

HEWITT TEXAS

**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT
January 14, 2019 – 7:00 PM**

Members present: Mayor Ed Passalugo (presiding), Mayor Pro Tem Steve Fortenberry, Council Members, Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf, Bill Fuller, James Vidrine, Travis Bailey, and Erica Bruce

Staff present: City Attorney Mike Dixon, Acting City Manager/Police Chief Jim Devlin, Assistant Police Chief Tuck Saunders, Fire Chief Lance Bracco, Community Development Director Tracy Lankford, Finance Director Lee Garcia, Library Director Waynette Ditto, Utilities Director Kevin Reinke and City Secretary Lydia Lopez

Staff absent: Managing Director Katie Allgood

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Ed Passalugo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Ed Passalugo asked Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **PRESENTATION BY CITY ATTORNEY OF REPORT ON EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS, CITY ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, HISTORY OF HOW STRUCTURE CAME ABOUT, CITY MANAGEMENT, POLICY VIOLATIONS, AND RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION OF THE FOREGOING AND RELATED MATTERS, AS WELL AS RECOMMENDATIONS.** City Attorney Mike Dixon presented a PowerPoint presentation that was to culminate the findings of the Gannaway report. He further stated that Ms. Julia Gannaway participated and signed off on the report. Council Member Steve Fortenberry directed questions to City Attorney Mike Dixon and Council Member Erica Bruce noted some exceptions and concerns to the report via a prepared statement. **NOTE:** Full report on file in the City Secretary’s Office.
4. **CITIZENS COMMENTS.**
The following citizens appeared to address the Council:

Michael Bancale, 909 Stoneridge Drive, expressed his frustrations with regards to actions by members of the audience and Council, perception with past actions of the Council, and expenses incurred as a result.

Mike Field, 1413 Dendron Drive, stated that the report may have been misleading in that only one side was presented, announced that he was considering running for Council and encouraged others to run, and suggested that the City Manager be allowed to make his own professional judgements with regards to employees and the organizational structure.

Ann Schiltz, 1220 Dendron, expressed concern with actions of the City Attorney and cited the following examples: Council's action with regard to contract with the new City Manager, approval of items with limited time to review documents prior to Council action; need to hear all sides, and stated she would like to see full Gannaway report. Ms. Schiltz also noted the City Attorney's fees were excessive in her opinion.

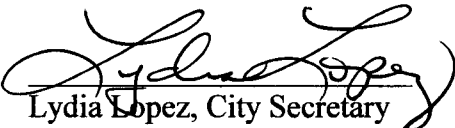
Kurt Krakowian, 804 Pebble Creek Circle, apologized for his outburst at the May 21, 2018 Council Meeting, suggested that City move forward, congratulated the Chief for serving as Acting City Manager, and welcomed the incoming city manager.

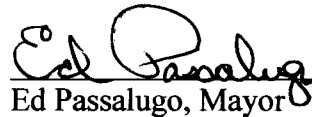
Patty Laxson, 12982 Chapel Rd., appeared to express her concerns from an employee's perspective and emphasized the work environment was very difficult since all these events had transpired. (Note: Ms. Laxson is the Court Administrator and has been employed with the City for 20 Years.)

No one else appeared.

5. **ADJOURN.** *A motion was made by Council Member Bill Fuller and second by Council Member Travis Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM, all seven in favor, motion passed.*

Approved: February 4, 2019


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Ed Passalugo, Mayor