

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 MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF BRIDGE CITY
September 18, 2018

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 18, 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
Mayor Pro-Tem Eric Andrus
Council Member Terri Gauthier
Council Member Lucy Fields

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:

None

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
Asst. Utility Superintendent Mike Die

2. INVOCATION

Invocation given by Council Member Tammi Fisette.

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

With no corrections, additions, or deletions, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

5. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. Handed out forms related to water levels and also a computer program is set up that has a lot of useful information, such as rising water, static levels, etc.
2. City staff is continuing work on drainage daily - the Crumpler ditch will be handled by the Drainage District and hopefully it will be started in a week.
3. The Contractors are starting the yard replacement lines next Monday.
4. The Elsie Drainage Study - engineer is down to performing drainage calculations on individual areas – the report should get to the City soon.
5. Staff meeting was held today regarding the budget and it looks good - Mayor and Council has a copy of the Financial Report.

(b) City Council

Council Member Carl Harbert

1. Spoke with the Street Department staff - the culvert tool works well.
2. Staff will have to get some spare tires for the tool, but they was pleased with it.

Council Member Kirk Roccaforte

1. Welcomed the County's Tax Collector Assessor, Ms. Karen Fisher and Mary Alice to the meeting.

Council Member Tammi Fiset

1. Sent thoughts and prayers to the Cagle Family.

Miscellaneous City Staff

Bridge City High School Student Representative Jason Withers told Mayor and Council that he spoke with Ms. Royal about getting the students involved with City Government and she thought it would be a good idea. Mr. Withers told Mayor and Council that the school is collecting for childhood cancer and the victims of Florence.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge informed Council of the Region 16 meeting on Thursday at the Event Center in Beaumont at 6:00 p.m. for the mixer, but the meeting will start approximately 7:00 p.m.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

7. ORDINANCES

- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2018-14 (Attachment 1) adopting and levying municipal ad valorem taxes for the 2018 tax year for the City of Bridge City, Texas 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

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a total tax rate of 0.54700, which is effectively a 3.93 percent increase in the tax rate. The tax rate 0.33803 for maintenance and operations and 0.20897 for debt service with a total of 0.54700 per \$100 valuation." Motion was seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

Mr. Fukuda read the caption of Ordinance No. 2018-14, thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge asked for a record roll call vote.

Votes were as follows for Sections A and B:

HARBERT	YES
ROCCAFORTE	YES
FISETTE	YES
ANDRUS	YES
GAUTHIER	YES
FIELDS	YES
RUTLEDGE	YES

Votes were stated and signed for as evidenced on Ordinance No. 2018-14.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

8. RESOLUTIONS

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2018-20(R) (Attachment No. 2) authorizing the selection of a professional service provider for the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Project

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2018-20(R), in its entirety, authorizing selection of a professional service provider for the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Project.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-20(R) as read, seconded by Council Member Fields.

Council Member Fisette asked if Gary R Traylor is already serving the City. Mayor Rutledge told Council Member Fisette Gary R Traylor is serving the City and has done a great job.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of the following meetings:

May 15, 2018 City Council Meeting

May 22, 2018 City Council Meeting

June 5, 2018 City Council Meeting

September 4, 2018 City Council Meeting

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2018, May 22, 2018, June 5, 2018 and September 4, 2018 City Council Meetings, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

With no corrections, additions, or deletions, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve the City bills for the month of August 2018

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve the July 2018 City bills (Attachment No. 3), seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(c) Consideration and possible action to cast the City of Bridge City's votes to the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to consider and possible action to cast the City of Bridge City's votes to the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election, seconded by Council Member Harbert.

Mayor Rutledge explained to the Council how the ballot should work.

After discussion, Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to cast one vote for Place 14 - Mayor Rutledge, seconded by Council Member Carl Harbert.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Abstain: Mayor Rutledge

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(d) Consideration and possible action to appoint/reappoint members for the 2018-2020 terms to the following City Boards and Commissions:

Board of Adjustment

Building Standards Commission

Planning and Zoning Commission

Library Advisory Board

Board of Adjustment

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to reappoint Aaron Roccaforte, Chairman; Alice Williams, Board Member; Michael Gauthier, Alternate Board Member and move Richard Savoy from Alternate Board Member to Board Member, seconded by Council Member Fields.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Building Standards Commission

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to replace Josh Taylor, Board Member with Eric Reeves, Alternate Board Member and reappoint Mike Cole, seconded by Council Member Fields.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Council Member Harbert made a motion to replace Arthur Wolf, Board Member with James Fisette and reappoint Kim Davis, Board Member; Judy LeBlanc, Board Member; Lou Raburn, Board Member, seconded by Council Member Fields.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Library Advisory Board

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to reappoint Debra Desper, Board Member, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(e) *Remove from table – consideration and possible action to approve a request from James Chatlosh regarding disannexation of his property located at 6230 W. Roundbunch*

Council Member Harbert made a motion to remove from table a request from James Chatlosh regarding disannexation of his property located at 6230 W. Roundbunch, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Council Member Harbert made a motion to consider and possible action to discuss a request from James Chatlosh regarding disannexation of his property located at 6230 W. Roundbunch, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

City Attorney Paul Fukuda told Mayor and Council he has limited information because he has not seen a reason why it would be necessary to disannex the property located at 6230 W. Roundbunch.

James Chatlosh, 6230 W. Roundbunch said he would like to get the property deannexed because he does not receive City services, such as water and sewer, which he gets from Orangefield. The Police Department was called out and thought it was Orange County Sheriff's jurisdiction. He does not want the conflict of the City and County whether it is police or building permits.

Mayor and Council suggested that Mr. Chatlosh and Jerry Jones, City Manager get together to resolve the problem.

Discussion continued with James Chatlosh, Melissa Chatlosh, Mr. Paul Fukuda, and Mayor and Council.

Council Member Harbert made a motion to table the request from James Chatlosh regarding disannexation of his property located at 6230 W. Roundbunch, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

10. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m., seconded by Council Member Fields.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry Tisdale, City Secretary

Jeanie McDowell, Recording Secretary