

<b>CARL HARBERT</b> <i>Council Member, Place 1</i>	<b>DAVID RUTLEDGE</b> <i>Mayor</i>	<b>DANNY HARRINGTON</b> <i>Council Member, Place 4</i>
<b>MIKE REED</b> <i>Council Member, Place 2</i>		<b>TERRI GAUTHIER</b> <i>Mayor Pro-Tem/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**  
**CITY OF BRIDGE CITY**  
**August 6, 2019**

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 6, 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  
Council Member Carl Harbert  
Council Member Place 2 Vacant  
Council Member Tammi Fisette  
Council Member Danny Harrington  
Mayor Pro-Tem Terri Gauthier  
Council Member Lucy Fields

**CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

City Manager Jerry D. Jones  
City Secretary Jeanie McDowell  
City Attorney Paul Fukuda  
Finance Director Karen Morgan  
Personnel/Purchasing Director Mitzi Nolan  
Police Chief Paul Davis  
Utility Superintendent Mike Lund  
Assistant Utility Superintendent Mike Die

**2. INVOCATION**

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Invocation given by Council Member Carl Harbert.

### **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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Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Harrington.

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

#### **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

### **5. REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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#### **(a) City Manager**

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

1. Filter Press – City Staff is trying to get specs back on the last one that was seen. When the City gets the specs back, City Staff will bid the filter press and install it after purchase. The grant the City received from the Texas Water Development Board is still requesting more information from the City's Engineers, and they have sent in the requested information and now waiting on the approval.
2. Elsie Street – the City received revised numbers back and it is in the neighborhood of \$250,00 to do this project. As soon as the City has rough estimates from three different contractors, they will get the project started.
3. Sewer line replacement – 125 have been completed and have 43 remaining. Mr. Lund is starting a list for next year. The City hopes to get another round of monies to get this grant next year.
4. Roadside ditches – one group was approved and two that were not, so the engineers are going back and getting the State and Feds to combine all three projects to bid as one project.
5. Water well – waiting on fund releasement
6. Crepe Myrtle ditch – the work is continuing and looking really good. The City cannot use the whole \$55,000 on Center ditch, but will use as in kind.

**(b) City Council**

**Council Member Carl Harbert** said

1. Ms. Benefield - no work has been done, but Mr. Die told Council Member Harbert that a line locate has been ordered, so two or three weeks.
2. Complaint – storage container on Fernwood. Council Member Harbert said he spoke with Mr. Philpott. Mr. Philpott spoke with the homeowner and he told Mr. Philpott that it will be moved out and it is still there.
3. August 20, 2019 Council Meeting – will not be here for this meeting, going on vacation.

**Council Member Mike Reed**

None.

**Council Member Tammi Fisette** said the assignment she had, the cat issue on Pine, we are looking into what other cities are doing.

Mr. Jones told her that other cities do not address cats. It is a universal problem and none of the cities in the area have anything related to cats, it is like addressing squirrel problems. It does not exist. He said that the City has called around to try to find answers to this problem and there is not one and that is why the City does not have an Ordinance related to cats.

**Council Member Danny Harrington**

None.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier**

None.

**Council Member Lucy Fields**

None.

**(c) City Staff Report**

None.

**(d) Mayor**

**Mayor David Rutledge** had the following report:

1. Congratulations to Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier for being selected to 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President to Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission
2. Tabletop exercise, Thursday, August 8, 2019 for the region for a simulated terrorist emergency response event. It will be in Beaumont at the City of Beaumont's EOC.

3. Working a program called Trees for Bridge City. Trees for Houston is giving away trees and the City of Bridge City was selected to receive them. Mayor Rutledge said he was working with the school and Mr. Jones for placement of the trees and he would give more details at a later date.
4. Friday night, August 9, 2019, at 5:15 at the Orange boat ramp will be a commemorative event, called "Harvey look how far we have come", sponsored by the Orange Chamber of Commerce. He encourage everyone to come out to the event to celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Harvey.

## **6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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None.

## **7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION**

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**a) *Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of the following meetings:***

***July 16, 2019 City Council Meeting***

***July 24, 2019 City Council Special Meeting and Executive Meeting***

***July 25, 2019 City Council Special Meeting***

***July 29, 2019 City Council Special Meeting***

Council Member Reed made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2019 City Council Meeting, July 24, 2019 City Council Special Meeting and Executive Meeting, July 25, 2019 City Council Special Meeting, and July 29, 2019 City Council Special Meeting, seconded by Council Member Fields.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**(b) *Consideration and possible action to approve the contract between South East Texas Regional Planning Commission and City of Bridge City for planning, development, operation and provision of 9-1-1 service and of 9-1-1 funds***

Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier made a motion to approve the contract between South East Texas Regional Planning Commission and City of Bridge City for planning, development, operation and provision of 9-1-1 service and funds, seconded by Council Member Fields.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

- (c) Consideration and possible action to place a proposal to adopt an ad valorem tax rate on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, for the 2019 tax year of \$0.55350 per \$100.00 valuation for the City of Bridge City, Texas (Consisting of a Debt rate of \$0.19790 and a Maintenance and Operations rate of \$0.35560)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gauthier made a motion stating, "I move to place a proposal to adopt a tax rate in the amount of \$0.55350 on the agenda for Tuesday, September 17, 2019. This rate consists of a Maintenance & Operations rate of \$0.35560 and a Debt rate of \$0.19790. This rate is a 9.03% increase over the calculated effective rate." Motion was seconded by Council Member Fields.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

Votes were orally given as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBER HARBERT	YES
COUNCIL MEMBER REED	YES
COUNCIL MEMBER FISETTE	YES
COUNCIL MEMBER HARRINGTON	YES
MAYOR PRO-TEM GAUTHIER	YES
COUNCIL MEMBER FIELDS	YES
MAYOR RUTLEDGE	YES

- (d) Consideration and possible action to schedule one (1) Public Hearing for Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall of Bridge City to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed 2019-2020 Budget for the City of Bridge City, Texas**

Council Member Harbert made a motion to schedule one (1) public hearing for Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall of Bridge City to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed 2019-2020 Budget for the City of Bridge City, Texas, seconded by Council Member Harrington.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

- (e) Consideration and possible action to schedule two (2) Public Hearings for Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the City**

***Hall of Bridge City to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed ad valorem tax rate for the 2019 tax year of \$0.55350 per \$100.00 valuation for the City of Bridge City, Texas (Total tax rate consists of a Debt rate of \$0.19790 and a Maintenance and Operations rate of \$0.35560)***

Council Member Fields made a motion to schedule two (2) Public Hearings for Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall of Bridge City to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed ad valorem tax rate for the 2019 tax year of \$0.55350 per \$100.00 valuation for the City of Bridge City, Texas (Total tax rate consists of a Debt rate of \$0.19790 and a Maintenance and Operations rate of \$0.35560). Motion was 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, Reed, Fisette, Harrington, and Fields.

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**9. ADJOURN**

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Council Member Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m., seconded by Council Member Fields.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

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David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary