

HEWITT TEXAS

**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT
August 16, 2021 – 7:00 PM**

Attendee Name	Title	Absent	Present	Arrived
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 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
City Attorney Mike Dixon
City Engineer Miles Whitney
Finance Director Lee Garcia
Fire Chief Lance Bracco
General Services Director Scott Coleman
HR Manager/Civil Service Director Jessica Higgins
Library Director Waynette Ditto
Police Chief Jim Devlin
Utilities Director Kevin Reinke

Note: The meeting was open to the public and live-streamed for view on the City of Hewitt’s website at <https://www.cityofhewitt.com/790/Hewitt-TX-TV>. Citizens had the opportunity to speak in person or submit written comments to the City Secretary.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.** Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. City Secretary Lydia Lopez polled the Council for attendance.
PRESENT: Bruce, Fuller, Potter, Turner, Wachtendorf, Bancale, and Fortenberry
ABSENT: None
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Steve Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

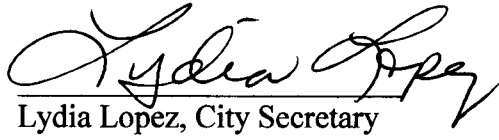
- 3. HEAR VISITORS ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO CITY BUSINESS.** Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council may not discuss, respond, or act on any comments or items not posted on the agenda. **NOTE:** Citizens had the opportunity to submit written comments on items listed on the agenda or under the hear visitors. Mayor Steve Fortenberry recognized Sharon Chandler. Sharon Chandler and Jim Bruns, 701 Regina, appeared to compliment the Hewitt Fire Department on a recent emergency response. **No other public comment forms were submitted.**
- 4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 2, 2021, AND THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2021.**
MOTION: Council Member Charlie Turner moved approval of the meeting minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bruce, Turner, Bancale, Wachtendorf, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 5. CONDUCT THE SECOND OF TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE 2021 TAX RATE.** City Manager Bo Thomas stated that the proposed tax rate is set at the de minimis rate of \$0.540102. Mayor Steve Fortenberry opened the public hearing at 7:04 PM to receive comments and called for those wishing to speak for or against the 2021 Tax Rate. No one appeared. Mayor Fortenberry closed the public hearing at 7:05 PM.
- 6. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2021-12 ACCEPTING THE 2021 CERTIFIED TAX ROLL.** City Manager Bo Thomas read the ordinance caption into the record.
MOTION: Council Member Charlie Turner moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2021-12** accepting the 2021 Tax Roll.
SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bruce, Turner, Bancale, Wachtendorf, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 7. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE 2021-13 ADOPTING THE 2021 TAX RATE OF \$.540102.** City Manager Bo Thomas read the ordinance caption into the record and stated that a motion was provided in the backup that complies with the Texas Property Code.
MOTION: Council Member Charlie Turner moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .540102, which is effectively a 7.24% increase in the tax rate.
SECOND: Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf
City Secretary polled the Council
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bruce, Turner, Bancale, Wachtendorf, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

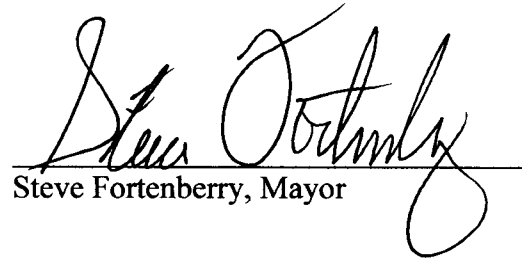
- 8. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04 APPROVING FY 2021-2022 MASTER FEE SCHEDULE.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented and noted that the Water and Wastewater Rate adjustments recommended by Dan Jackson, Willdan Financial Services, were included; however, the effective date would not be until 12/01/2021. Staff would bring an ordinance or resolution with the Water and Wastewater Rates at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.
MOTION: Council Member Charlie Turner moved to approve **Resolution No. 2021-04**, adopting the FY 2021-2022 Master Fee Schedule.
SECOND: Council Member Erica Bruce
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bruce, Turner, Bancale, Wachtendorf, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 9. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2021-14 ADOPTING THE FY 2021-2022 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET.** City Manager Bo Thomas read the ordinance into the record.
MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2021-14**, adopting the FY 2021-2022 Annual Operating and Capital Budgets.
SECOND: Council Member Charlie Turner
City Secretary polled the Council
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bruce, Turner, Bancale, Wachtendorf, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 10. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON RATIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET.** City Manager Bo Thomas stated that the Local Government Code, Chapter 102, Municipal Budget, Section 102.007 (c), requires the governing body to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget.
MOTION: Council Member Charlie Turner moved to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget.
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bruce, Turner, Bancale, Wachtendorf, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 11. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING JULY 31, 2021.** City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the July Financial Statements electronically for the Council to review and inquired if Council had any questions. Council raised no questions or concerns.
No action was required.

- 12. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO RATIFY THE EXPENDITURE OF \$49,600 TO REPLACE SUBMERSIBLE PUMP AT LIFT STATION 2-1.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Charlie Turner moved to ratify the expenditure to \$49,600 to Jurgensen Pump, L.L.C., to purchase a new submersible pump for Lift Station 2-1.
SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bruce, Turner, Bancale, Wachtendorf, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 13. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUNFLOWER RIDGE SUBDIVISION DETENTION POND IMPROVEMENT DEDICATION.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale moved to accept the dedication deed from Big C Land Development, L.L.C.
SECOND: Council Member Charlie Turner
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bruce, Turner, Bancale, Wachtendorf, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CONDUCTING ONLY ONE COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2021.** City Manager Bo Thomas noted that the next regularly scheduled council meeting on September 6, 2021, falls on Labor Day. Therefore, this item would allow the Council to either reschedule or cancel the next meeting.
MOTION: Council Member Charlie Turner moved to cancel the meeting on September 6, 2021.
SECOND: Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bruce, Turner, Bancale, Wachtendorf, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 15. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION CONCERNING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) MEASURES, PROTOCOLS, AND MITIGATION EFFORTS.** City Manager Bo Thomas reminded the Council that September 1, 2021, ends the suspension of the Open Meetings Act. He further noted the Council had already taken action to open the meetings back up to the public. Council did not take any further action.
- 16. ADJOURN.**
MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM.
SECOND: Council Member Charlie Turner
City Secretary polled the Council.
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bruce, Turner, Bancale, Wachtendorf, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 09-20-2021

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor