

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
March 5, 2019

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 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 6:00 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

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Member Lucy Fields

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
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 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, Fissette, Gauthier.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Fields.

5. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. Mr. Mike Die, Assistant Utility Superintendent was formally initiated into the "AA" Club for the State of Texas. There are only 375 total and the City has 2 of them. Also, Mike Lund entered Mike Die into an award contest called Exemplary Excellence Service Award which is given to one person in the State of Texas which Mr. Die was presented this award.
2. The City received the first check from FEMA and it was \$122,091. Also, FEMA sent a list with two projects: Crepe Myrtle ditch and Center Street ditch. That is two of the outfall ditches the City Staff has been trying to get cleaned out. The money is in the bank for these projects.
3. Also, the manholes in two different areas which there are about 12 to 14 that the City will be getting the cost of repairs covered. The City staff has the engineering firm starting the process of getting the plans drawn up and getting them out to bid, so these projects will be starting soon.

(b) City Council

Council Member Carl Harbert

1. Congratulated Mike Die.

Council Member Kirk Roccaforte

1. Congratulated Mike Die.
2. He publicly said that he supports the Orange County EDC Director, supports the Orange County EDC and supports funding the Orange County EDC. The County Judge has wrote some really scathing things in one of the local newspapers about the Orange County EDC. Council Member Roccaforte said this is his opinion only, not the City Council's.

Council Member Tammi Fisette

1. Congratulated Mike Die and she told him a job well done.

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus

1. Congratulated Mike Die.
2. Reminded Mayor and City Council about the Mystery Dinner on Saturday, March 9, 2019.

Council Member Gauthier

1. Congratulated Mike Die.
2. Congratulated Mayor Rutledge for being elected as the Affiliate Director on the Board of Directors of Texas Municipal League representing the Texas Association of Mayors, Council Members, and Commissioners.

Council Member Fields

None.

(c) City Staff Report

City Attorney Paul Fukuda

1. Introduced Rex Peveto to the Mayor, City Council and Staff who has agreed to assist him in times that would be necessary, if he was unavailable with Council matters.
2. Mr. Fukuda said he was in District Court in Beaumont, preventing the disclosure of information that was privileged from city records and City staff was successful in doing that.

Miscellaneous City Staff

None.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge had the following report:

1. Attended the TMACC meeting and the Elected Officials Conference in San Marcos last week and a big part of it was the Legislative update on what is happening in the Capitol about cities and it is not good. The City will have to brace itself of what is coming down the pike. We are cautiously optimistic that this will not be quite as bad it looks. The Senate is being more harsh to cities than the House of Representatives, so it will be a fight as to which one hurts the City the worse. There has been some discussion from Mayors and Council Members from around the State, which they have testified at the hearings. The Chairman from the Senate side started fussing with one of the people that was testifying and threw a Mayor of a City out of the room. It is a hot topic around the Capitol right now, so watch your TML mail.
2. TML Region 16 Meeting is March 21, 2019, in Vidor. Mayor Rutledge said anyone is invited staff and council members are invited RSVP to Jeanie McDowell. Mayor Rutledge announced Eddie Daffern, President Elect of TML will be there to visit with area Mayors and Council Members. Also, there will be a legislative update from TML staff.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Rex Peveto, 118 Border St., Orange, TX

Mr. Peveto announced that he will running for District Judge for Orange County in the 163rd District Court. Mr. Peveto told Mayor and Council that Orange County has three district courts, and the Judge in the 163rd Court is Judge Dennis Powell and he is retiring and will not be running, so there will be an open seat. He said we have a while but the Republican Primary is next March. Mr. Peveto said he is getting around and introducing himself to people that may not know him and let you know a little about him. Mr. Peveto said he was born and raised in Orange County and has been practicing law for 25 years, for the past 9 years he has been on the School Board at LCM, and he is the City Attorney for the City of West Orange. Mr. Peveto said the kind of decisions he makes is that he was smart enough to marry the High School Teacher of the Year of Bridge City. Mr. Peveto also said he would appreciate the Mayor and Council's support and he would be glad to answer any questions.

7. CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES

- (a) ***Consideration and possible action to accept certification from City Secretary declaring there are no opposed races, declared write-in candidates or propositions to appear on the May 4, 2019 official ballot of the City of Bridge City General Election***

La consideración y posible acción para aceptar la certificación de la Secretaria de la Ciudad declarando que no hay carreras opuestas, declarando candidatos por escrito ni proposiciones que deban aparecer en la boleta oficial del 2019 en la Elección General de la Ciudad, el 4 de mayo del 2019, de la Ciudad de Bridge City

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to accept the certification of unopposed candidates from the City Secretary, 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, Fisette, Gauthier.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Fields.

8. ORDINANCE

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2019-02 ordering the cancellation of the May 4, 2019 City of Bridge City General Election

La consideración y posible acción para aprobar la Ordenanza N° 2019-02 que ordena la cancelación de la Elección General de la Ciudad, de la Ciudad de Bridge City el 4 de mayo del 2019.

Mr. Fukuda read Ordinance No. 2019-02 caption only, approving ordering the cancellation of the May 4, 2019 City of Bridge City General Election.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-02 as read, seconded by Council Member Harbert.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Fields.

9. RESOLUTION

- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2019-09(R) approving the submission of an application for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Body Camera 2019 to be operated for the FY2019 year**

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2019-09(R) in its entirety.

Council Member Harbert made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-09(R) as read, seconded Council Member Gauthier.

Council Member Fisette asked how much was the matching funds to this grant. Mr. Jones told Council Member Fisette there are no matching funds.

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.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Fields.

10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of the February 19, 2019 City Council Meeting**

Council Member Harbert made a motion to approve minutes of February 19, 2019 City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Fisette.

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, Fisette, Gauthier.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Fields.

- (b) Consideration and possible action to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission requesting zone change R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Low Density Residential District) on the property owned by Larry Nguyen located on Ferry Drive (Lot 1-7 Block 1, Lawn Terrace) so he may build duplexes**

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to approve a zone change from R-1 to R-2, as requested by Larry Nguyen, on property located at Ferry Drive (Lot 1-7, Block 1, Lawn Terrace), seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

City Manager Jerry Jones said that the City will look at the driveway that was mentioned during the public hearing.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Fields.

(c) Consideration and possible action to approve the recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission requesting zone change R-1 (Single Family Residential) to C-3 (Third Commercial District) on the property owned by Warren Landry (Twenty Third) located on Ferry Drive by Walmart (Abst. 15 J. Jett, amended Blandale, Lot PT of 7 – PT of 8, Acres 3.634) The property is partially zoned C-3 (Third Commercial District) and R-1 (Single Family Residential). He would like it all zoned C-3 for commercial use. Also, the Planning and Zoning Commission is recommending changing the small piece of Walmart's property that is still zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential) to C-3 (Third Commercial District)

Council Member Harbert made a motion to approve a zone change from R-1 to C-3, as requested by Warren Landry (Twenty Third), on property located at Ferry Drive (Abst. 15 J Jett, amended Blandale, Lot PT of 7-PT of 8) and including the small piece of Walmart's property, 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, Fiset, Gauthier.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Fields.

11. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m., seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Fields.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary