

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

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND WORKSHOP MINUTES**  
**CITY OF BRIDGE CITY**  
**April 16, 2019**

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at the City Hall of Bridge City, 260 Rachal, Bridge City, Texas.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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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  
Council Member Carl Harbert

**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**

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Invocation given by Council Member Tammi Fisette.

**3. PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FLAG**

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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**

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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 Harbert, Roccaforte, Fisette, Gauthier, Fields.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

#### **5. PRESENTATION**

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**(a) *Rhonda Masters of GLO will make a presentation on the GLO Disaster Recovery Programs***

Ms. Masters presented programs being offered by the state to help with the recovery for citizens that flooded during Harvey.

**(b) *Shaun Davis and Jennifer Mattingly of AECOM will make a presentation on the Homeowner Assistance Program***

Mr. Davis and Ms. Mattingly presented to the Mayor and City Council a slide show that explained in details about the Homeowner Assistance Program. Mayor and City Council agreed to have a workshop for citizens to receive information about applying for the Homeowner Assistance Program or to help with the citizen's application on file.

#### **6. REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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**(a) *City Manager***

***City Manager Jerry Jones*** had the following report for Council:

1. The service line program has been slow, they have completed 50 and have 170 remaining. The company has a set number of days to complete the job, but they are still in compliance.
2. Stormwater clarifier has been disassembled, and the project is going well.
3. The sludge press demo has been put in operation. If anyone would like to go by and see how it works, it will be there the rest of the week.
4. Spoke with Action Engineers regarding the Elsie Street Project. They are finalizing the bid packet, so that should be going out real quickly.
5. LJA is working on the plans for Crepe Myrtle and Center Street ditches, they ran into problems because of the right-of-ways.

**(b) City Council**

***Council Member Carl Harbert***

1. A citizen came to Council Member Harbert's house to express his thankfulness of the Street and Drainage Departments. The citizen asked Council Member Harbert to mention this to the Mayor and Council in tonight's meeting.

***Council Member Kirk Roccaforte***

1. Early voting starts next week.

***Council Member Tammi Fisette***

1. Council Member Fisette said that she has received a lot of calls wanting to know a start date on the Elsie Street Project. Council Member Fisette also said she knows what the Drainage District told her what they recommended, but she asked if the City had a list of what will be worked on.

Mr. Jones said everything in the project worksheet Action Engineer presented to the Mayor and Council will be done. Mr. Jones also said some of the things that were talked about will be done in a different way, but that is all part of the project worksheet. Also, Action Engineer had to get more elevations is why it is taking longer. Action Engineer is working on the bid documents now, and we will get a set of plans on it soon.

Council Member Fisette asked Mr. Jones if he had an estimated time for the plans to be in.

Mr. Jones said he did not, he tried to get a date, but Action Engineer said they had to finish the bid documents before they could get it out. Mr. Jones said he spoke with Action Engineers about 4:30 this afternoon.

**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.

**7. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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None.

**8. ORDINANCES**

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**(a) *Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2019-05 suspending the rates proposed by Centerpoint's Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program ("GRIP") filing made with the City of Bridge City on March 28, 2019***

Mr. Fukuda read Ordinance No. 2019-05 caption only.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 2019-05 as read, seconded by Council Member Harbert.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**(b) Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2019-06 denying the rate increase request of Entergy Texas, Inc. filed on March 28, 2019**

Mr. Fukuda read Ordinance No. 2019-06 caption only.

Council Member Harbert made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 2019-06 as read, seconded by Council Member Fields.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**9. RESOLUTIONS**

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**(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2019-12(R) adopting the City of Bridge City residential homestead exemptions for the 2019 tax year**

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2019-12(R) in its entirety.

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2019-12(R) as read, seconded by Council Member Harbert.

Council Member Fields asked if the amount was the same as last year.

Mayor Rutledge told Council Member Fields it was the same as last year.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**Abstain:** Council Member Fisetle.

**(b) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2019-13(R) authorizing the City Manager and the Emergency Management Coordinator to amend the Orange County Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2019-13(R) in its entirety.

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2019-13(R) as read, seconded by Council Member Fisetete.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**(c) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2019-14(R) recognizing the week of May 6 through May 11, 2019 as "Economic Development Week" in Orange County**

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2019-14(R) in its entirety.

Council Member Harbert made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2019-14(R) as read, 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, Fisetete, Gauthier and Fields.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION**

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**(a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of the April 2, 2019 City Council Meeting**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve minutes of the April 2, 2019 City Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

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, Fisetete, Gauthier and Fields .

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**(b) Consideration and possible action to approve City bills for the month of March 2019**

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to approve the City bills for the month of March 2019, seconded by Council Member Harbert.

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.

**11. ADJOURN**

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Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 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.

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David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary