

CARL HARBERT <i>Council Member, Place 1</i>	DAVID RUTLEDGE <i>Mayor</i>	ERIC ANDRUS <i>Council Member, Place 4</i>
KIRK ROCCAFORTE <i>Council Member, Place 2</i>		TERRI GAUTHIER <i>Mayor Pro-Tem/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
June 18, 2019

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, June 18, 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 6:02 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor David Rutledge
Council Member Carl Harbert
Council Member Kirk Roccaforte
Council Member Tammi Fisette
Council Member Eric Andrus
Council Member Lucy Fields

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Terri Gauthier

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

Invocation given by Council Member Tammi Fisette.

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 Andrus 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, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Fissette, Andrus, Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier.

5. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. The sewer line program – The contractors have completed 75 locations and are continuing the job. The contractor’s should be able to complete 165 to 170 lines before those funds are depleted.
2. The Crepe Myrtle ditch - The Drainage District is cutting the brush. The Drainage District has had some equipment in there so they are starting that project.
3. Manhole and fire plug project - The City received monies from the Water Development Board and is still preparing paperwork before the project can begin. The projects should start soon.
4. The Elsie project - The City received the bids and all of the bids were way out of line. Most of the bids, all but one were over \$500,000 and up to \$770,000 to do the project. The City has rejected all bids and Mark Kelly, Ace Engineers, is meeting with two additional contractors on Thursday. The City will approach the Elsie project in a different way. Ace Engineers will bid the major line replacement. The City crews will do the actual ditch work. The City is also looking at moving the big lines out from under the concrete and back filling the inside which will reduce the cost. One of the companies will be here Thursday to walk the job with Mr. Kelly. The City will still get this project done but this is just a minor set-back. The biggest problem is that the guys bidding on this project are very busy. For example, one of the calls the City received is the contractor asking to start the project after the summer. The City will make sure the contractors understand the project will start immediately.

5. Center Street Ditch - the Drainage District may not have to do this one, the City may be able to use the funds to hire a contractor to do the work.
6. The budget - we are working on the budget.
7. Building Permits - the State has passed a law recently, that we can no longer issue building permits with the cost of construction, which is basically what all the cities do. So we are trying to come up with a new rate, and a new way of calculating it off of square footage. We will try to have that done before next meeting to bring to the City Council for approval.

(b) City Council

Council Member Carl Harbert

None.

Council Member Kirk Roccaforte

None.

Council Member Tammi Fisette

1. Gary Traylor's office was working on getting the street projects implemented, the \$15M, do we have a list. I keep getting calls asking what street projects, do we have a list. Mr. Jones told Council Member Fisette we had an original list and then FEMA came in and conducted inspections. FEMA has declined some of the streets, but I can get you a list.
2. Council Member Fisette inquired of the two projects that is in progress on Hwy. 1442, and asked what type of permits were issued. Mr. Jones told Council Member Fisette the two projects are Olson Engineering Building and Marsh Estates. Mr. Jones also said City Staff approves the subdivision plat. The City is working on the plat with them. The permits they received is with the Highway Department and from the Drainage District, and that was pertaining to the drainage on the backup property. Council Member Fisette asked if we did not issue permits. Mr. Jones told Council Member Fisette we did not issue permits. Mr. Jones also told Council Member Fisette that the City relies on the Drainage District to do that for the us. He said the City actually issued a permit for the subdivision plat they brought in. He said the Drainage District has to approve the drainage plat, which is a part of the retention pond, concrete ditch, and widening of the ditches. The City sends the plat to the Drainage District, they will calculate the measurements for the drainage and approve the plat. The Drainage District sends the plat back to the City and we will approve the plat. Council Member Fisette told Council the Fire Department has received calls and complaints on the burning. Several citizens throughout the surrounding neighborhoods have called about the smoke and ashes all over the place. Council Member Fisette asked

are the construction companies aware of the City's Ordinances and when do we cover that with them?

Mr. Jones told her that burning inside the city limits is illegal and they know that. But what happens is these contractors will get out there and push brush up in a pile and try to set it on fire and get it burnt before anyone can do anything about it. The City has had employees out there no less than four or five times when they started doing that. The City has even had the police out there so the Contractor's know it is illegal, so the next step is the City will issue fines to them.

Council Member Fisetta told City Council she rode out to the projects on Hwy. 1442 and was looking around and she said normally when you have projects as this, you will have the black tarp and black fence that surrounds it, but she did not see any of that.

Mr. Jones told her that he does not know if the contractors are at the point they need to be putting the silt fencing up yet. He will get Clarence Philpott, Code Enforcement Officer to inspect it and make sure the contractors are following the correct procedures. The Contractor's know they have to have it, it is a state law.

Council Member Fisetta said she thought it is required and did not see it on either projects.

Mr. Jones said it is required and sometimes there is so much movement the contractors are actually moving stuff where they are putting the black fencing. The City Staff will make sure the fencing is set up.

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

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge had the following report:

1. Mayor Rutledge gave a report on the TML Region 16 meeting he attended in Woodville.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

7. ORDINANCE

- (a) Consideration and possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-07 approving Centerpoint Energy's 2019 Annual GRIP (Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program) Adjustment**

Mr. Fukuda read the caption of Ordinance No. 2019-07, thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10.

Council Member Andrus made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-07 Centerpoint Energy's 2019 Annual GRIP adjustment, seconded by Council Member Harbert.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Fisetete, Andrus, and Fields

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

- (a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of the May 21, 2019 City Council Meeting**

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve minutes of the May 21, 2019 City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Fisetete.

With no questions, additions, or alterations, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Fisetete, Andrus and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier.

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

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

After discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Fisetete, Andrus, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier.

(c) Consideration and possible action to enter into an agreement between South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) and the City of Bridge City to participate in the regional Emergency Notification project utilizing Blackboard

Council Member Andrus made a motion to enter into an agreement between SETRPC and the City of Bridge City to participate in the regional Emergency Notification project utilizing Blackboard, seconded by Council Member Fields.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Fisetete, Andrus, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier.

(d) Consideration and possible action to enter into an agreement between the Texas Department of Agriculture and the City of Bridge City to administer funds for the Texas Community Development Block Grant from the Disaster Relief Fund for silt removal from roadside ditches

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to enter into an agreement between the Texas Department of Agriculture and the City of Bridge City to administer funds for the TCDBG from the Disaster Relief Fund for silt removal from roadside ditches, seconded by Council Member Fields.

After discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Fisetete, Andrus, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier.

(e) Consideration and possible action consider the award of the Professional Engineering Services for contract for CDBG-DR (Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery) to Action Civil Engineers, PLLC for damage sustained from 2017 Hurricane Harvey flooding event DR-4432 Disaster Infrastructure

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to award the Professional Engineering Services for contract for CDBG-DR to Action Civil Engineers, PLLC for damage sustained from 2017 Hurricane Harvey flooding event DR-4432 Disaster Infrastructure, seconded by Council Member Fields

After discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Fisetta, Andrus, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier.

9. ADJOURN

Council Member Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m., seconded by Council Member Fields.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Fisetta, Andrus, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary