

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
April 2, 2019

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 2, 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 6:03 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
Council Member Carl Harbert

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Jerry D. Jones
Planning & Development Coordinator Brenda Scales
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 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 Fields made a motion to move Item 5d to 5a on the agenda, seconded by Council Member Harbert.

After change to the agenda, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

5. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS

(a) *Proclamation presented to Bridge City Bank in recognition for its “60th Anniversary” on April 5, 2019*

Mayor Rutledge read and presented to Kim Davis, Michelle Richardson, and Bonnie Perrodin the Proclamation recognizing the “60th Anniversary” of the Bridge City Bank.

(b) *Presentation of Proclamation declaring April 2019 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month”, as requested by Carmen Vega of the Crisis Center of Southeast Texas*

City Attorney Paul Fukuda read the Proclamation declaring April 2019 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month”. The Crisis Center of Southeast Texas was not present.

(c) *Presentation of Proclamation declaring April 7 – 13, 2019 as “Crime Victims’ Rights Week”, as requested by Carmen Vega of the Crisis Center of Southeast Texas*

City Attorney Paul Fukuda read the Proclamation declaring April 7 – 13, 2019 as “Crime Victims’ Rights Week”. The Crisis Center of Southeast Texas was not present.

(d) *Presentation of Proclamation declaring April 2019 as “Fair Housing Month”*

Mayor Rutledge read the Proclamation declaring April 2019 as “Fair Housing Month”.

6. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. The City has two different engineering firms working on projects and they will start turning dirt on the Elsie Project. LJA is getting it ready for bid and the City will try to streamline that so it will go a little faster. We do not have a lot of the requirements because we are using the City's money.
2. LJA is working on Crepe Myrtle and Center's ditches, they are actually doing the engineering work now. Those two projects will start before long.
3. The City was awarded 10 drainage boxes and LJA is doing work on those, so we will have projects started soon.

(b) City Council

Council Member Carl Harbert

1. Thanked everyone for the prayers for the family and said he was glad to be back.

Council Member Kirk Roccaforte

1. I had the opportunity to welcome a new County Judge, and everyone seems excited about it.

Council Member Tammi Fisette

1. Council Member Fisette asked Mr. Jones about the yard lines. Mr. Jones told her that they were back in town and work is being done now. Council Member Fisette also asked Mr. Jones how many have been done. Mr. Jones said only an additional 5 or 6 since last time it was talked about.

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus

None.

Council Member Gauthier

1. Council Member Gauthier said she was invited to the Army Corp of Engineers Stakeholders Conference at A & M in Galveston. She was informed of the upcoming projects that are scheduled and the one project that was relevant to Orange County is to build a levee and the Corp of Engineers has already began the drawings. She has the

website that you can look at the proposed drawings of the levee. This will be a six year project and it will be a 27 mile levee. Six years is the goal for completion. There are two things of importance the Corp of Engineers has learned during the study of this project. The Corp of Engineers realize the drainage issues in the County and would like to help with mitigation to improve the drainage. The Corp of Engineer feels encouraged that the County will have federal funding for this project.

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:

1. Mayor Rutledge said he went to Austin and had the privilege of testifying before a House Committee and he feels that he and other City Officials that spoke about this bill did not make a dent in the decision of the House Committee. House Bill 3535 has cleared the Senate and I believe the Cities will be losing money, but do not know how much.

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

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

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve minutes of March 19, 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 and Fields .

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve the 2019 Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment increase of 1.1120% to be applied to the City's Municipal Telecommunications Right-of-Way Access Line Rates

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to approve the 2019 Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment increase of 1.1120%, seconded by Council Member Fields.

Mr. Jones explained to Mayor and Council that it is an increase, and the City has no choice but to adopt this rate, because the number cannot be adjusted.

With no further discussion, Mayor 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 6:20 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