

CARL HARBERT <i>Council Member, Place 1</i>	DAVID RUTLEDGE <i>Mayor</i> 	ERIC ANDRUS <i>Council Member, Place 4</i>
KIRK ROCCAFORTE <i>Council Member, Place 2</i>		TERRI GAUTHIER <i>Council Member, Place 5</i>
TAMMI FISETTE <i>Mayor Pro-Tem / Council Member, Place 3</i>		LUCY FIELDS <i>Council Member, Place 6</i>

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF BRIDGE CITY
March 20, 2018

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 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
Council Member Carl Harbert
Council Member Kirk Roccaforte
Mayor Pro-Tem Tammi Fisette
Council Member Eric Andrus
Council Member Terri Gauthier
Council Member Lucy Fields

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Jerry D. Jones
City Secretary Sherry Tisdale
City Attorney Paul M. Fukuda
Finance Director Karen Morgan
Chief Paul T. Davis
Mike Lund, Utility Superintendent

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FLAG

Following the invocation given by Mr. Fukuda, 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.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Harbert made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fisette.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fissette, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Andrus, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

4. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. Trailer on Inwood is gone
2. Meeting at Expo Center: Meeting will be held tomorrow with the County, the Drainage District and all of the cities on a proposal to apply for additional funding that has become available through the GLO (General Land Office) for drainage projects
3. Drainage projects: City is continuing cleaning ditches and installing culverts – only have one Gradall – it's slow but making progress - all major problems that were found have been cleaned and removed – waiting on monies that will be available for additional seven to eight miles of roadside ditches that the City will do when the funding starts coming down
4. New homes: Approximately 12 new house starts – new subdivisions are starting to open up – one more subdivision that is going to open on Hwy 1442 relatively soon
5. Three structures on Rosen, Darby and Morning Glory: All going to the Building Standards Commission next Monday – will also have a meeting on procedures because all of the members are new – then they will set a date to have the actual meeting with the owners of those pieces of property
6. GLO (General Land Office): Continually coming in and inspecting projects that the City has – turned in \$19,500,000 in projects – last time they basically approved most of the projects and came in and did it all at one time - this time they are picking different projects and coming in and inspecting these things – it's not like the City has been approved for all \$19,500,000 – it's a gradual thing – it may take a little longer to get all of these in but so far they haven't turned down any

(a) City Council

Council Member Carl Harbert wished Happy Birthday to Council Member Fields, Mr. Fukuda, and Mayor Pro-Tem Fissette.

Council Member Kirk Roccaforte said Happy Birthday also.

Council Member Terri Gauthier said she had an update with the Economic Development Commission. They had a meeting on March 12, and one of the things she is allowed to share is they allowed the Executive Director, Jessica Hill, to purchase options for additional property for a company looking to locate in Orange County, which could create a significant amount of jobs in Orange County. This is something to be looking forward to. There are several things on the horizon possibly for Orange County and new jobs. As far as Bridge City's economic development, Taco Bell is being torn down and they are re-building it with a new model. She

said she was excited to hear that the Bridge City Wal-Mart is about to start on a one million dollar renovation. This is good for Bridge City, also.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fiset started that the Bridge City store manager has been in Bentonville for the past week, and he has a lot of plans. She said he would really like to have a super center and a brand new store, but they will take a remodel.

Council Member Lucy Fields updated the Council on the Chamber of Commerce. She said they are looking for Mother of the Year and Father of the Year nominations.

(c) City Staff

Utility Superintendent Mike Lund stated that the City Water staff has been doing a lot of flushing to get the TTHM (Total Trihalomethane) numbers lower. October 30 of last year the numbers were (from two sites that they take samples from) 54 and 56 mc/L 8 which is well below. The last ones on February 21 were a 43 and a 49. The City has never been that low. He said they know the filters are removing iron and manganese, which is allowing them to flush a lot harder now, so they are able to keep the water moving. He said when they go to a fire hydrant now and flush, they don't open it up just a little bit like they used to. They open it up all the way. He explained it is helping to keep the lines clean. Mr. Lund said the Water Department hasn't had a dirty water complaint since May of last year. He said they will put these numbers on the website so everybody can see them, but he wanted to let Council know where there are now. Council thanked Mr. Lund and told him to keep doing what they are doing because it's working.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fiset said she had noticed that there is a fire hydrant repair. She asked where was that. Mr. Lund said they did repair the one on Hwy 408 and Arthur Street. He said they just got the parts in to repair the one on Gum. He said they have a list of six other locations they will be working on. Mayor Pro-Tem Fiset thanked him very much for what they are doing. Mr. Lund stated that they would keep the Fire Department in the loop, also.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge had the following comments:

1. Next meeting – first meeting in April: Mayor Pro-Tem Fiset will be chairing the Mayor position
2. He said he attended two different meetings:
 - One meeting was the TML Elected Officials conference - they were talking a little bit about some more of the legislation that the Governor has been hinting he is going to put out – still bad news for the cities – Council will have to help out and try to figure out how to make it the best for the City
 - The other meeting was in Austin at TML headquarters – it was a Blue Ribbon Meeting about the legislation coming down the pike and how to get the word out

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments at this meeting.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of the January 2, 2018 City Council Meeting

Council Member Fields made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 2, 2018 City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

With no changes, additions, or deletions, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fisette, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Andrus, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve City bills for the month of February 2018

Council Member Andrus made a motion to approve the February 2018 City Bills. Motion was seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fisette, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Andrus, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(c) Consideration and possible action to appoint alternate members to the City Board of Adjustment

Council Member Andrus made a motion to appoint alternate members to the City Board of Adjustment, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

As there were no names brought to Council, Mayor Rutledge told Council they need to get out and “beat the bushes” to get people who are interested in the welfare of the City and willing to serve in this volunteer position. He told Council if they could think of somebody, have it by next meeting.

Council Member Fields said she had two people in mind, but she wanted to know when they meet. Mr. Jones said meetings are normally on Mondays. Council Member Fields also asked how many times a year do they meet. Mr. Jones said it meets two or three times a year – six meetings at the very most. He said that every year they have to renew the trailer variances for the elderly and sick. Also, the trailer park coming in will have to go before them. There will be more this

coming year than is normally. Mr. Jones said all that is needed are alternates to this board, so they don't have to be there all the time. He commented that Ms. Tisdale reminded him that they will have the beach houses and barndominiums so this group will probably start meeting more.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fissette, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Andrus, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

7. ADJOURN

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m., seconded by Council Member Andrus.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fissette, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Andrus, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

/s/ David Rutledge

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry Tisdale

Sherry Tisdale, City Secretary