

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

July 17, 2018

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 17, 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 Kirk Roccaforte
 Council Member Tammi Fisette
 Mayor Pro-Tem Eric Andrus
 Council Member Lucy Fields

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:

Council Member Carl Harbert
 Council Member Terri Gauthier

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 Die, Asst. Utility Superintendent

2. INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Council Member Fisette.

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 Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Members Harbert and Gauthier.

5. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. Romero Well Site: Filtration contractor in town - started work today and will probably be here all week before they get it online
2. Gradall: Equipment is still down - have part ordered - not able to do ditches right now
3. Elsie Street Project: survey work will start next week - will have a report as soon as possible
4. Water Development Board Grant: 2nd phase (fire plug part) has been applied for - staff did 500 manholes and 500 fire plugs - asked to re-word some of that so there is a possibility that it may be available to the City

(b) City Council

Council Member Kirk Roccaforte stated there is a hearing in Orange on Acquisitions and Buy-outs Method of Distribution. People can go on SETRPC website to get information. There will also be additional hearings that should be listed on that website.

Council Member Tammi Fisette said congratulations to Richard Harmon on the birth of his grandbaby. She said she would also like to welcome the two new Police Department dispatchers - Jillian Bland and Dennis Monk - to the City family.

Thank you to Mr. Jones for sitting down with her this afternoon. She said she had taken a lot of pictures of this last big rain and Mr. Jones went over drainage maps and pulled it up on Google Earth. She stated they discussed some things that she saw at the Fernwood/Shadowdale area, and the Live Oak/Bradford area - that whole neighborhood. Council Member Fisette thanked Mr. Jones for his time and she appreciated it.

Council Member Lucy Fields said she had requests from several citizens - all with different requests. She said she brought them to Mr. Jones and he got the City crew on them and all of them have been remedied. They all got back with her and said they wanted to thank Mr. Jones and the City crew for getting out there and taking care of their concerns. Council Member Fields said it made her proud that our City was out there taking care of our citizen's concerns. Mr. Jones said "We've got some good guys outside and all I have to do is call and give them an address and somebody will be there in a few minutes."

(c) City Staff

There were no comments or reports from City Staff.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge said stay hydrated and stay out of the heat as best you can. He said, "Thank you for your patience as we go through this period in trying to get our drainage worked out. It's going to be a long tough road for all the County - probably the whole area. So just have patience. We'll get there - it's going to take a little bit, but we will get there."

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

7. ORDINANCE

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2018-11 amending the Nepotism provision in the City of Bridge City's Personnel Policy

Mr. Fukuda read the caption of Ordinance No. 2018-11, thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-11 amending the Nepotism provision in the City of Bridge City's Personnel Policy, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

Mr. Jones said this is really just cleaning up some wordage in the personnel policy. There are no changes to the personnel policy. It just clarifies a section in it.

Council Member Fissette asked Mayor Rutledge if there was any way they can table this. She said she looked for the original policy in her packet. She said she would really like to see the City's current policy - what it says now versus what they are trying to amend.

Council Member Fissette then made a motion to table approval of Ordinance No. 2018-11, allowing Council to see the current policy and the revised policy. Motion to table was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge asked for a vote to table Ordinance No. 2018-11.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Members Harbert and Gauthier.

8. RESOLUTIONS

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2018-12(R) requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board for manhole replacements

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2018-12(R), in its entirety, requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board for manhole replacements.

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-12(R), seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Members Harbert and Gauthier.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2018-13(R) seeking designation as a management agency for wastewater collection and treatment within the city limits of the City of Bridge City and its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2018-13(R), in its entirety, seeking designation as a management agency for wastewater collection and treatment within the city limits of the City of Bridge City and its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-13(R), as read. Motion was 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 Roccaforte, Fisette, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Members Harbert and Gauthier.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of the April 17, 2018 City Council Workshop and Regular Meeting

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the April 17, 2018 City Council Workshop and Regular Meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Council Member Fisette.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Members Harbert and Gauthier.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve the City Bills for the month of June 2018

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve the June 2018 City Bills, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

Council Member Fisette asked about an item on the Bills List for \$8,048.08 charged to Repairs and Maintenance on meters. She said she knows the City has some meters that aren't in operation right now. She questioned if this is what they are? Mr. Jones answered, no, this is an annual agreement the City has with them where they actually test the meters. This checks their accuracy.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Members Harbert and Gauthier.

(c) Consideration and possible action to approve the recommendation from the City Insurance Committee for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to purchase the following:

- **Humana Plan Option 22 for Employee Medical**
- **Blue Cross Blue Shield for Employee Dental**
- **Fort Dearborn for Employee Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance**

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve the recommendation of the City Insurance Committee to purchase Humana Plan Option 22 for Employee Medical, Blue Cross Blue Shield

for Employee Dental, and Fort Dearborn for Employee Life and AD&D for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus seconded the motion.

Mayor Rutledge said the committee met and Mr. Dale Etheridge was kind enough to put all the information together. He then asked Mr. Etheridge if he would like to do a quick rundown for Council on this information.

Mr. Etheridge said this is a good thing this year. The City has had one of the best years it has had in at least the last 15 years - as far as number of claims. The loss ratio premium paid in vs. claims paid out was exceptionally good. As a result, the City didn't have an increase. Even though that was good, it was bidded out anyway. There were seven companies bidded to and even though the present carrier came down seven or eight percent under what the City was paying, it came down basically to Humana or United Healthcare. Although the plan that was picked comes in at roughly four percent under what the City had been paying the difference is they were able to get the benefits increased to where they were back up to what they had been in the past instead of real watered down. Mr. Etheridge said, "All in all it was a win." On the life insurance, there was no change in the rate. On the dental, it went up 5% and that equates to a \$1.30 per month increase for the employee. He said this is a very good plan.

Mr. Jones added that, with this rate, it will save the City roughly \$24,000 for the coming year.

Mayor Rutledge thanked Mr. Etheridge. With no further discussion Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Members Harbert and Gauthier.

(d) Consideration and possible action for the City to enter in an agreement with TXDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) to allow Next Generation Orange County to install artwork on Texas traffic signal boxes

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to consider possible action for the City to enter in an agreement with TXDOT to allow Next Generation Orange County to install artwork on Texas traffic signal boxes. Motion was seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

Jessica Hill, Executive Director of Orange County Economic Development Corporation, said she was at the meeting tonight representing Next Generation Orange County, which is a loosely organized group of Orange County professionals with the goal of creating initiative throughout Orange County to help with beautification and increasing the standard of living for Orange County residents. One of the projects that has been identified is similar to what is being done in Beaumont with the traffic signal boxes being painted. What they have identified is similar to that but it's a wrapping of the utility boxes that has a longer life and it repairs itself if it's damaged and it's graffiti-proof. Ms. Hill said Chris Kovach is with her to present a video about

this and to answer any questions Council may have for the install and how the process works. Clean Slate Group, which they have identified as a partner, is in the video. There was a technical issue with the video, so Ms. Hill told Council they could go to the OCEDC Facebook page and Next Generation.

Mr. Kovach stated that their group wants to start with just a handful of boxes. Listed below are facts on the vinyl wrap:

- \$800 to \$1200/per utility box - depending on the size of the box
- Life expectancy - 7 years
- Lasts considerably longer than paint
- Self-healing
- Graffiti-proof
- Clean Slate has done a study with 3M, who produces the vinyl wrap, to make sure it didn't overheat and cause issues with the equipment inside

Discussion was held on Clean Slate and possible procedures for this. Mayor Rutledge asked Mr. Kovach if there are other cities in this area that have done this. Mr. Kovach stated that Beaumont has them, but they are painted on the boxes. These will be the first wrapped boxes in this area.

Mayor Rutledge told Ms. Hill that the City has some questions about the contract with TXDOT because it's their asset to maintain.

Mr. Fukuda said he thinks there are some issues that are resolvable but will have to spend some time to figure out how to do the nuts and bolts on it. In fairness to TXDOT, it is their boxes and they don't have to allow the City or any other organization to mess with them. If the City does, they will be agreeing to it and there are certain requirements. If there is a problem it will be on us (the City) to bring those boxes back to their current condition. Part of the expense of this - if it's zero cost to the City - is going to have to be some reserves in order to do that. How exactly the artwork will be selected, etc., are issues the City needs to resolve before agreeing to anything. There is an additional insurance requirement with TXDOT so there's nuts and bolts to work out first, but the concept is workable.

Mayor Rutledge said he thought it would really help the aesthetics of the City. He said he would like to see it go forward and hoped they can clear these hurdles up. Then he asked Council if he could get a motion to table this.

Council Member Roccaforte asked where is the initial funding created for this. Ms. Hill said it is eligible for the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) monies.

At the conclusion of discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a motion to table.

Council Member Fields made a motion to table this item, seconded by Council Member Fissette. With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED to table the agenda item.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Members Harbert and Gauthier.

- (e) Consideration and possible action to consider the award of the construction contract for TxCDBG (Texas Community Development Block Grant) No. 7217039 to the lowest responsible bidder to submit a complete bid packet, Jet Aeration, in the amount of \$274,165.85 and committing an additional in-kind contribution of \$36,725.85 to the project**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to consider the award of the construction contract for TxCDBG No. 7217039 to Jet Aeration, in the amount of \$274,165.85, and committing an additional in-kind contribution of \$36,725.85 to the project. Motion was seconded by Council Member Fields.

Mr. Jones said the in-kind would be the same as it has been the last few years. Our crews will go out and actually uncover a large number of the taps and do various things that will cover the entire amount of the in-kind portion. The City will not be out any money - just some time and equipment time. Mr. Jones said it is a good project for the City.

With no questions, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Members Harbert and Gauthier.

- (f) Consideration and possible action to approve the following requested zone changes on Granger Drive, as recommended by the City Planning and Zoning Commission:**
- **Change R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-3 (Multi Family Residential) on the property owned by Chad Landry located at 158 and 160 Granger Drive (Lots 11 & 12, Blk 1 Granger)**
 - **Change all the lots currently zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential) {located between the C-3 (Third Commercial District) off of Texas Avenue to the existing R-3 (Multi Family Residential) zone which is 200 Granger Drive} to R-3 (Multi Family Residential), including the following properties:
140 Granger (Lots 8-10 Granger)
170 Granger (Lot 13 Granger)
180 Granger (Lot 14, Blk 1 Granger)
190 Granger (Lots 15 & 16 Granger)**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the following requested zone changes on Granger Drive from R-1 to R-3, as recommended by the City Planning and Zoning Commission:

158 & 160 Granger
140 Granger
170 Granger
180 Granger
190 Granger

Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Members Harbert and Gauthier.

10. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Council Member Fields.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Members Harbert and Gauthier.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry Tisdale, City Secretary