

# HEWITT TEXAS

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

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Steve Fortenberry (presiding)	Mayor, Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Michael S. Bancale	Mayor Pro Tem, At-Large	<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"/>	
Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf	Council Member, Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Charles D. Turner	Council Member, Ward 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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  
Fire Chief Lance Bracco  
Police Chief Jim Devlin  
Library Director Waynette Ditto  
City Engineer Miles Whitney  
Utilities Director Kevin Reinke  
City Attorney Mike Dixon

**Note:** The meeting was live-streamed for view by the public on the City of Hewitt’s website at <https://www.cityofhewitt.com/790/Hewitt-TX-TV>. Citizens could submit written comments to the City Secretary.

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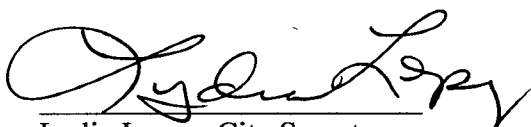
- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.** Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Fortenberry noted that all members of the Council were present with the exception of Council Member Charlie Turner.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Steve Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

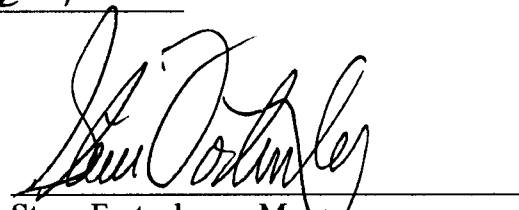
- 3. HEAR VISITORS ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO CITY BUSINESS.** Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is prohibited from discussing, responding, or acting on any comments or items that have not been properly posted on the agenda. **NOTE:** The public was offered the opportunity to submit written comments on items listed on the agenda or under the hear visitors. Mayor Steve Fortenberry inquired if any public comments were received. **City Secretary responded no public comment forms were submitted.**
- 4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED WORKSHOP AND SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF MAY 24, 2021.**  
**MOTION:** Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf moved approval of the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Bill Fuller  
**AYES:** Fuller, Potter, Bancale, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Fortenberry  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Turner  
**MOTION PASSED.**
- 5. PRESENTATION OF REPORT FROM CITY ENGINEER MILES WHITNEY, P.E.**  
➤ Update on pending utility projects.  
➤ Update on pending street projects.  
➤ Update on pending drainage projects.
- 6. AUTHORIZE A CHANGE ORDER TO THE 2019 – FM 2113; UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT WITH BELL CONTRACTORS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,641.61.** City Engineer Miles Whitney presented an explanation for the change order.  
**MOTION:** Council Member Bob Potter moved to authorize a change order to the contract with Bell Contractors, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$23,641.61.  
**SECOND:** Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale  
**AYES:** Fuller, Potter, Bancale, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Fortenberry  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Turner  
**MOTION PASSED.**
- 7. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS TO PURCHASE TWO (2) DODGE CHARGER PATROL VEHICLES FROM DEFENDER SUPPLY IN A TOTAL AMOUNT \$74,962.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.  
**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale moved to authorize the City Manager to expend funds to purchase two (2) Dodge Charger patrol vehicles from Defender Supply in the total amount of \$74,962.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Bob Potter  
**AYES:** Fuller, Potter, Bancale, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Fortenberry  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Turner  
**MOTION PASSED.**

- 8. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07; ADOPTING THE CITY'S 2021 WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN IN CHAPTER 78 - UTILITIES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HEWITT, TEXAS.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.  
**MOTION:** Council Member Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2021-07** adopting the City's 2021 Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan in Chapter 78 – Utilities of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hewitt, Texas.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Bill Fuller  
**AYES:** Fuller, Potter, Bancale, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Fortenberry  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Turner  
**MOTION PASSED.**
- 9. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08; ADOPTING THE AMENDED CITY CHARTER AS APPROVED AT THE MAY 1, 2021 CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented. City Attorney Mike Dixon stated that the City Council had to approve the final amended Charter and the City Secretary would submit a certified copy to the Secretary of State.  
**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale moved approval of **Ordinance No. 2021-08** adopting the amended City Charter.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf  
**AYES:** Fuller, Potter, Bancale, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Fortenberry  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Turner  
**MOTION PASSED.**
- 10. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) MEASURES, PROTOCOLS, AND MITIGATION EFFORTS.** City Manager Bo Thomas stated that he had responded to an inquiry from a local newspaper reporter inquiring when the Council would be opening up Council meetings to the public. Mr. Thomas provided an explanation of the recent Council discussions on the subject matter and noted that the Open Meetings Act rules were still suspended per the Governor.
- 11. ADJOURN.**  
**MOTION:** Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:22 PM.  
**SECOND:** Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale  
**AYES:** Fuller, Potter, Bancale, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Fortenberry  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Turner  
**MOTION PASSED.**

Approved: June 21, 2021

ATTEST:

  
Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

  
Steve Fortenberry, Mayor