

HEWITT TEXAS II

MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT February 4, 2019 – 7:00 PM

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

Member absent: Council Member James Vidrine

Staff present: City Manager Bo Thomas, Police Chief Jim Devlin, Assistant Police Chief Tuck Saunders, Community Development Director Tracy Lankford, Finance Director Lee Garcia, Library Director Waynette Ditto, Utilities Director Kevin Reinke, Managing Director Katie Allgood and City Secretary Lydia Lopez

Staff absent: City Attorney Mike Dixon and Fire Chief Lance Bracco

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Ed Passalugo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Invocation by Pastor René Maciel, First Woodway Baptist Church**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Ed Passalugo asked City Secretary Lydia Lopez to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **CITY ENGINEER MILES WHITNEY PRESENTED ENGINEER’S REPORT AND BRIEFED THE COUNCIL ON THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS.**
 - **Update on pending utility projects.**
 - **Update on pending street projects.**
 - **Update on pending drainage projects.**
5. **BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING UPCOMING EVENTS:**
 - **Library Date Night - February 14, 2019, 6-8 PM, Council Chambers, Popcorn & Movie (for ages 16 and up)**
 - **Citizens Police Academy – February 26 – April 30, 2019, Tuesdays at 6:30 PM**
 - **Library Community Cookout with First Woodway Baptist Church – March 11, 2019, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Courtyard**

6. **PRESENTATION OF RACIAL PROFILING REPORT**

Police Chief Jim Devlin presented the report. Council Member Travis Bailey expressed appreciation to Police Chief Jim Devlin, Assistant Police Chief Tuck Saunders, and the Hewitt Police Department Honor Guard for their assistance at the 32nd Annual Fishing Event for Very Special People held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at the Extraco Event Center.

7. **BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CELL PHONE POLICY FOR COUNCIL USE.** City Manager Bo Thomas briefed the Council and advised that the staff had received requests from members of the Council regarding the availability or use of city-issued cell phones. He provided the following options:

- 1) Do Nothing.
- 2) Flip phones Verizon - \$15.72 per month
- 3) iPhone Verizon - \$49.50 per month
- 4) iPhone AT&T - \$43.17 per month
- 5) Provide a monthly stipend - \$25-\$40

Mr. Thomas sought direction from Council and stated that these suggestions were brought forward to ensure that all members are treated equitably. Mayor Pro Tem Steve Fortenberry stated that this would be a tool to protect his client's personal data. Council Member Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf recommended that all council members used the city-initiated email address to conduct city business and that any city cell phone be returned to the proper department. Council Members Travis Bailey advised that he used the city-initiated emails. Council Member Bill Fuller advised that he did not want a phone; had a city-initiated email but did not use it. Council Member Erica Bruce stated that this would protect her patient information.

8. **BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.** Finance Director Lee Garcia was present to respond to any questions.

9. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2019, AND A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2019.**

MOTION: Council Member Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf moved to approve the corrected minutes as presented but allow for corrections.

SECOND: Council Member Travis Bailey

AYES: Fuller, Bailey, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Passalugo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Vidrine

MOTION PASSED.

10. **HEAR VISITORS ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO CITY BUSINESS.** *Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is prohibited from discussing, responding, or acting on any comments or items that have not been properly posted on the agenda.*

The following citizens appeared to address the Council:

Michael Bancale, 909 Stoneridge Drive, welcomed City Manager Bo Thomas and expressed concern with H.B. 2 and S.B. 2, the property tax reform bill containing a 2.5 percent revenue cap. He further recommended that Council use city assigned emails.

Matthew Mevis, 167 Topaz Circle, appeared to request that council support Texas Municipal League's (TML) opposition of Texas H.B.2 and S.B. 2.

Mayor Ed Passlugo recommended that citizens contact their state representatives and state senators to advise that you are against these bills.

Kurt Krakowian, 804 Pebble Creek Circle, welcomed city manager, expressed support of agenda item #15 relating to approval of an ordinance providing for Special Seniority Pay for newly hired Police Officers, and recommended that the Council use city email and if they desire a cell phone to pay for that out of their own pocket.

No one else appeared.

11. **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.** Applicant Scott Hedges briefly shared why he wanted to serve.

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to approve the appointment of Scott Hedges to the Board of Adjustment.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Fortenberry

AYES: Fuller, Bailey, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Passalugo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Vidrine

MOTION PASSED.

12. **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON AWARD OF BID FOR 2018 – OLD TEMPLE RD./ATTAWAY RD. STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO WACO PAVING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT \$328,346.59, OR AWARD OF ADDITIVE ALTERNATE BID TO INCLUDE STREET RECLAMATION OF BRIARFIELD STREET WITH A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$353,725.38.**

MOTION: Council Member Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf moved to approve the alternate bid to include the street reclamation of Briarfield Street in the amount of \$353,725.38.

SECOND: Council Member Travis Bailey

AYES: Fuller, Bailey, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Passalugo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Vidrine
MOTION PASSED.

13. **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CITY OF HEWITT TO THE WACO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY BOARD (MPO).**

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to approve the resolution.

SECOND: Council Member Travis Bailey

AYES: Fuller, Bailey, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Passalugo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Vidrine

MOTION PASSED.

14. **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF HEWITT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019, TO BE HELD AS A JOINT ELECTION WITH MCLENNAN COUNTY; AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES; DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE GENERAL ELECTION.** Council Member Erica Bruce noted that the Hewitt Public Safety Facility will not be used as an early vote site and recommended that it be added. City Secretary advised that the cost would be at \$5,000 and an expense to be paid for solely by the City.

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller to approve the resolution.

SECOND: Council Member Travis Bailey

AYES: Fuller, Bailey, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Passalugo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Vidrine

MOTION PASSED.

15. **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL SENIORITY PAY FOR NEWLY-HIRED POLICE OFFICERS WITH PRIOR FULL-TIME PAID LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Police Chief Jim Devlin summarized his request for this item. General discussion was held concerning impact to existing police officers.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Steve Fortenberry moved to approve the ordinance.

SECOND: Council Member Erica Bruce

AYES: Fuller, Bailey, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Passalugo

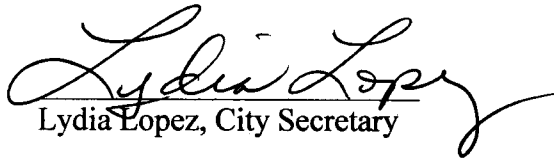
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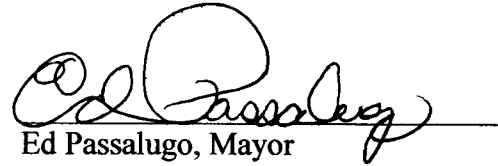
ABSENT: Vidrine

MOTION PASSED.

16. **ADJOURN.** *A motion was made by Council Member Bill Fuller and second by Council Member Travis Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM, all six in favor, motion passed.*

Approved: February 18, 2019


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Ed Passalugo, Mayor