

HEWITT TEXAS II

**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT
January 18, 2021 – 7:00 PM**

Attendee Name	Title	Absent	Present	Arrived
Charles D. Turner (presiding)	Mayor, Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf	Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Bill Fuller	Council Member, Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Bob Potter	Council Member, Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Michael S. Bancale	Council Member, At-Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Steve Fortenberry	Council Member, Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Erica Bruce	Council Member, Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Staff present:

City Manager Bo Thomas
City Secretary Lydia Lopez
Police Chief Jim Devlin
Library Director Waynette Ditto

Note: The meeting was live-streamed for view by the public on the Hewitt TX TV page. Citizens could submit written comments online.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.** Mayor Charlie Turner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. City Secretary Lydia Lopez polled the Council for attendance.
PRESENT: Bancale, Fuller, Potter, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner
ABSENT: None
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Charlie Turner asked Council Member Bob Potter to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. 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. **NOTE:** The public was offered the opportunity to submit written comments on items listed on the agenda or under the hear visitors via the city’s website. **No public comment forms were submitted via the city’s website.**

- 4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2021.**
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf moved approval of the minutes as presented but allow for corrections.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bancale, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 5. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2021-2 APPROVING OF THE FORM OF PROPOSED PROPOSITIONS FOR AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HEWITT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORATE.** City Manager Bo Thomas recognized Charter Review Committee Members Johnny Stephens, Julie Lastrape, Betty Orton, Brad Turner, Rusty Smith, and J.D. Copeland. He presented the final list of proposed propositions as reviewed and recommended by the Charter Review Committee. Mayor and Council expressed appreciation to the members of the Charter Committee for their assistance.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of Ordinance No. 2021-2.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bancale, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 6. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.** City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the November Financial Statements electronically on January 8, 2021, and inquired if Council had any questions. There were no questions or concerns raised. No action required.
- 7. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented a summary of investment report prepared by Valley View Consulting, L.L.C.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf moved approval of the Quarterly Investment Report as of December 31, 2020.
SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bancale, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

- 8. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENGAGE WILLDAN FINANCIAL SERVICES TO PERFORM AND PROVIDE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE STUDY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,000.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to authorize the City Manager to engage Willdan Financial to perform a rate study in an amount of \$26,000.
SECOND: Council Member Erica Bruce
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bancale, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
 - 9. DISCUSSION AND BRIEFING CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY THERETO.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved to approve the Order dated January 19, 2021.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bancale, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
 - 10. DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF PRAYER BEFORE THE PLEDGE ON THE COUNCIL AGENDA.** City Manager Bo Thomas stated this item was brought forth for discussion by Council Member Michael Bancale. He further advised the Council to consider including a moment of silence. City Attorney Mike Dixon cited legal concerns and also recommended the best option would be a moment of silence. Council Member Michael Bancale and Mayor Charlie Turner both concurred with their recommendation of a moment of silence. No other comments were made and no action was taken.
 - 11. DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FIVE-YEAR PLAN.** Council Member Michael Bancale stated that he requested this item so that residents would have some idea of future expenses and needs of the City (i.e. Fire Substation, potential water well). City Manager Bo Thomas suggested that the city staff could put together a modified version of the Capital Improvement Plan with a shorter time span, more description, and identifying funding sources or potential funding sources. No action was taken.
- Mayor Charlie Turner recessed the Regular Meeting to convene to the following Executive Session at 8:10 PM.
- 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A closed meeting will be held pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code (V.T.C.A.) so that the Council may deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee (City Manager).

Mayor Charlie Turner reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:57 PM.

13. ADJOURN.

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry

AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bancale, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner

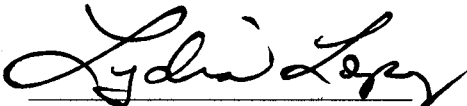
NAYES: None

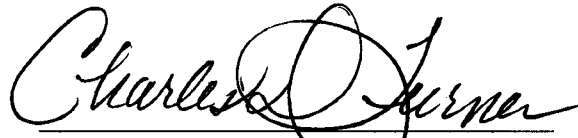
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 02-01-2021

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Charles D. Turner, Mayor

