

CARL HARBERT <i>Council Member, Place 1</i>	DAVID RUTLEDGE <i>Mayor</i>	DANNY HARRINGTON <i>Council Member, Place 4</i>
MIKE REED <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 SPECIAL MEETING AND EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF BRIDGE CITY
July 24, 2019

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 24, 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 Terri Gauthier
Council Member Carl Harbert
Council Member, Place 2 Vacant
Council Member Tammi Fisette
Council Member Danny Harrington
Council Member Lucy Fields

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:

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
Utility Superintendent Mike Lund

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

Mayor Pro-Tem 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 Gauthier, Council Members Harbert, Fissette, Harrington and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) *Consideration and possible action of the acceptance of a written resignation from Kirk Roccaforte, Council Member, Place 2*

Council Member Fields made a motion to accept Kirk Roccaforte, Council Member, Place 2 written resignation, seconded by Council Member Harbert.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier, Council Members Harbert, Fissette, Harrington and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: None

6. ADJOURN TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

(a) *City Council to go into closed executive session pursuant to the provision of Chapter 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to discuss personnel matters relating to appointment to fill vacancy on City Council, Place 2, as required by the City Charter, Section 3.06(a)*

Mayor Rutledge asked the audience to please leave the council chambers while Council went into Closed Executive Session. He opened the executive session at 6:03 p.m. to deliberate the appointment to fill vacancy on City Council, Place 2.

7. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

(a) City Council will reconvene into open session for possible discussion and/or possible action regarding an appointment to fill vacancy on City Council, Place 2

Mayor Rutledge reconvened the Council Meeting into open session at 6:21 p.m.

Council Member Fisetta made a motion to nominate Darin Bigler to fill the unexpired term of Place 2, seconded by Council Member Harrington.

Council Member Harbert asked if Mr. Bigler could tell Mayor and Council about his self. Mr. Fukuda told Mayor Rutledge that they were on the agenda and he could call him to speak. Mr. Bigler said he has been Bridge City resident all of his life. Mr. Bigler also said he lives at 1202 Turner Drive in Bridge City and he was a business owner. He said he heard about the position being opened and he thought he would come by, because he wanted to serve. He said he has been on the Chamber of Commerce, Volunteer Fire Department and to serve would be an honor. Council Member Harbert asked Mr. Bigler if he was not appointed this time, would he consider running for election.

Mr. Bigler said absolutely.

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

MOTION FAILED.

Ayes: Council Members Harbert, Fisetta and Harrington.

Noes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier, Council Members Fields.

Absent: None.

Council Member Fields made a motion to appoint Mike Reed to fill the unexpired term of Place 2, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier.

Mayor asked Mr. Reed if he like to tell the City Council about his self.

Mr. Reed stated his name and his address of 313 David, Bridge City. He said he moved to Bridge City in 1974, the year he got out of the Navy. He said he worked at the Reserve Fleet, retired from there as a Federal employee as an electrical supervisor and he is currently with the Bridge City School District driving a school bus. He said he spent 10 years on City Council. He also said he will be honored to serve the City. He said while serving on Council Hurricane Ike hit the City and it was a mess, but the City came back. Mr. Reed said he really would be honored to serve the City again.

Council Member Harbert asked Mr. Reed if he was not appointed this time would he consider running for election.

Mr. Reed said he would.

Council Member Fields said that Mr. Reed would be a good appointee because he has experience with the City's budget and experience as a City Council Member. Council Member Fields said that since we are going into budget sessions tomorrow his expertise would benefit the City.

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

MOTION CARRIED:

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier, Council Members Harbert, Harrington and Fields.

Noes: Council Members Fisetete.

Absent: None.

8. RESOLUTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2019-19(R) confirming the appointment of appointed Council Member to fill the vacancy on Council, Place 2

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2019-19(R) in its entirety.

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-19(R) as read, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier, Council Members Harbert, Fisetete, Harrington and Fields

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

9. CONDUCT SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE POSITON OF COUNCIL MEMBER, PLACE 4

City Attorney Paul Fukuda swore in Mike Reed as Council Member, Place 2. Council Member Reed then took his seat on Council. The audience acknowledged Mr. Reed with their applause.

Mayor Rutledge welcomed Mr. Reed to Council.

10. ADJOURN

Council Member Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m., seconded by Council Member Fields.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier, Council Members Harbert, Reed, Fisetete, Harrington and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary