

HEWITT TEXAS II

**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT
June 3, 2019 – 6:30 PM/7:00 PM**

Members present: Mayor Charlie Turner (presiding), Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf, Council Members Bill Fuller, Matthew Mevis, Steve Fortenberry, and Erica Bruce

Staff present: City Manager Bo Thomas, 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, Managing Director Katie Allgood, and City Secretary Lydia Lopez

Staff absent: Police Chief Jim Devlin

WORKSHOP MEETING – 6:30 PM

1. Mayor Charlie Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. Briefing and discussion concerning status of Waco Metropolitan Area Regional Sanitary Sewer (WMARSS) System and Wholesale Wastewater Contract.
City Manager Bo Thomas presented a historical account of the WMARSS Board’s recommendation that the City of Waco purchase WMARSS System. He further highlighted key points regarding the proposed Wholesale Wastewater Contract.

Mayor Charlie Turner recessed the Workshop meeting to convene the Regular meeting at 6:59 PM. NOTE: The Workshop reconvened following the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Charlie Turner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Charlie Turner asked Beth Oakley to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF MAY 13, 2019 AND SPECIAL CALLED WORKSHOP OF MAY 22, 2019.**
MOTION: Council Member Erica Bruce moved approval the minutes as presented but allow for corrections.
SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller
AYES: Fuller, Mevis, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner
NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

4. **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.* Bobbie Foreman, 101 Bowie, appeared to seek assistance with a rainwater drainage problem. **No one else appeared.**

5. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-07;REZONING OF A 5.251 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, LOCATED AT 1725 W. SPRING VALLEY RD., HEWITT, MCLENNAN COUNTY, TEXAS, ALSO KNOWN AS SPROWLES J TRACT 1 FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY DISTRICT) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT).** Mayor Charlie Turner opened the hearing and requested those wishing to speak in favor. Mr. Chuck Walker, 1240 Estes Road, stated the intent was to build storage units and advised that he has reached out to the neighbors. Mayor Charlie Turner called for those wishing to speak against. No one appeared against. Public hearing closed.

City Manager Bo Thomas noted that this item was tabled from the last meeting and the Council would need to make a motion and second to remove from the table before final action could be taken on the ordinance. Mayor Charlie Turner inquired whether he should abstain from the motion as he was the Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission. City Manager Bo Thomas advised that he did not see a conflict as the Mayor had no financial interest in the zoning of the property; however, he could recuse or abstain.

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE

MOTION: Council Member Matthew Mevis move to remove the rezoning item from the table.

SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry

AYES: Fuller, Mevis, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION ON ORDINANCE

MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to approve Ordinance No. 2019-07 rezoning of a 5.251 acre tract land, located at 1725 W. Spring Valley Rd., from R-1 (Single-Family District) to C-2 (General Commercial District).

SECOND: Council Member Matthew Mevis

AYES: Fuller, Mevis, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

6. CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf moved to approve the reappointment of Planning & Zoning Commission members Jim Pless, Bobby Wolske, and Walter H. Peterson.

SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller

AYES: Fuller, Mevis, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

7. CONSIDER THE REAPPOINTMENT OF KATIE ALLGOOD AS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR (EMC) AND TRACY LANKFORD AS ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR.

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to approve the reappointment of Katie Allgood as Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) and Tracy Lankford as Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

8. TO RATIFY THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE CROCKETT LANE SEWER RE-ROUTE TO BEAR CONTRACTORS, INC., IN AN AMOUNT OF \$98,912.

City Manager Bo Thomas explained the need for the emergency repair. Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf inquired on the liability of the homeowner and whether the homeowner knew the line was underneath the home. Council Member Steve Fortenberry inquired whether there are option to prevent this in the future. City Manager Bo Thomas advised that would be a legal question for the city attorney.

MOTION: Council Member Erica Bruce moved to ratify the emergency repair for the Crockett Lane Sewer Re-Route to Bear Contractors, Inc., and authorize the City Manager to enter into all agreements and proceed accordingly in the amount of \$98,912.

SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry

AYES: Fuller, Mevis, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

9. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2019-07; SELECTING AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE CITY OF HEWITT AS THE CITY’S NOMINEE FOR SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MCLENNAN COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT DISTRICT.

City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Council inquired on when the Board met and what the responsibilities were of board members. Mayor Charlie Turner volunteered.

MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to appoint Mayor Charlie Turner as the city’s nominee.

SECOND: Council Member Matthew Mevis

AYES: Fuller, Mevis, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

10. **DISCUSSION CONCERNING RECOMMENDATION TO ONCOR STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES REGARDING THE DENIAL OF ONCOR'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR.** Mayor Charlie Turner recognized Mike Field, 1413 Dendron Drive. Mr. Field expressed a concern with the frequency of power outages in Hewitt and opposed any rate increase. City Manager Bo Thomas explained the rate case and advised Council that the city of Hewitt ceded its jurisdiction or deferred to the direction of the Committee; therefore, no action is required. Council Member Steve Fortenberry expressed appreciation that this item was presented for information. Council Member Matthew Mevis inquired why the city would have decided to cede there jurisdiction. Mayor Charlie Turner responded.

11. **ADJOURN.**

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Matthew Mevis

AYES: Fuller, Mevis, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

WORKSHOP MEETING – Continued

Mayor Charlie Turner reconvened the Workshop meeting at 7:46 PM.

3. Briefing and discussion concerning Council priorities FY 2019-2020 Budget. City Manager Bo Thomas prefaced the discussion with his desire to hear from the Council on their priorities for FY 2019-2020 Budget. Council Member Bill Fuller listed the following priorities: Water, Fire and Police. Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf expressed concerns with programming at the Library, concerns with Midway ISD future bond election, and preferred that all department heads present line item budgets, particularly the big ticket items. Council Member Erica Bruce stated that Council should trust the expertise of department heads to know what they need for their department, then evaluate as a Council. Council Member Matthew Mevis expressed concern with turnover, would like to ensure that packages are in place to keep employees and revenue caps. Council Member Steve Fortenberry inquired about the trip to New York and rating of the Hewitt Library. Library Director Waynette Ditto explained the Family Place Library grant and stated that the Library has received National recognition.

4. Adjourn.

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the Workshop meeting at 7:58 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Matthew Mevis

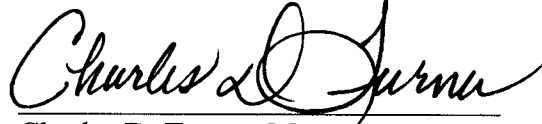
AYES: Fuller, Mevis, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Charles D. Turner, Mayor