

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

June 5, 2018

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at the City Hall of Bridge City, 260 Rachal, Bridge City, Texas. The meeting began after the conclusion of the 6:00 p.m. Joint Public Hearing with the Planning and Zoning Commission.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Rutledge called the City Council meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor David Rutledge
 Council Member Carl Harbert
 Council Member Kirk Roccaforte
 Council Member Tammi Fisette
 Mayor Pro-Tem 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
 Personnel/Purchasing Director Jeanie McDowell
 Chief Paul T. Davis
 Mike Lund, Utility Superintendent
 Mike Die, Asst. Utility Superintendent

2. INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mr. 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 Fields made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Fisette.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

5. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. Available funding for damages after the Storm: located two sources of income - one is a \$350,000 grant that the City's grant administrator found - it has no matching funds - will start application process - Ms. Morgan talked to him about a grant today that is a lost revenue grant - did this grant last time and it's a forgivable loan - takes a while to get the loan forgiven but it does work out in the end - still looking for sources of income - still doing good with the Water Development Board grants
2. Sunnyside Project: finally finished last set of culverts that were pulled up - now through with this project
3. Project for Elsie Area: still not finished - cable was cut and the cable company has not come out to fix it and bury it - this is all staff is waiting on
4. New budget: working on it now - rather time consuming

(b) City Council

Council Member Tammi Fisette said she would like to recognize the City's Chief of Police, Paul Davis. He received the Director's Award last week in Houston from the Texas Department of Public Safety for the action taken to help the people of Texas during Hurricane Harvey. She said this award was a reflection of the whole department, and she wanted to thank him, his officers, and his dispatchers for everything they did to help our citizens, our community, and surrounding agencies. She said, "Congratulations on receiving this award and good job". The audience responded with applause.

(c) City Staff

Chief Paul T. Davis said when he attended the ceremony in Houston at the Regional Office there were a number of these awards handed out to private individuals, companies, police departments and vast number of groups. He said, having been involved with Emergency Management for a number of years, he took the opportunity to tell the public the real impact this had on the folks that came in to various communities. It was not just our community and not just our County - it was all over Texas. Chief Davis said he felt privileged to represent the City of Bridge City.

Utility Superintendent Mike Lund had the following update:

1. THMs (Trihalomethanes):
 - Report four quarters every year
 - Now on second quarter of 2018
 - May 3 results were 66 and 55 (well below 80)
 - Brings average back down to 60's at both sites
 - Still continuing to flush to keep numbers down
 - Hopefully will be starting Romero Well at the end of this month

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge had the following comments:

1. Couple of opportunities for Council Members to get training in Beaumont: 1st workshop is "Elected Officials 101" - 2nd workshop is "Budget and Tax Rate" - going into budget season now so both will be beneficial to the City and the Council as a whole - will be at MCM Elegante' from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday
2. Apology to Council: Last few months he said he has let the meetings turn into public works discussions and strayed from keeping the business of the City in front of Council - He said Mr. Jones is always available for questions about public works stuff and he had forgotten about this. "My apologies, especially to Mr. Jones, for letting this become the Public Works meeting. That's not what we're here for. The business of the Council is the business of the City."

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

7. ORDINANCE

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2018-09 authorizing the suspension of the effective date for an additional 90 days beyond the June 19, 2018 effective date proposed by Entergy Texas, Inc., in connection with its rate increase application filed on May 15, 2018

Mr. Fukuda read the caption of Ordinance No. 2018-09 authorizing the suspension of the effective date for an additional 90 days beyond the June 19, 2018 effective date proposed by Entergy Texas, Inc., thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10

Motion was made by Council Member Roccaforte to approve Ordinance No. 2018-09, as read, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

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

- 1. March 6, 2018 City Council Meeting**
- 2. March 20, 2018 City Council Meeting**

Council Member Harbert made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2018 and March 20, 2018 City Council Meetings, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve appointment of Eric Reeves to an alternate position on the Board of Adjustment

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve the appointment of Eric Reeves to an alternate position on the Board of Adjustment, seconded by Council Member Fields.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(c) Consideration and possible action to approve a request by Lance Guidry to extend sewer service to his property, described as Lot 13 and Lot 14 on Nelson Street, located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Bridge City

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve a request by Lance Guidry to extend sewer service to his property, described as Lot 13 and Lot 14 on Nelson Street. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

Mr. Jones explained that, in this area, the City has the CCN (Certificate of Convenience and Necessity) in this area. The City already has plans to re-do the water system in that area and would eventually get to the sewer part of it. To extend it would require a forced 3-inch main for 1300 feet. Eventually they can buy the grinder pumps like was done at Fishhook, then they can do away with their septic systems. This is something that the City was already looking at and is certainly capable of getting Mr. Guidry on sewer. He is already on water. Mr. Jones stated that it is staff's recommendation to go ahead and allow this to be done.

Council Member Fields asked if there were any homes in that area that are already hooked up to the City's sewer system. Will this be a first? Mr. Jones replied yes. Mr. Jones explained the two end on Hwy 1442 are on sewer and they have a forced main there. This one will extend way down. He said the City will be able to pick up everything between those houses and Mr. Guidry's house.

At the conclusion of discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m., seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry Tisdale, City Secretary