

# HEWITT TEXAS

## MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT July 8, 2019 – 6:00 PM

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

**Staff present:** City Manager Bo Thomas, Mike Dixon, and City Secretary Lydia Lopez

1. Mayor Charlie Turner called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. **Executive Session:** A closed meeting will be held pursuant to *Section 551.071 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.)* so that the City Council can seek and receive legal advice and counsel from its attorneys regarding pending or threatened litigation, settlement offers, resolution of claims, or other matters for which the attorneys’ duties to their client under the Texas State Bar Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with the Open Meetings Act (Ch.551, Gov. Code), including, but not limited to: *Katie Allgood v. City of Hewitt*.  
**MOTION:** Council Member Bill Fuller moved to recess the special called meeting and convene the Executive Session at 6:01 PM.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Matthew Mevis  
**AYES:** Fuller, Bancale, Mevis, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**MOTION PASSED.**

### **MOTION TO RECONVENE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**MOTION:** Council Member Bill Fuller moved to reconvene the special called meeting at 6:56 PM.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Michael Bancale  
**AYES:** Fuller, Bancale, Mevis, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**MOTION PASSED.**

3. Consideration and action on Settlement Agreement, General Release and Separation Agreement relating to Katie Allgood and *Katie Allgood v. City of Hewitt*.  
**MOTION:** Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to approve the settlement agreement and release between the City of Hewitt and Ms. Allgood dated 7/3/19 and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Matthew Mevis  
**AYES:** Fuller, Bancale, Mevis, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**MOTION PASSED.**

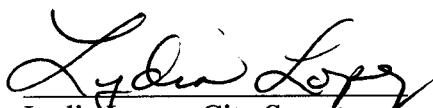
Mayor Charlie Turner read the City of Hewitt Press Release dated July 8, 2019, into the record.


CITY OF HEWITT PRESS RELEASE  
JULY 8, 2019

The litigation between Ms. Allgood and the City of Hewitt has been resolved. This includes a mutual agreement for Ms. Allgood's separation from employment with the City of Hewitt. The City Council looks forward to being able to focus solely on the business and needs of the citizens of Hewitt.

The settlement amount is \$110,000, the majority of which is being paid by the municipal risk pool and not out of City funds. The Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool is paying \$65,000 and the City is paying \$45,000. In addition, the City will pay for two months of insurance continuation. Ms. Allgood releases all claims against the City and its current and former officials and employees, will dismiss the lawsuit, and has resigned. This is a business decision made based on legal and employment costs that would be incurred in the future, and the efficiencies gained by restoring the focus on the important business of the City.

4. Adjourn.  
**MOTION:** Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 PM.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Steve Fortenberry  
**AYES:** Fuller, Bancale, Mevis, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, Turner  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**MOTION PASSED.**

  
Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

  
Charles D. Turner, Mayor