

HEWITT TEXAS

**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT
September 20, 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 Engineer Miles Whitney
Finance Director Lee Garcia
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 and noted all Council Members were in attendance.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Steve Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
 - **Meritorious Award – Officers Martina Sims and Jeff Foley**
Police Chief Jim Devlin presented the Meritorious Award to Officers Sims and Foley for their heroic actions on June 8, 2021, during a high water rescue of a stranded driver.
 - **Recognition from Midway ISD – Hewitt Public Library**
Library Director Waynette Ditto announced the Hewitt Public Library and the Library staff received recognition from MISD for outstanding services provided to MISD's students.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** The City Council invites citizens to speak to the Council on any topic not already scheduled for a public hearing. The Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the Council from discussing, responding to, or acting 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 any topic. Mayor Steve Fortenberry inquired if anyone had requested to address the Council. City Secretary Lydia Lopez noted no one submitted any public comment forms. No one appeared.

5. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 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.

6. **PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT FROM CITY ENGINEER MILES WHITNEY, P.E.**
 - Update on pending utility projects.
 - Update on pending street projects.
 - Update on pending drainage projects.

7. **BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021.** City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the August 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.**

8. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05 AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES TO COMPLETE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARP ACT) PROGRAM FUNDING ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY AND THE TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Charlie Turner moved approval of **Resolution No. 2021-05** authorizing the selection of a professional service provider for Administration Services to complete project implementation for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP Act) program funding to Grantworks, Inc., in the amount of \$166,000.
SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bruce, Turner, Wachtendorf, Bancale, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

- 9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06 ESTABLISHING WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented and noted that the resolution ensures that the Council will have the opportunity to review any rate adjustments annually. **MOTION:** Council Member Charlie Turner moved to approve **Resolution No. 2021-06** establishing water and wastewater rate for FY 2021-2022.
SECOND: Council Member Erica Bruce
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bruce, Turner, Bancale, Wachtendorf, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2021-15 APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE (ACSC) AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2021 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING.** City Manager Bo Thomas read the ordinance into the record. **MOTION:** Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2021-15** approving the negotiated settlement between Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division.
SECOND: Council Member Charlie Turner
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bruce, Turner, Wachtendorf, Bancale, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) MEASURES, PROTOCOLS, AND MITIGATION EFFORTS.** City Manager Bo Thomas stated staff was still following the current protocols, encouraging staff to vaccinate, encouraging masking, and social distancing. He further noted that on September 1, 2021, that all meetings became open to the public.

Mayor Steve Fortenberry recessed the Regular Session to convene the following Executive Session at 7:33 PM.

- 12. Executive Session:** Notice is given that a closed meeting will be held according to Section 551.072 of the Government Code (V.T.C.A.) so that the Council may deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

Mayor Steve Fortenberry reconvened the Regular Session and called for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:33 PM.
SECOND: Council Member Charlie Turner
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bruce, Turner, Wachtendorf, Bancale, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

13. ADJOURN.

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Charlie Turner

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

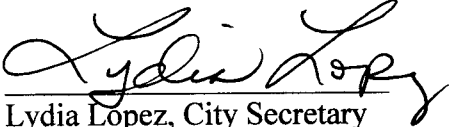
NAYES: None

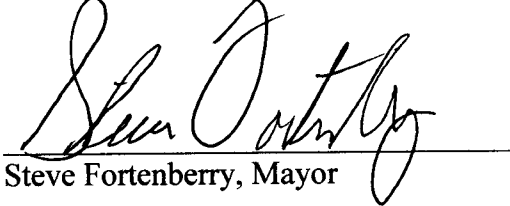
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 10-04-2021

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor