

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
October 2, 2018

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 2, 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

Invocation given by City Attorney Paul 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 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, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Fissette, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus

5. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. The yard line project has been delayed because of the rain and so much moisture.
2. The Mayor, City Council Members and Jerry Jones, City Manager went today to a meeting to get more information on the buyout programs. The information was not conclusive, but Mr. Jones will be with the Grant Administrator to get more details.
3. The engineers do not have the Elsie Study completed at this time, but working to get it done.

(b) City Council

Council Member Carl Harbert

1. Talked with Jerry Jones, City Manager regarding the Doug Richter project and we have a game plan.
2. Would like a list of streets that the City will repave. Mr. Jones told him that the list of streets will be a part of the Federal Grant monies.

Council Member Kirk Roccaforte

1. Announced and congratulated Mayor Rutledge as the President for TML Region 16.

Council Member Tammi Fisette

1. Asked Mr. Jones, who was conducting the study of calculations. Mr. Jones told Council Member Fisette it is Will Larrain with Action Civil Engineers. Mr. Jones also said that Action Civil Engineers took more grade shots, so they are working on it.

Council Member Lucy Fields

1. Thanked the City Staff for the help at National Night Out, such as mowing and spraying for mosquitos.

Miscellaneous City Staff

Bridge City High School Student Representative Jason told Mayor and Council every week they have a theme and this week was combating social isolation. They had cards laid out on the tables in the lunch room for conversation starters.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge

1. The Center for Disease Control Prevention has chosen Orange County to conduct their national health and nutrition examination survey, so if you hear of people going door to door it is legitimate.
2. TML is next week and would like Council Members who are going to take different sessions to they can compare notes after returning.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

7. ORDINANCES

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2018-15 approving the settlement filed in Entergy Texas, Inc.'s rate proceeding initiated on May 15, 2018

Mr. Fukuda read the caption of Ordinance No. 2018-15, thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10.

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-15 approving the settlement filed in Entergy Texas, Inc.'s rate proceeding, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus .

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2018-16 amending Ordinance No. 90-2 and Exhibit "A" of Ordinance Nos. 03-04, 05-07, 2013-04, and 2015-09 by increasing sewer rate by \$1.50 on minimum usage and a 4% increase in garbage rate

Mr. Fukuda read the caption of Ordinance No. 2018-16, thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10.

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-16 amending Ordinance No. 90-2 and Exhibit "A" of Ordinance Nos. 03-04, 05-07, 2013-04, and 2015-09 by increasing sewer rate by \$1.50 minimum usage and a 4% increase in garbage rate, seconded by Council Member Fields.

Council Member Harbert asked if the City was raising the rates to cover the repairs at the sewer plant.

Mr. Jones told Council Member Harbert that the repairs at the sewer plant would be covered by the bond election.

Council Member Harbert said he noticed that the City raised the rate by \$1.50 last year and again this year and would like to know why.

Ms. Karen Morgan told Council Member Harbert the increase was voted on during the budget.

Mr. Jones also told Council Member Harbert that last year was an increase in water, but this year is in sewer.

Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

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

June 19, 2018 City Council Meeting

July 17, 2018 City Council Meeting

September 18, 2018 City Council Meeting

Council Member Fisette made a motion to approve the June 19, 2018, July 17, 2018, and September 18, 2018 City Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Council Member Harbert.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

(b) Consideration and possible award bid for the City of Bridge City bank depository agreement to Bridge City Bank for next 5 years (10/03/2018 - 9/30/2023)

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to award the City of Bridge City bank depository agreement to Bridge City Bank for the next 5 years, seconded by Council Member Fisette.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

(c) Consideration and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement for Joint Procurement of Goods and Services between City of Bridge City and Orange County

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement for Joint Procurement of Goods and Services between City of Bridge City and Orange County, seconded by Council Member Fields.

Mayor Rutledge was asked if this was to purchase items and the City will get a better rate if the City goes in with the County. Mayor Rutledge said no this is specifically for debris pick up only.

Mr. Jones said Orange County bids for the entire county, so all the cities can use the bid and FEMA

will accept it. The only change in this bid is that in previous years the County picked up the debris and paid all the expenses. With this year, the cities will be responsible for the debris and expenses in their city.

9. ADJOURN

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m., seconded by Council Member Fields.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry Tisdale, City Secretary

Jeanie McDowell, Recording Secretary