had a second proposal and then received a third proposal and it was right under \$25,000.
2. The TXDot Transportation Alternatives Program moved the approval of applications from October 16th to November 13th and that was for the sidewalk the City applied for. He said TXDot asked for an RFI for information they needed, and the City responded. He said the City was waiting for approval on it.
3. The pickleball ribbon cutting would be Friday, October 24th at 9:00 a.m.

(b) City Council

Council Member Champagne said this Saturday, October 11th would be pink out play day at Cowboy Church for anyone who would like to see the rodeo. He said bring your kids.

(c) City Staff

None.

(d) Mayor David Rutledge report:

If anyone going to TML would like to participate in the business meeting, each city gets one vote. If anyone would like to participate just go to the room at 3:30 on Thursday, sign in and you will receive a card. You would be the city's representative to vote on all the resolutions that were turned in. He said let him know if you would like to attend.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve the following minutes:

September 2, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting

September 9, 2025 City Council Special Meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem Collins made a motion to approve the September 2, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting minutes and September 9, 2025 City Council Special Meeting minutes, seconded by Council Member Mannino.

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, and Champagne.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Bouley and Council Member Dixon.

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

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the bills list for the month of August 2025, seconded by Council Member Mannino.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Bouley and Council Member Dixon.

(c) Consideration and possible action to enter into a lease agreement on the property located at 118 Robin Avenue with Todd and Sharon Wright and Sharon Bell

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to enter into a lease agreement on the property located at 118 Robin Avenue with Todd and Sharon Wright and Sharon Bell, seconded by Council Member Mannino.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Bouley and Council Member Dixon.

- (d) **Consideration and possible action to approve the purchase of in-car camera systems with body cameras for the Police department from Utility Associates Inc. in the amount of \$170,141**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the purchase of in-car camera systems with body cameras for the police department from Utility Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$170,141, 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, Mannino, and Champagne.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Bouley and Council Member Dixon.

8. ADJOURN

Mayor Rutledge adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.



David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary

