

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND WORKSHOP MINUTES
CITY OF BRIDGE CITY
February 5, 2019

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 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 6:01 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: None

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Jerry D. Jones
City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
City Attorney Paul M. Fukuda
Finance Director Karen Morgan
Personnel/Purchasing Director Mitzi Nolan
Police Chief Paul Davis
Asst. Utility Superintendent Mike Die

2. INVOCATION

Invocation given by Council Member 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 Harbert made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Fisette.

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. The staff has caught up with the substandard buildings and I will have a report at the next meeting. Since Hurricane Ike, City Staff has torn down 161 houses in Bridge City and have quite a few more on the list to tear down. City Staff is going through the process and will have those down as soon as a crew is available. The biggest problem there is no money for this and so the City has to work with the people. Staff uses City equipment to tear down the houses and the homeowner pays the dumpster charges, so it takes extra time to get them down.
2. Sewer line replacement program has started back up. The lady that has had the problem that Council Member Fisette brought forward is being done next week. The problem with hers is, it was running up hill about 6 inches right at the back of the house. That will be taken out and corrected.
3. Gradall is still down, originally the wrong part was ordered and the part they said was bad was not. When staff put it back together found it was another piece, so they ordered it and the part is in and they are adjusting it now. The gradall should be operating within the next week.
4. Monies from the Texas Water Development Board for the projects repairing the manholes and also replacing all those fire plugs, should be in the bank next week. After receiving the monies, the City will go through the process of bidding out the projects. This will be

the first project started because we still have not received monies from the Federal Government.

(b) City Council

Council Member Carl Harbert

None.

Council Member Kirk Roccaforte

None.

Council Member Tammi Fisette

1. Asked City Manager Jerry Jones if the project was finished or all that is left is to touch up her yard? Ms. Parker's. Mr. Jones said they were working on it today. Mr. Jones was informed during the meeting, they did finish Ms. Parker's sewer line and will be putting final touches on her yard.

2. Update on the Library:

Council Member Fisette told City Council if they have not been to the Library, they should go because it is beautiful. Council Member Fisette thanked Mr. Jones for installing the security lights at the front door. Council Member Fisette told City Council city staff installed a light at the front door because it is very dark there and fixed the hot water heater and library staff is very appreciative. Council Member Fisette also told City Council that the Bridge City library was chosen as an Eagle Scout Project. The Eagle candidate along with Boy Scout Troop 220 pressured wash the building, removed weeds, trimmed bushes, planted plants, painted parking lot lines and handicap stencils in the parking lot, installed a new handicap sign and pole, installed concrete parking stops, and built a picnic table which was all donated. It is very nice down there. Also, Pro Offset Printing Company donated a color copier and wall graphics for the children's library.

Library activities:

Bayou Buddies story time and a book club (next meeting is February 22, 2019).

Scheduled Upcoming Events:

Lego reading challenge for ages 5-13, the Lego's are donated and the children build with the Lego's while reading books.

New program Ideas:

Library has an assortment of hand puppets, if you go into the children's room at the end, the whole wall at the top is full of hand puppets, so they have an idea of reading with Clifford the Dog. The kids will read to the puppets and the puppets

help out with the hard words. So it is interactive and they are excited about this program.

Another new program idea:

Reading time with the grandparents, the Library has had grandparents wanting to volunteer to read to kids and city staff is trying to get it started.

Learning club ideas starting this year:

They have had some request to have sewing classes, photography classes, and computer classes, but just basic computer classes. If you have not met Kelle, go meet her. Council Member Fissette thanked Mary Montgomery, Librarian and Kelle Miller, Library Clerk for a doing a good job.

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus

None.

Council Member Gauthier

None.

Council Member Fields

None.

(c) City Staff Report

City Attorney Paul Fukuda

None.

Miscellaneous City Staff

None.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge had the following report:

None.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

7. RESOLUTION (*Resolución*)

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2019-06(R) ordering the City of Bridge City General Election to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019

(La Consideración y la posibilidad de acción para Resolución No 2019-06(R) ordenando la Elección General en la Ciudad de Bridge City que tendrá cabo el sábado, el 4 de mayo del 2019)

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2019-06(R) in its entirety, ordering the City of Bridge City General Election to be held on May 4, 2019.

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-06(R). Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus seconded the motion.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

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

- 1) January 15, 2019 City Council Meeting**
- 2) January 24, 2019 City Council Special Meeting**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve minutes of January 15, 2019 City Council Meeting and January 24, 2019 City Council Special Meeting, seconded by Council Member Fields.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve a joint election agreement between the City of Bridge City, the Bridge City Independent School District, the Orange County Navigation and Port District, and the Orange County Drainage District for the May 4, 2019 General Election

(La Consideración y posible acción junta para el apruebo del acuerdo electoral entre la Ciudad de Bridge City, el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Bridge City, el Distrito de Navegación y Distrito del Puerto del Condado de Orange, y del Distrito de Drenaje y Desagüas del Condado de Orange,

para la Elección General el 4 de mayo, del 2019)

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to approve a joint election agreement with the City, Bridge City Independent School District, the Orange County Navigation and Port District, and the Orange County Drainage District for the May 4, 2019 General Election. Motion was seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(c) Consider recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to call a joint public hearing on February 25, 2019 on a request from Larry Nguyen for a zone change from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Low Density Residential District) on property located on Ferry Dr. further described as lot 1-7 block 1 Lawn Terrace, so that he may build duplexes on the property

Council Member Harbert made a motion to call a joint public hearing on February 25, 2019 on a request from Larry Nguyen for a zone change from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Low Density Residential District) on property located on Ferry Dr., 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, Fissette, Gauthier and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(d) Consider recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to call a joint public hearing on February 25, 2019 on a request from Warren Landry with Twenty Third for a zone change from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to C-3 (Third Commercial District) on property located on Ferry Dr. by Wal-Mart further described as Abst. 15 J. Jett, Amended Blandale, Lot part of 7 – part of 8, acres 3.634, so he would have all of the property zoned C-3 for commercial use

Council Member Harbert made a motion to call a joint public hearing on February 25, 2019 on a request from Warren Landry with Twenty Third for a zone change from R-1 (Single Family

Residential District) to C-3 (Third Commercial District) on property located on Ferry Dr. by Wal-Mart, 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.

(e) Presentation and consideration of the 2017 Racial Profiling Report by Bridge City Police Chief Paul T. Davis

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to consider the 2018 Racial Profiling Report, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

Chief Paul Davis made a correction on the agenda that it was the 2018 not 2017 Racial Profiling Report. Chief Davis gave his report.

After discussion, Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to accept the 2018 Racial Profiling Report as given by Bridge City Police Chief Paul T. Davis, 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.

10. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 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