

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
May 2, 2017

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 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 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 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 Andrus made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Fisette.

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.

4. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. FEMA Floodplain Map appeal: Received email today from Larry Voice, representative with FEMA, who said they are starting to look at these maps again - Mr. Jones said he needs to pull out those maps and see where City is - he said he was going to contact the engineers in Louisiana and then get back with Mr. Voice and see when they can actually discuss this again - FEMA is in the process of looking at what the City engineers have sent them and see if there are ways that they can adjust that - as he gets additional information he will share it with Council - once everything is looked at again he would like to have a workshop to sit down and discuss where we are and where we were and what we are trying to do - he said he is going to have to go back and review the file and will contact the engineers tomorrow

2. Water Projects

Mr. Jones reported the following:

- Romero Well: casing is finished - back on and pumping water - will have to go back to TCEQ for approval
- All water being pumped into Bridge City's system is now being filtered

Mr. Mike Lund, Utility Superintendent, reported the following:

- Well 4 (at Rachal) was put in service on Friday, April 28
- Well 5 (at Hwy 408) was put in service on Sunday, April 30
- Everything (except Romero Well) is online and filtering water
- Break-in period on filters is eight days
- Phosphate has been added at both well sites and Napco 300 Corrosion Control - everything is checking out in the distribution system
- Iron and manganese tests are being done on these filters and other tests daily - tests on the treated water going through the filters are undetected so its removing 100% at both sites
- Flush program will be done after the 8 day break-in - staff will put out notification on the City website page and the City Facebook page - will be done late at night with the Fire Department
- Spoke today to David Williams with TCEQ about Romero - Mr. Williams said he would talk to his team on Friday and they will set up a protocol and will email it to Mr. Lund and will have a teleconference with City staff to find out what all has to be done at the Romero Well site to get it back in service
- The representative from Filtronics that had been helping City staff get this project up and running had to leave due to sickness in the family - Mr. Lund asked Council to keep him and his family in their prayers

Mr. Jones stated that everything is on schedule and the City is getting 100% filtered water that has no iron and no manganese throughout the whole system.

(b) City Council

Council Member Tammi Fisette said she apologizes for this late announcement that she should have made last September or October. She congratulated Jesse Byrd for his promotion to Sergeant. She said he has done an outstanding job.

She said she would also like to congratulate Danny Hodges on his retirement scheduled this month. She thanked him for his service and dedication to our City and its citizens over the past five years.

Council Member Fisette said she would also like to wish Officer Ronnie Bennett well in his new job at the Sheriff's Department. She said he has given the City six years of service.

She then recognized the following individuals for the month of May:

Service Anniversaries

Brad Frye - 7 years

Ronnie Russell - 2 years

Danny Bergeron - 13 years

Birthdays

Tod McDowell

Danny Bergeron

Council Member Fisette said she would also like to send her thoughts and prayers to the Cole family tonight.

Council Member Terri Gauthier reported that the City Facebook page was launched last Thursday. She asked Council if they had all gotten a chance to look at the page. She said this page states that it is designed as a communication page to give information about events and happenings of the City. She also said that there is a disclaimer on this page that gives all the guidelines of what's allowed on the page, what we want on the page, what we don't want on the page, and that they will have the ability to choose what goes on the page. Any comment that someone wants to put on this page the admin editor is able to look at it first and, if it's appropriate, it can be made public and go on the page. Council Member Gauthier went on to explain what things can go on the page. She said it's finally going and she wants to see where it will go, but she feels it's along the lines that will be healthy and good for the City.

Council Member Lucy Fields reminded everyone about the Mother of the Year event that the Chamber of Commerce is hosting next Tuesday. Mayor Rutledge will be presenting a proclamation to the mother of the year at Caryn's Bakery. Anyone is invited. She said they added up the prizes that she will receive is over \$1,000 in prizes.

Council Member Fields also reported that Candice Trahan with the Orange Leader, and the Chamber are putting together a City Directory/Magazine. It will have advertisements, information about businesses, and it will have stories of interest. It will be distributed throughout the City. They will have information from the schools, the fire department, the City, and there will be information about the new filtration system. There will also be information about the Police Department. She said it's really exciting to know that people in Bridge City are excited about our City and wanting to let other people know about it.

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte asked Council Member Fields about Father of the Year. She said the winner would be announced in June. She said they still need more nominations for this.

(c) City Staff

There were no comments from City staff.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

6. RESOLUTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2017-10(R) recognizing the week of May 8 through May 13, 2017 as "Economic Development Week" in Orange County

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2017-10(R) in its entirety (Attachment No. 1), recognizing the week of May 8 through May 13, 2017 as "Economic Development Week" in Orange County.

Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-10(R), as read, seconded by Council Member Andrus.

Mayor Rutledge asked Ms. Jessica Hill (Director of Orange County EDC) if she had any comments.

Ms. Hill thanked Council for having this resolution on the agenda. She said she's been here about a year now and it has been a real pleasure serving Bridge City and the rest of Orange County in their efforts to grow the County. Bringing attention to economic development and the resources available here and the efforts they are pursuing to grow our economy is important. It is appreciated that Council is recognizing this day.

With no more comments, 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.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) *Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2017 City Council Meeting*

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve the April 18, 2017 City Council Meeting minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Roccaforte seconded the motion.

With no comments, questions, additions, deletions, or corrections, 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

Council Member Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m., seconded by Council Member Fields.

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