

HEWITT TEXAS

MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT July 15, 2019 – 6:30 PM/7:00 PM

Members present: Mayor Charlie Turner (presiding), Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf, Council Members Michael S. Bancale, and Steve Fortenberry

Members absent: Council Members Bill Fuller, Matthew Mevis, and Erica Bruce

Staff present: City Manager Bo Thomas, City Attorney Mike Dixon, City Engineer Miles Whitney, 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

1. Mayor Charlie Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Briefing and discussion concerning FY 2019-2020 Proposed Budget.**
City Manager Bo Thomas offered Council the opportunity to raise questions, voice concerns or discuss information that was sent electronically. General discussion was held concerning setting tax rate and deadline, salary increases, salary survey, and health insurance premiums.
Council Member Steve Fortenberry inquired whether six (6%) percent increase could be considered rather than five (5%) percent for employee raises.
City Manager Bo Thomas advised that the additional one (1%) percent was not included in the proposed budget.
A special called workshop meeting will be held on July 22, 2019.
3. **Adjourn.**
MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Fuller, Mevis, Bruce
MOTION PASSED.

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 Fire Chief Lance Bracco to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 1, 2019, AND SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF JULY 8, 2019.**
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf moved approval of the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Fuller, Mevis, Bruce
MOTION PASSED.

4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF NEWLY HIRED POLICE OFFICER JARED SCOTT.** Police Chief Jim Devlin presented a brief bio and introduced Officer Jared Scott. Mayor and Council welcomed Officer Jared Scott.

ADDENDUM ITEM

- 4a. **BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING HEWITT FIRE DEPARTMENT’S MEMBERSHIP TO THE INTRASTATE FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM (TIFMAS).** Lieutenant Cody Richardson briefed the Council on the Fire Department’s participation in TIFMAS which is a system that mobilizes local resources to respond to statewide disasters including wildfires, floods and other hazardous situation. This system allows for reimbursements of expenses in the event of mobilization of the city’s resources for a statewide disaster.

5. **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. **None**

6. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-14; ON A VARIANCE REQUEST TO THE SIGN ORDINANCE FOR A POLE SIGN.**
Mayor Charlie Turner opened the public hearing at 7:13 PM and called for those wishing to speak for or against. No one appeared. Mayor Turner closed the public hearing at 7:14 PM. City Manager Bo Thomas presented request.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of Ordinance No. 2019-14; granting a variance request to the sign ordinance.
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf
AYES: Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Fuller, Mevis, Bruce
MOTION PASSED.

- 7. Presentation of report from City Engineer**
City Engineer Miles Whitney presented the following updates:

 - **Update on pending utility projects.**
 - **Update on pending street projects.**
 - **Update on pending drainage projects.**

- 8. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING JUNE 30, 2019.** City Manager Bo Thomas stated that staff would respond to any questions regarding the Financial Statements. General discussion was held concerning legal expenses.

- 9. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT ENDING JUNE 30, 2019.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented a summary of report prepared by Valley View Consulting, LLC.
MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved approval of the Quarterly Investment Report ending June 30, 2019.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Fuller, Mevis, Bruce
MOTION PASSED.

- 10. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR A TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY FOR A PROPOSED WATERLINE AND ROAD PROJECT ON E. WARREN TO 1519 SURVEYING & ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,680.** City Manager Bo Thomas explained the purpose and need for the survey.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval to authorize the city manager to accept the proposal for a topographical survey as presented by 1519 Survey and Engineering in the amount of \$22,680.
SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry
AYES: Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Fuller, Mevis, Bruce
MOTION PASSED.

- 11. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10; CASTING VOTES TO ELECT A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY TO THE MCLENNAN COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT DISTRICT.** City Manager Bo Thomas explained the voting process.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to cast the initial 10 votes for Hewitt’s representative Mayor Charles D. “Charlie” Turner.
SECOND: Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf
AYES: Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Fuller, Mevis, Bruce
ABSTAINED: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf moved to cast the remaining votes as follows: McGregor – Tony Ocampo – 5; Woodway - Scott Giddings – 5

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

AYES: Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Turner

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Fuller, Mevis, Bruce

MOTION PASSED.

12. ADJOURN.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

AYES: Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Turner

NAYES: None

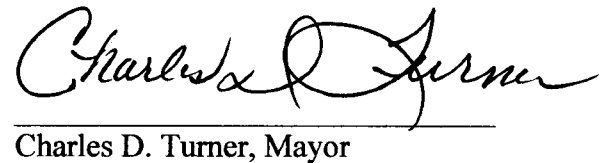
ABSENT: Fuller, Mevis, Bruce

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: August 12, 2019

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Charles D. Turner, Mayor