

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

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF BRIDGE CITY**  
**February 7, 2017**

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at the City Hall of Bridge City, 260 Rachal, Bridge City, Texas.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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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 Terri Gauthier  
Council Member Lucy Fields

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

City Manager Jerry D. Jones  
City Secretary Sherry Tisdale  
City Attorney Paul M. Fukuda - arrived at 6:02 p.m.  
Finance Director Karen Morgan  
Personnel/Purchasing Director Jeanie McDowell  
Asst. Police Chief Brad Frye  
Public Works Director Gerald Robinson  
Utility Superintendent Mike Lund

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

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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**

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Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Fields.

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, Fisette, Andrus, Gauthier, and Fields.

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

**4. REPORTS & COMMENTS**

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**(a) City Manager**

**City Manager Jerry Jones** had the following report for Council:

1. Chief Davis's absence: Chief's wife, Kim, had gall bladder surgery today - Chief Davis is at the hospital with her - doctor said everything went well
2. Filtration System Project: has been delayed 7 to 10 days while TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) reviewed the SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) on chemical feeds - will have a conference call with TCEQ on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. with the City and the chemical feed people and engineer and everybody else involved - hopefully will get some news on when this can be kicked off
3. LUKE training: have done initial training but they are coming back with individual training - trying to set it up for next week - hopefully all of this will be completed by the end of the month - give it a couple of weeks and maybe have the initial Kick-Off the middle of next month - getting some signs made and will put these around town at the end of the month with LUKE logo and "Coming Soon" - hopefully it will get people to ask questions about what it is and will get some publicity from the news media
4. Romero Well: has estimates in hand - will have to go over them now and see how he can come up with paying for them - as it turns out the City will need to replace the entire liner - has an estimate on it and will get back with Council on exactly what the costs will be and how it can be funded at the next meeting
5. Close-Out of projects: most of the projects are closed out - there are issues with some of the close-outs - the auditor is going to call each member of Council individually and visit with them about some of things that have to be done - she will do this before she comes in with the audit
6. Old Police Department building: want to get it on the market but there are still cameras in it - also there are a couple of buildings that need to be moved - requires some clean-up and painting to be done - try to start on it in a week or so
7. Golden Triangle Days in Austin: March 5, 6, and 7

**(b) City Council**

**Council Member Tammi Fiset** recognized the following employees for the month of February:

Birthdays

Asst. Chief Brad Frye  
Jesse Byrd  
Nathan Noyola  
Sharon Hogg  
Mayor David Rutledge

Service Anniversaries

Patti Cook - 10 years  
Chief Paul Davis - 8 years  
Jesse Byrd - 6 years  
Cindy Smith - 3 years  
Richard Titus - 8 years  
Terry Smith - 8 years  
Larry Hodge - 10 years  
Mike Die - 12 years  
Brooke Credeur - 1 year

Welcome to the two newest employees:

Joe Langston - Water Department  
Gerald D. Robinson - Water Department

**Council Member Terri Gauthier** reported she had a couple of updates for Council:

1. Facebook page: She has started building a page - hasn't been launched yet - has information on the City and the history of the City and link to the City website - she did research on TML's (Texas Municipal League) website - before launching the City will have to adopt a social media policy - Council will need to read it and agree to it and sign it - it will be agreeing on keeping same language on Facebook and what the City's goals are in creating the Facebook page - TML encourages a Facebook page because it can expose and update citizens on developments and on positive things that are happening in the City and communicate with them regularly rather than the citizens only hearing from the City when there's a problem - she said she will keep looking at things and get something typed up - she wanted Council to know she has been working on this
2. LSET (Leadership Southeast Texas) project: every year LSET works on a project for their area - this year will be "Reflectors for Responders" - they will put blue reflectors on roads to identify where each of the fire hydrants are located - the area will include Bridge City, Orangefield, and Vidor - Mike Lund is working on an updated map so they know where all the City's fire hydrants are - she wants to let the citizens know the more people that can be involved the more success there will be with the project - they have found when they do these projects and the community gets involved it creates positive energy - they are trying to get the Boy Scouts and youth leadership involved

**Mayor David Rutledge** stated that there is a flyer located in the lobby regarding free legal advice for all U.S. Veterans - please spread the word out to any veterans that people know.

**(c) City Staff**

There were no comments from City Staff.

**5. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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There were no citizen comments.

**6. RESOLUTION (*Resolución*)**

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**(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2017-06(R) ordering the City of Bridge City General Election to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017**

***(La Consideración y la posibilidad de la acción para Resolución No 2017-06(R) ordenando la Elección General en la Ciudad de Bridge City que tendrá cabo el 6 de mayo del 2017)***

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2017-06(R), in its entirety, ordering the City of Bridge City General Election to be held on May 6, 2017 (Attachment No. 1).

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-06(R) as read. Motion was seconded by Council Member Fisette.

Mayor Rutledge asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, he called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

**7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION**

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**(a) Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017 City Council Meeting**

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve the January 17, 2017 City Council Meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Council Member Andrus.

Mayor Rutledge asked if there was any discussion or alterations. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

**(b) Consideration and possible action to call a public hearing on the need to continue City of Bridge City Ordinance No. 05-04 (Curfew for Minors) as required by the Texas Local Government Code § 370.002**

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte made a motion to call a public hearing on the need to continue City of Bridge City Ordinance No. 05-04, seconded by Council Member Andrus. After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte amended his motion to set the Public Hearing on February 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the beginning of the Council meeting. Council Member Andrus seconded the amended motion.

Mayor Rutledge asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

**(c) Consideration and possible action to approve a joint election agreement between the City of Bridge City and the Bridge City Independent School District for the May 6, 2017 General Election**

**(La Consideración y una acción posible junta para el apruebo del acuerdo electoral entre la Ciudad de Bridge City y el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Bridge City, para la Elección General el 6 de mayo, 2017)**

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve a joint election agreement with the City and Bridge City Independent School District (Attachment No. 2). 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, Fisette, Andrus, Gauthier, and Fields.

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

**8. ADJOURN**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

*/s/ David Rutledge*

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David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

*/s/ Sherry Tisdale*

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Sherry Tisdale, City Secretary