

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
April 4, 2017

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 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 Fisetto
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
Personnel/Purchasing Director Jeanie McDowell
Chief Paul T. Davis
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 Gauthier made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Fisetto.

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.

4. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

(a) Acknowledgement of Sabine River Authority's \$10,000 Community Assistance Grant presented to the City of Bridge City for Romero Well repairs

Mayor Rutledge explained that this item is to recognize the Sabine River Authority and the generous grant that they presented to the City last Thursday. They were kind enough to come here in person and presented the City with a \$10,000 check to help in expenses on the Romero Well. He stated the City greatly appreciated it and would like it entered into the record how much the Sabine River Authority is appreciated and their kind grant of \$10,000. He said, "If you see anybody from the Sabine River Authority tell them 'Thank You' from the City of Bridge City".

5. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

(a) Proclamation declaring the month of April 2017 as "Fair Housing Month" in the City of Bridge City

Mayor Rutledge read the proclamation (Attachment No. 1). There were no comments.

(b) Proclamation declaring April 4, 2017 as "National Service Recognition Day"

Mayor Rutledge read the proclamation (Attachment No. 2). There were no comments.

6. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. Romero Well: everything is put back together - casing is in - installing new electrical box tomorrow - power was turned back on today - will have well to where they can start flushing it and running it and doing samples on it to see what the water quality is - this will probably go on next week
2. Hwy 408 Well: NAPCO 300 is now being injected at this well - getting a head start on this because TCEQ said it had more corrosivity
3. April 24th: all contractors will be in and will start filling the filters and installing the additional piping then will be able to start up the filters - not sure how long it will take but probably most of the week before the filters can be started

4. Senate Bill 715: no resolution yet - remains in committee and looks like it doesn't have enough support to get out of committee - will keep an eye on it and have one on next agenda if necessary - another meeting will be held on Thursday of this week
5. Office room for Council and Mayor - office is ready now with a phone and a computer and available everyday

(b) City Council

Council Member Tammi Fiset recognized the following individuals for the month of April:

Birthdays

Ida Schossow

K'Lynn Borg

Jaime Hoffpauir

Justin Thomas

Service Anniversaries

Nathan Noyola - 4 years

Kevin Staudenmier - 4 years

Jan Norris - 5 years

Judy Day - 21 years

Council Member Eric Andrus thanked Mike Lund for putting pen to paper in getting the Sabine River Authority grant.

Council Member Terri Gauthier reported on the "Reflectors 4 Responders" program. She said that this past Saturday all participants met at 7:30 a.m. at the School Administration Building. She said she wanted to brag on our City - the community really got together for the project. First, she said she would like to thank Mayor Rutledge for being there. He was the one that presented this project and gave it to LSET (Leadership South East Texas) to consider. She also wanted to thank Council Member Fiset and Council Member Andrus for showing up. They were a great help. Two of the City employees were there and there was representation from the Police Department. Council Member Gauthier said there were several people from the School Board helping, as well as several of the teachers. They also had 30 to 40 high school students that showed up to put this plan into action. She explained it was a success in the way that our superintendent, Todd Lintzen, did such a great job in putting a plan together; but he let our students take leadership in it. They came up with a plan in dividing into nine groups that went all over the City and put down the reflectors. She said they were done before noon with almost 300 reflectors. Council Member Gauthier stated she also wanted to thank the Fire Department. She said they had seven of their trucks that followed behind every group - with lights on and being a barrier between the traffic and helping direct traffic.

Mayor Rutledge added the Fire Department also did Texas Avenue and Roundbunch. He said it would have been dangerous to put students on the highways.

Council Member Gauthier said she just wanted to brag because the community does so well when it puts together something. It was a great success.

Council Member Fisette added if anybody sees where one of the reflectors comes off or is gone, call the Fire Department. They have extras that can be used. She thanked Council Member Fisette for the project. Also, she said this is a definite blessing for the Fire Department.

There were no further comments from City Council.

(c) City Staff

There were no comments from City Staff.

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2017 City Council Meeting

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended. Council Member Andrus seconded the motion.

With no changes, corrections, or deletions, 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.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve the 2017 Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment increase of 0.5529% to be applied to the City's Municipal Telecommunications Right-of-Way Access Line Rates

Council Member Andrus made a motion to approve the 2017 Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment increase of 0.5529% to be applied to the City's Municipal Telecommunications Right-of-Way Access Line Rates (Attachment No. 3). Motion was seconded by Council Member Mott.

Mr. Jones said this is a fee that is set by the State. It's a little bit of an increase so that is always good.

Council Member Fisette inquired about Section 1 and Section 2 on last page (of attachment) referring to "Point-to-Point". She asked, "What is that?" Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte answered that it's probably cell phones. Mr. Jones stated he did not know, but he could find out. Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte said it's probably part of the fees that customers have listed on their cell phone bills.

With no further 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.

9. ADJOURN

Council Member Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m., 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.

/s/ David Rutledge

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry Tisdale

Sherry Tisdale, City Secretary