

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 19, 2019

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 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 Kirk Roccaforte
Council Member Tammi Fisette
Council Member Terri Gauthier
Council Member Lucy Fields

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Member Carl Harbert

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 Fields.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus, Council Members Roccaforte, Fisetete, Gauthier, Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harbert.

5. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. Yard line program, Mike said they have completed forty and that is simply well considering all the wet weather we have had.
2. The City Staff has the engineering firm working on the drainage project for Crepe Myrtle and Center Street. The City already has funding for this project. The Engineering firm is working on the plans and specs and they will get it bid out and get this project started soon.
3. Also, the Engineering firm has started working on the drainage boxes, which are 13 of them, some of those are located in the area where the City is doing the drainage project the area of Arthur and Elsie, so we have to match that program with the drainage program. Mr. Jones said he will get Will Larrain with Action Engineering to begin working on the actual plans and bids on the drainage program. They are already working on the drainage box part of it and we will have to get with the contractors to get the work ironed out so we can get benefit from both sides. Mr. Jones told Council that it may take a little longer but the City will be ahead doing it this way.
4. The gradall is running and staff is trying to catch up on projects that we have been behind on.

(b) City Council

Council Member Carl Harbert

None.

Council Member Kirk Roccaforte

1. The Orange County Judge has resigned and the Commissioners accepted his resignation in the meeting.

Council Member Tammi Fisette

None.

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

Jason Withers:

Had a good Spring Break went with the band to Disney World and it was a very successful trip. He said the band did a good musical workshop where they got to play some of the music they did in some of the Disney movies. He said the music the band played was Moana. He said Bridge City was represented very well.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge had the following report:

1. Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission is will have another Hazardous Waste and Scrap Tire Events will be on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Silsbee High School parking lot.
2. Thursday, March 21, 2019, Region 16 TML meeting in Vidor, Texas.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

7. ORDINANCES

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2019-03 rezoning property on Ferry Drive (Lot 1 – 7, Block 1, Lawn Terrace) from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Low Density Residential) as requested by owner, Larry Nguyen, in order to build duplexes on the property, and as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission

Mr. Fukuda read Ordinance No. 2019-03 caption only, approving rezoning property on Ferry Drive from R-1 to R-2.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 2019-03 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 Roccaforte, Fissette, Gauthier and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harbert.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2019-04 rezoning property on Ferry Drive (Abst. 15 J Jett, amended Blandale, lot part of 7 and part of 8) from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to C-3 (Third Commercial District) as requested by owner, Warren Landry (Twenty Third), in order to have all property zoned C-3 for commercial use, and as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission

Mr. Fukuda read Ordinance No. 2019-04 caption only, approving rezoning property on Ferry Drive from R-1 to C-3.

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-04 as read, seconded by Council Member Fields.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harbert.

8. RESOLUTIONS

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2019-10(R) in request the Texas Legislature amend Texas Tax Code Chapter 352 to allow Orange County to use Hotel Tax Revenue for a pavilion

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2019-10(R) in its entirety, approving the request for Texas Legislature to amend Texas Tax code Chapter 352.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-10(R) as read, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

After discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harbert.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2019-11(R) in support of the Chevron Phillips Chemical's Texas Enterprise Fund Application

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2019-11(R) in its entirety, approving the support of the Chevron Phillips Chemical's Texas Enterprise Fund Application.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-11(R) as read, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

After discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harbert.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

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

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

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 City bills for the month of February 2019

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve the City bills for the month of February 2019, 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 Roccaforte, Fisette, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harbert.

(c) Consideration and possible action to appoint James LeBlanc as the Rabies Control Authority for the purposes of the Rabies Control Act of 1981

Council Member Fields made a motion to appoint James LeBlanc as the Rabies Control Authority for the purposes of the Rabies Control Act of 1981, 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 Roccaforte, Fiset, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harbert.

11. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m., seconded by Council Member Fields.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Harbert.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary