

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 16, 2018

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 16, 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 6:02 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor David Rutledge
Mayor Pro-Tem Eric Andrus
Council Member Carl Harbert
Council Member Kirk Roccaforte
Council Member Tammi Fisette
Council Member Terri Gauthier
Council Member Lucy Fields

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:

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
Police Captain Tod McDowell
Community Development Coordinator Brenda Scales
Utility Clerk Mitzi Nolan

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 Harbert.

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. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS

- (a) **Presentation of Proclamation declaring June 9, 2018 as “Alexus Henry Day” to honor her winning the NCAA Division I National Outdoor Track and Field Championship Women’s High Jump event**

Mayor Rutledge read and presented the proclamation to Alexus Henry by face time and Shelly Smart, Alexus’ mother and John Smart, Alexus’ brother accepted it.

6. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- (a) **City Manager**

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. Completed the closeouts for the year, last year the City had a -\$211,000 balance after Harvey. The good news is the City has made up that money and the fund balance is \$560,000.

2. TML Conference was good and the City Officials that attended made good contacts with possible vendors that are needed for projects.
3. Elsie Project – the study is completed and Mr. Larrain and his staff are in the process of making recommendations on corrections for the area. He will have the information to the City by Monday.
4. Acquisition and Infrastructure – A report is being prepared for the Council, which should be complete in an approximately a week. City Staff will be working with the Grant Administrator to have the procedures set to comply with Federal Regulations.

(b) City Council

Council Member Kirk Roccaforte

1. TML Conference was very good and met with people that will be instrumental in future projects.

Council Member Tammi Fisette

1. Welcomed Mr. Trevino to the Bridge City Police Department.
2. Would like to thank Karen for her help.

Mayor Pro-Tem Eric Andrus

1. TML was informative and had great contacts.

Council Member Terri Gauthier

1. TML - thanked the Citizens and the City for making the arrangements to attend the conference.
2. Would like to have a workshop regarding information being sent from TML.
3. TML put emphasis on the City's identity and we have already began that campaign.

Council Member Lucy Fields

1. TML- thanked the Citizens and the City for allowing the Council to attend the conference.
2. The 2020 Census workshop asked that the City begin getting information out to the citizens, such as getting personnel hired to conduct the census.

(c) City Staff Report

City Attorney Paul Fukuda

1. Reasons why TML Conference was the best:

- a. more programs that emphasized on small cities
- b. spoke with Scott Houston, TML Attorney
- c. new system that will be more efficient for getting ordinances from other cities and drafting of ordinances

Miscellaneous City

Bridge City High School Student Representative Jason Withers asked Mayor Rutledge to read a comment in his absence. Mayor Rutledge read his comment.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge

Mayor Rutledge presented Ms. Tisdale with a plant and thanked her for many years of dedication to the City and also for being a friend to each Council Member.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

7. CONDUCT CEREMONY FOR CITY SECRETARY

- (a) Oath of office given to Jeanie McDowell, who is completing the City Secretary's unexpired term**

City Secretary Sherry Tisdale administered the oath of office to Mrs. Jeanie McDowell.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

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

**July 24, 2018 Special City Council Meeting
July 26, 2018 Special City Council Meeting
October 2, 2018 City Council Meeting**

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve the July 24, 2018, July 26, 2018, and October 2, 2018 City Council Meeting minutes, 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, Fisette, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

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

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve the September 2018 City bills, seconded by Council Member Harbert.

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.

c) Consideration and possible action authorizing the City of Bridge City to enter into a contract with the Bridge City Police Association for the period effective October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to authorize the City of Bridge City to enter into contract, 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.

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m., seconded by Council Member Fields.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary