

KEVIN MOTT <i>Council Member, Place 1</i>	DAVID RUTLEDGE <i>Mayor</i>	ERIC ANDRUS <i>Council Member, Place 4</i>
KIRK ROCCAFORTE <i>Mayor Pro-Tem / 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
CITY OF BRIDGE CITY
January 3, 2017

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 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 6:01 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor David Rutledge
Council Member Kevin Mott
Mayor Pro-Tem Kirk Roccaforte
Council Member 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 (joined meeting at 6:12 p.m.)
Finance Director Karen Morgan
Personnel/Purchasing Director Jeanie McDowell
Police Chief Paul T. Davis
Public Works Director Gerald Robinson
Municipal Judge James B. Scales III
Associate Municipal Judge Ida Schossow
Utility Superintendent Mike Lund
Asst. Utility Superintendent Mike Die

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

Following the invocation given by Council Member Fisette, 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 Fields made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None. **Absent:** None.

4. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager Report

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. Water Update:
 - Filtration System: In process of getting filter median put in and online - waiting on call back from contractor
 - Napco (chemical company): waiting on call back also - contractors all said they would be back after the first of year - probably another week or two
 - Romero Well: Contractor in process of cleaning and brushing well - when through with this will repair the sections that are bad and get it back in service
 - THMs Letter: Going out in the next week or two
 - Water samples: Latest testing showed TTHMS are 59 and 68 which is substantially lower
 - Flushing program: Preparing this now
2. Employee accident: Richard Titus was retiring from the City and on his last day, while working, a tree limb fell and hit him in the head - he was life-flighted to Houston - good news is that he is back home tonight - will wear a brace for 6 weeks and looks like that is all he will have to do
3. Taste of the Bayou: Will be held January 9 - City has a table and he has the tickets if anyone needs them

Mayor Rutledge asked if the contractor working on the Romero Well has given the City a timeline. How long is it going to take them?

Superintendent Lund said they started the work today and he doesn't know exactly how long it will take them. He said they are going to clean it and then camera it again and then do repairs. Mr. Jones said it's probably going to be two or three weeks.

(b) City Council Reports

Mayor Pro-Tem Kirk Roccaforte offered congratulations to our new commissioner John Gothia, and told him he was glad to see him at the meeting.

Council Member Tammi Fiset said she would like to send her thoughts and prayers to Mr. Titus - glad to hear he's doing better. In addition, she wanted to send thoughts and prayers to Jaime Hoffpaur in the loss of her grandfather and Brenda Scales in the loss of her brother. Also, she said to keep the Cole family in their thoughts and prayers.

Council Member Fiset thanked the Police family and Event Coordinator Brittany Hilton for hosting "Bikes for Kids." It was a huge success. She said it was a great opportunity that our Police family had to touch a lot of lives. We need to continue to get behind them and support them and do this every year. She told Chief Davis "Great job."

Council Member Fiset recognized the following employees for the month of January:

Service Anniversaries

Judge Jimmy Scales - 21 years
Judge Ida Schossow - 2 years
Paul Fukuda - 12 years
Karen - 21 years
Ricky Waldrep - 15 years
John Ramirez - 1 year

Birthdays

Detective Robert Bergeron
Dispatcher Mariah Ray
Officer Ronnie Bennett
Officer Becky Joiner
Richard Titus
Ronald LeBlanc

Council Member Fiset asked Mr. Jones for an update on the Library. She said she was down there and they told her to tell City staff thank you for getting the Library ceiling finished. She said she did see all the doors are still lying on the floor or up against the walls. She said they are purchased but still lying in the floor. Mr. Jones said this will be done when they go in and do the rest of the work on the library addition. He said he would go look at it.

Council Member Fiset also said she has had some citizens and employees concerned about security lights. She asked Mr. Jones if the City could possibly put security lights on the two entrances and two exits of the Library and Community Center. She said she priced them at Wal-Mart and dusk-to-dawn lights can be purchased for \$12. Mr. Jones said he would check on all of them.

Council Member Terri Gauthier asked Mr. Jones for an update on the LUKE program. Mr. Jones said it is in the process of getting started. He said they stopped because everybody was off. In the next two or three weeks they will come back in and start the training process (postponed until January).

Council Member Lucy Fields thanked the City workers and the Police Department for all their help with the Christmas parade. It was a successful community event. She said their work is appreciated.

Mayor David Rutledge stated he is looking forward to a really good 2017. Everything is moving forward on a lot of programs and it is going to take a lot of work on everybody's part but he said he knew this crew was up to the task. He said he is looking for good things to come.

(c) City Staff

There were no comments from City staff.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

Point of record: Mr. Fukuda joined the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

6. RESOLUTIONS

(a) Discussion and consideration of possible action to approve Resolution No. 2017-01(R) appointing/reappointing the Municipal Judge

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2017-01(R) (Attachment No. 1), in its entirety, reappointing James B. Scales III to the Municipal Judge position.

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2017-01(R), as read, reappointing James B. Scales III as Municipal Judge. Motion was seconded by Council Member Mott.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None. **Absent:** None.

(b) Discussion and consideration of possible action to approve Resolution No. 2017-02(R) appointing/reappointing the Associate Municipal Judge

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2017-02(R) (Attachment No. 2), in its entirety, reappointing Ida Schossow to the Associate Municipal Judge position.

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-02(R), as read, reappointing Ida Schossow as Associate Municipal Judge. Motion was seconded by Council Member Fields.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None. **Absent:** None.

(c) Discussion and consideration of possible action to approve Resolution No. 2017-03(R) appointing/reappointing the City Attorney

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2017-03(R) (Attachment No. 3), in its entirety, reappointing Paul M. Fukuda to the City Attorney position.

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-03(R), as read, reappointing Paul M. Fukuda as City Attorney. Motion was seconded by Council Member Mott.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None. **Absent:** None.

(d) Discussion and consideration of possible action to approve Resolution No. 2017-04(R) appointing/reappointing the City Secretary

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2017-04(R) (Attachment No. 4), in its entirety, reappointing Sherry Tisdale to the City Secretary position.

Council Member Fisetete made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-04(R) reappointing Sherry Tisdale as City Secretary. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None. **Absent:** None.

7. CONDUCT CEREMONY FOR THE NEWLY APPOINTED CITY OFFICIALS

(a) Oaths of Office:

- (1) Municipal Judge**
- (2) Associate Municipal Judge**
- (3) City Attorney**

(4) City Secretary

Judge Ida Schossow administered oaths to Judge Scales and Ms. Tisdale. Judge Scales administered oaths to Mr. Fukuda and Judge Schossow.

The audience acknowledged each official with applause.

Mayor Rutledge told the officials "Welcome back everybody and we're glad to have y'all..."

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016 City Council Meeting

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve the November 15, 2016 City Council Meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Council Member Andrus.

Mayor Rutledge asked if there were any discussion, additions, or corrections. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None. **Absent:** None.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve a recommendation from the Selection Review Committee for Engineering Services associated with a 2017-2018 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program Application to LJA Engineering, Inc.

Council Member Andrus made a motion to approve the Selection Review Committee's recommendation for engineering services associated with a 2017-2018 TxCDBG program application to LJA Engineering, Inc. Motion was seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

Mr. Jones said they reviewed all the applicants. LJA, Inc. is doing stormwater work for the City now. He said they would like to give them the opportunity to do this Block Grant work for the City this year.

Mayor Rutledge said they did look at all the candidates and scored them by a certain criteria set out that the City has to go by (Attachment No. 5). He said it was tight and they had some good people submit applications. In the review process, from his standpoint, he said he thought LJA was "just above the pack" and is pleased with it.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None. **Absent:** None.

(c) **Consideration and possible action to approve a recommendation from the Selection Review Committee for Grant Administration Services associated with a 2017-2018 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program Application to Traylor & Associates, Inc.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte made a motion to approve the Section Review Committee's recommendation for grant administration services associated with a 2017-2018 TxCDBG program application to Traylor & Associates, Inc. (Attachment No. 5). Motion was seconded by Council Member Mott.

Mr. Jones said Traylor and Associates has been doing the City's grant application work for several years now. They have actually done all the storm work on all the grants received. He said the City has always been satisfied with their work. He said he feels like they are the people to use.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None. **Absent:** None.

9. ADJOURN

Council Member Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m., seconded by Council Member Mott.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None. **Absent:** None.

/s/ David Rutledge

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry Tisdale

Sherry Tisdale, City Secretary