

<b>CARL HARBERT</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>Council Member, Place 2</i>		<b>TERRI GAUTHIER</b> <i>Council Member, Place 5</i>
<b>TAMMI FISETTE</b> <i>Mayor Pro-Tem / Council Member, Place 3</i>		<b>LUCY FIELDS</b> <i>Council Member, Place 6</i>

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF BRIDGE CITY**  
**June 20, 2017**

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 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 Carl Harbert  
Council Member Kirk Roccaforte  
Mayor Pro-Tem 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  
Police Chief Paul T. Davis

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

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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**

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Council Member Fields made a motion to approve the agenda and the addendum. Motion was seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Ayes:** Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fisette, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, 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. Filtration project: No news from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) on third filter
2. Flushing project: won't do any more this week - Dugas Addition will be flushed next week
3. Tropical Storm Cindy: City vehicles are fueled up as well as generators - vehicles and barricades are ready - sandbags at the County barn - emergency sandbags at Sewer Treat Plant - hopefully it won't be used but everything is ready - He said he is supposed to be out of town starting Thursday through Sunday at the City Manager's convention - will see what happens with the storm before he decides if he's going

**(b) City Council**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Tammi Fisette** said she received a citizen compliment on Ronald LeBlanc, a Water Department employee, for responding to their house this weekend. She stated she would like to recognize all the employees of the Water Department for the hard work they have done with flushing the fire hydrants, and for also getting the City prepared for the storm. She said she would like to say "Thank you" to them. Also, their quick response by the ones that are being on call for the weekends and the holidays - that's what the citizen was praising the City employee for. Mayor Pro-Tem Fisette said she would like to thank them very much.

**Council Member Lucy Fields** said a "Thank You" to Mayor Pro-Tem Fisette. She stood in for Mayor Rutledge at the Chamber meeting on Tuesday morning when A. J. Judice III was awarded the first Father of the Year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fisette replied, "Thank you very much. I appreciate the opportunity."

**(c) City Staff**

**Mr. Paul M. Fukuda** stated he will be out of the state tomorrow through Saturday but is available by telephone if some issue comes up.

**Mayor David Rutledge** said he would like Council to note that Budget Workshops will be held July 25 through July 31 and asked that they make every effort to attend.

Mayor Rutledge commented that with this storm brewing it gets everybody thinking about hurricane preparedness. In addition, he mentioned the 2-1-1 service with South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC). This service is for people who have disabilities and needs that require help to get out of the area, but they must register ahead of time.

## **5. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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There were no citizen comments.

## **6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION**

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### **(a) *Consideration and possible action to approve the June 6, 2017 City Council meeting minutes***

Council Member Andrus made a motion to approve June 6, 2017 City Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fisetete.

With no questions, changes, discussion, or alterations, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

#### **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

### **(b) *Consideration and possible action to approve City bills for the month of May 2017***

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve the City bills for the month of May 2017 (Attachment No. 1), seconded by Council Member Andrus.

With no questions, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

#### **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

### **(c) *Consideration and possible action to reschedule or cancel the July 4, 2017 City Council meeting due to Independence Day holiday***

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to consider possible action to reschedule or cancel the July 4, 2017 City Council meeting due to Independence Day holiday. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fisetete.

Mayor Rutledge asked for discussion. Council Member Roccaforte said the question was whether Council wanted to re-schedule the meeting.

Mr. Jones said the City would be closed Monday and Tuesday, and there will be another meeting on the 18th. Then there are all the budget meetings. He said if anything comes up it could always be placed before one of the budget meetings. He said as far as staff is concerned, doing away with the July 4th meeting would be fine. He said staff could take care of what's going on.

Motion was amended by Council Member Roccaforte to cancel the July 4, 2017 meeting. Council Member Harbert seconded the amended motion.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

**ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**

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***(a) Consideration and possible action to appoint the City Collective Bargaining Committee for the 2017-2018 Bridge City Police Association (BCPA) contract negotiations***

Council Member Andrus made a motion to consider and take possible action to appoint the City Collective Bargaining Committee for the 2017-2018 BCPA contract negotiations. Mayor Pro-Tem Fisetto seconded the motion.

Mayor Rutledge stated that Council Member Fields and Council Member Andrus both expressed interest in serving on this committee.

Council Member Harbert stated that he thinks all of Council is interested.

At the conclusion of discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Fisetto made a motion that Council Member Andrus and Council Member Fields be nominated to be placed on the police bargaining committee for 2017-2018. Motion was seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

***(b) Consideration and possible action to set a meeting date for the Bridge City Police Association contract negotiations***

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to consider a meeting date for the BCPA contract negotiations, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

Mr. Jones stated that if the storm doesn't come through, he would be able to meet the first of next week.

After discussion, Council Member Roccaforte amended his motion to set the BCPA contract negotiations on Tuesday, June 27, at 5:30 p.m. Amended motion was seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

**7. ADJOURN**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Ayes:** Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fissette, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, 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