

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

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF BRIDGE CITY
September 4, 2018

The City Council of Bridge City met in a meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, 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 Carl Harbert
Council Member Kirk Roccaforte
Council Member Tammi Fisette
Council Member Terri Gauthier
Council Member Lucy Fields

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Eric Andrus

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
Utility Superintendent Mike Lund
Asst. Utility Superintendent Mike Die

2. INVOCATION

Following the invocation given by Mr. Fukuda.

3. PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FLAG

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.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Fissette, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

(a) City Council to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed ad valorem tax rate for the 2018 tax year for the City of Bridge City, Texas, levied as follows:

\$0.20897 per \$100.00 valuation - Debt Service Rate (Interest and Sinking)

\$0.33803 per \$100.00 valuation - Maintenance and Operations Rate

\$0.54700 per \$100.00 valuation - Total Tax Rate

After reading Agenda Item 5(a) Mayor Rutledge opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. and asked if there were any comments or questions.

With no questions or comments, Mayor Rutledge closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Rutledge then announced, "The meeting to adopt the proposed tax rate will be Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., here at City Hall.

6. REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM:

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. Mr. Jones reported to Mayor and Council the sale of the old police building is completed.
2. Mr. Jones told Mayor and Council the Elsie Drainage Study that the engineers will have a report next week.
3. He also told Mayor and Council the monies that the City applied for through the state, the roughly \$3M on the drainage ditches and major outfall ditches, there has been some movement in that classification. There has been a few people have actually drawn some off the projects, so Mr. Jones has called Dade Phelan's office and they are looking into

the City getting money for projects as soon as possible, because the City graded high on the application.

4. Mr. Jones informed Mayor and Council that the Regional Planning Commission is still working on the a mod for the acquisition and the public works. Mr. Jones said the Regional Planning Commission has sent out the sheet that shows the amount of monies the City will receive.
5. Mr. Jones also informed Mayor and Council that the contractors have started painting the filter systems.

(b) City Council

Council Member Terri Gauthier gave a report on the Economic Development Commission meeting she attended.

(c) City Staff

Utility Superintendent Mike Lund gave an update that the CDBG grant for the residential sewer lines the contractors will begin working on September 24, 2018, and the City has approximately 170 residential addresses to this date.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge informed Council of the G-200 Training for Elected Officials will be at the Port Arthur Police Training Facility, 645 4th Street, Port Arthur on September 7, at 8 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and if you are interested contact Carmen Apple or sign up on the website. Mayor Rutledge also told Council that Region 16 meeting will be on September 20 at the Beaumont Event Center from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and will have board elections.

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

9. RESOLUTIONS

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2018-18(R) amending the City of Bridge City, Texas, Investment Policy

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2018-18(R), in its entirety, adopting the amending the City of Bridge City, Texas, Investment Policy

Council Member Harbert made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-18(R), seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

With no discussion Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Fisetto, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2018-19(R) designating LJA Engineering as the engineering firm for application preparation and project implementation in conjunction with a 2019-2020 TxCDBG (Texas Community Development Block Grant) application

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2018-19(R), in its entirety, approving the designated LJA engineering as the engineering firm for application preparation and project implementation in conjunction with a 2019-2020 TxCDGB (Texas Community Development Block Grant) application.

Council Member Fields made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-19(R), seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

Council Member Harbert asked the Mayor and Council about wordage in Resolution No. 2018 19(R).

Mr. Jones told Council that the wordage in the Resolution is what the state requires. We can not change the wordage or the State will not accept the Resolution.

8. ADJOURN

Council Member Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m., seconded by Council Member Fields.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Andrus, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None. **Absent:** Mayor Pro-Tem Fisetto.

/s/ David Rutledge

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry Tisdale

Sherry Tisdale, City Secretary