

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 19, 2019

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 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 6:00 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
Personnel/Purchasing Director Mitzi Nolan
Police Chief Paul Davis
Utility Superintendent Mike Lund
Asst. Utility Superintendent Mike Die

2. INVOCATION

Invocation given by Council Member Terri Gauthier.

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 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. The gradall is back and operational and is working.
2. Reminded Mayor and City Council of a Joint Public Hearing on Monday, February 25, 2019 with the Planning and Zoning Commission

(b) City Council

Council Member Carl Harbert

None.

Council Member Kirk Roccaforte

He enjoyed last week at Golden Triangle Days, but wished it was back to Orange County Days. He said there was not much interaction with our Representatives, but a lot of interaction with whole lot of different people from a lot areas around here. He also said he had a some questions answered and a lot of side meetings, which he thinks there was some things accomplished from the meetings. Overall he said it was a good trip.

Council Member Tammi Fiset

1. She appreciated the opportunity to go to Austin last week. She totally agrees with Council Member Roccaforte on the Orange County Days, which she remembers them. Thank you for the opportunity.

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus

None.

Council Member Gauthier

She thanks the City for allowing her to go to Golden Triangle Days. I confer with Council Member Roccaforte, it was great to connect with the leadership in our county and other connections you make and relationships that develop. Again, I believe we all wished Golden Triangle Days was pertaining more to Orange County.

Council Member Fields

She said she appreciated the opportunity to go Golden Triangle Days. She reported she spoke with a couple of our Legislators and they understand our concerns. The Legislators told Council Member Fields they would try to give help to the City and hopefully they will.

(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

- (a) ***Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution 2019-07(R) authorizing the submittal of a 2019/2020 TxCDBG application to the Texas Department of Agriculture, authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the application, and committing local funds to the project***

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2019-07(R) in its entirety, authorizing the submittal of a 2019/2020 TxCDBG application authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's authorized representative.

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-07(R) as read, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

With no 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.

- (b) ***Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution 2019-08(R) requesting the addition of Bridge City Action Item 9 to the Orange County 2017 HMAP***

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2019-08(R) in its entirety, requesting the addition of the Bridge City Action Item 9 to the Orange County 2017 HMAP

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-07(R). Council Member Fields seconded the motion.

Mr. Jones explained to the Mayor and City Council the details of Resolution 2019-08(R).

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.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) ***Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of the February 5, 2019 City Council Meeting***

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve minutes of February 5, 2019 City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

After a discussion about a Substandard Building Report from last City Council Meeting, and no further questions, additions, or alterations, 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 January 2019***

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to approve the City bills for the month of January 2019, 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.

(c) ***Presentation and possible action to accept the City of Bridge City Annual Audit for the year ending September 30, 2018 as prepared by Keri Michutka, C.P.A.***

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to accept the City of Bridge City Annual Audit for the year ending September 30, 2018, as prepared by Ms. Michutka, seconded by Council Member Harbert.

Ms. Michutka presented the Audit to Mayor and City Council stating that the City began the fiscal year with a deficit balance of \$151,000 and ended with a positive balance of \$500,000. She also said the sales tax revenue increased by \$300,000 from the previous year, fines and forfeitures were up \$100,000, property taxes went up \$100,000 and the City sold the old police department for \$200,000.

She told Mayor and City Council that all of those items make up \$700,000.

After 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.

(d) *Consideration and possible action to approve submitting a waiver of the low-to-moderate income (LMI) requirements for the City's DR-4332 CDBG-DR allocation*

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion approve submitting a waiver of the low-to-moderate income requirements, seconded by Council Member Fields.

After 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.

10. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 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