

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 17, 2017

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 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 6:00 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 Lucy Fields

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:

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
Police Chief Paul T. Davis
Public Works Director Gerald Robinson
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 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 Fields made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte.

Mayor Rutledge asked if there were any additions, changes, or discussion. With no discussion, he called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None. **Absent:** Council Member Gauthier.

4. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. Water Update:
 - THMs Letter: mailed out today
 - Filtration System Group: Mr. Lund met with the engineers, the Napco representatives, and the piping folks that did the mechanical work on the wells. They looked over the things that have to be done and the engineers are finishing the last few questions to go back to the State. Napco is getting the City's feed pumps and the different chemicals in. They are looking at new places to inject the chemicals and test points, and all the little things that have to be done before the City actually has these systems up and running. This should be done by the 27th and will be ready for the Filtronic folks to come in and actually put the media in the vessels and start up the units. The City has to have all these other things ready first. He said he didn't think that Filtronic would be working until the 30th. By the first week or so of next month, the City should have these things operational so testing can start and see what kind of results are coming out. At first it is going to be a process of putting it in and testing and making minor adjustments and minor feed calculations. The Napco people will be here with the City to do those things. Also, Filtronic will be here - so once the City gets these things going it will be relatively simple what they have to do adjustment wise because samples were taken ahead of time. They also figured out what quantities they need to get the results they want. The City should be okay and operational by the first week of next month.
 - Altitude Valve on Hwy 408: City had been holding off on this project until the tank was finished - it has been turned on now and is operational
 - Romero Well: contractor working on cleaning of the well - finished scraping and are cleaning out all the residue on the bottom of the well - it looks like the City is probably going to have to re-case about 452 feet of that well - looks better than the City having to drill a new well - originally thought at first that the spots could be repaired but the casing is so thin after they went in and scaled it and brushed

it down that there will have to be new casing down that far - will get costs and prices on this pretty soon and will get this well back up and operational relatively quickly

(b) City Council

Council Member Tammi Fisette reported she was able to go for a ride-along with Mr. Teague with the Police Department. She said she had some really good ideas brought to her on different things that Council can possibly look at next budget time. She also said she would like to thank him and Chief Davis for allowing her to do this. It was an eye-opener and she encouraged Council, if they haven't done this, to go see more about what they do and the needs that she thinks Council can help them with.

Council Member Eric Andrus reported that another person had complained to him about the playground being unsafe. Mr. Jones said he hasn't gotten any more complaints. The things that complaints were on have been repaired. They built a new ladder for the slide. They are constantly cleaning the surface of the splash pad, which is closed now. There were a couple of other things mentioned that they repaired but all the things mentioned were repaired. Mr. Jones said that the only thing that hasn't been done is the McDonald equipment is not torn down yet because he wanted to get another piece ready to go before it was torn down.

(c) City Staff

City Secretary Sherry Tisdale reported that Council Member Gauthier emailed her this afternoon asking that Council be notified of the explanation of her absence. In her email Council Member Gauthier stated "I am unable to attend our council meeting tonight because David and I have been invited to join in the Ribbon Cutting & Inaugural Gala for the "Center of National Renewal" in Washington D.C."

Mayor David Rutledge asked Mr. Jones if the explanation of the letter on THMs has been posted on the website. Mr. Jones said yes, and they also put additional verbiage in the letter so the citizens would better understand this. This letter only had to be done because of averaging. The THMs are down in the 50's and 60's now. Hopefully the wordage and some of the publicity will help some this time.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

6. ORDINANCE

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2017-01 authorizing municipal participation in regulatory proceedings of ETI (Entergy Texas Inc.) in 2017

Mr. Fukuda read the caption of Ordinance No. 2017-01 (Attachment No. 1), thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10.

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-01 authorizing municipal participation in regulatory proceedings of ETI in 2017. Council Member Andrus seconded the motion.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None. **Absent:** Council Member Gauthier.

7. RESOLUTIONS

- (a) *Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2017-05(R) authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the community development fund; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the TxCDBG Program*

Council Member Andrus made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2017-05(R), as read, authorizing the submission of a TxCDBG Application to the TDA for the community development fund; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the TxCDBG Program. Motion was seconded by Council Member Mott.

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2017-05(R) (Attachment No. 2), in its entirety.

Mayor Rutledge asked if there was any discussion.

Council Member Fields asked exactly what would this money be used for. Mr. Jones said it will be for sewer line rehabilitation. Council Member Fields asked if he has already designated the lines. Mr. Jones answered that the City will have to qualify these projects and they will have to be low to moderate income houses. He said they have some pre-qualified and the City will have to go out to areas and pre-qualify to get the number the City needs. The biggest thing is that these will be the older houses in Bridge City, and they are the ones that probably create more of the problems for the City. This will help on the City's I & I (Inflow and Infiltration). It's a project that is on top of the list for funding.

Council Member Fields asked, so she could understand, if this would be at an individual's home. Mr. Jones said this is a service line - from the City side to the individual's house. It is actually not City lines. It is all individual lines. He said this is where most of the City's problems are because people don't take care of them. He said they have found where a lot of the FEMA trailers that were put in the City after the storm and, when the taps were pulled up, they just covered them up and left. This is a direct source of I & I on everyone. He said they have also

found old lines that are made of clay or even paper pipes that have collapsed and just let water in.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None. **Absent:** Council Member Gauthier.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

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

(1) December 6, 2016 City Council Meeting

(2) January 3, 2017 City Council Meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte made a motion to approve the December 6, 2016 and January 3, 2017 City Council Meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Council Member Fisetete.

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, Fisetete, Andrus, and Fields.

Noes: None. **Absent:** Council Member Gauthier.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve City bills for the months of November and December 2016

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve the City bills for the months of November 2016 and December 2016 (Attachment No. 3), seconded by Council Member Andrus.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None. **Absent:** Council Member Gauthier.

9. ADJOURN

Council Member Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m., seconded by Council Member Mott.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None. **Absent:** Council Member Gauthier.

/s/ David Rutledge

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry Tisdale

Sherry Tisdale, City Secretary