

# HEWITT TEXAS

## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP/MEETING

January 09, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Hewitt City Hall, 200 Patriot Court, Hewitt, TX 76643

### MINUTES

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**Steve Fortenberry**, Mayor, Ward 3

**Michael S. Bancale**, Mayor Pro Tem, At-Large – **Vacancy**, Council Member, Ward 1

**Johnny Stephens**, Council Member, Ward 1 – **Johnny Price**, Council Member, Ward 2

**Bob Potter**, Council Member, Ward 2 – **Erica Bruce**, Council Member, Ward 3

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.127, on a regular, non-emergency basis, members may attend and participate in the meeting remotely by video conference. Should that occur, a quorum of the members will be physically present at the location noted above on this agenda.

#### WORKSHOP MEETING - 6:30 PM

##### WORKSHOP DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:30 PM and announced a quorum was present. Council Member Johnny Price was absent.

##### WORKSHOP AGENDA

- 1. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN TO CHANGE THE MUNICIPAL WARD BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HEWITT.** City Manager Bo Thomas and City Attorney Mike Dixon presented the proposed redistricting plan and map. The 2020 Census, City Charter, and federal election law guided the redistricting process. The proposed map established new ward boundaries and will equitably balance the three Wards' qualified electors. For additional information, see Council action taken under regular agenda item #8.

##### WORKSHOP ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Council Member Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Workshop meeting at 6:50 PM.

**SECOND:** Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Price

**MOTION PASSED.**

**REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM**

**DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fortenberry called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM and announced a quorum was present. Council Member Johnny Price was absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Fortenberry asked Brad Turner to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)**

**2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF CHARLES D. "CHARLIE" TURNER AND ANY ACTION RELATED THERETO.**

City Manager Bo Thomas presented a crystal award to Mrs. Brenda Turner in recognition of the service of Charles D. "Charlie" Turner on the City Council.

**MOTION:** Council Member Erica Bruce moved approval of the dedication of the Council Chambers honoring the memory of Charles D. "Charlie" Turner.

**SECOND:** Council Member Johnny Stephens

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Price

**MOTION PASSED.**

City Manager Bo Thomas unveiled the dedication plaque. The Turner Family expressed appreciation to the city for this special recognition.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The City Council invites citizens to speak 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 properly posted on the agenda. [Note: Members of the public who wish to speak must complete a "Public Comment Form" and present it to the City Secretary before the meeting.]

Mayor Fortenberry read the statement above and inquired if the City Secretary received any public comment forms. The City Secretary received one public comment form. Ryan "RJ" Pase, 133 Oklahoma Avenue, appeared to voice concern over Midway ISD school district lines and the confusion of city limit lines.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2022.**

**MOTION:** Council Member Bob Potter moved approval of the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.

**SECOND:** Council Member Erica Bruce

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Price

**MOTION PASSED.**

**4. 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.**

City Engineer Miles Whitney presented a review of the list of projects. **Council took no action.**

**5. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING  
NOVEMBER 30, 2022.**

City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the November 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.**

**6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2023 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION WITH THE CITY OF WACO.**

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale moved approval of the item to authorize the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Waco for participation in the 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event and allocate funding for the cost of participation.

**SECOND:** Council Member Bob Potter

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Price

**MOTION PASSED.**

**7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DAN FRANCIS  
AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE AND WILL HUTSON AS ALTERNATE JUDGE.**

City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

**MOTION:** Council Member Erica Bruce moved approval of the reappointment of Municipal Court Judge Dan Francis and Alternate Judge Will Hutson for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2024.

**SECOND:** Council Member Johnny Stephens

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Price

**MOTION PASSED.**

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01 ADOPTING THE  
PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN THAT CHANGES THE MUNICIPAL WARD  
BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HEWITT, TEXAS AND PROVIDE FOR AN  
IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

City Manager Bo Thomas presented and read the ordinance caption. Mr. Thomas further noted that if the Council adopted the plan, it would impact the Ward boundaries for the upcoming 2023 May election.

**MOTION:** Council Member Johnny Stephens moved approval of **Ordinance No. 2023-01** adopting the proposed Redistricting Plan changing the Ward boundaries of the City of Hewitt, Texas and providing an immediate effective date.

**SECOND:** Council Member Erica Bruce

**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Price  
**MOTION PASSED.**

9. **DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE MAY 6, 2023 GENERAL ELECTION.** City Manager Bo Thomas provided information on the upcoming General Election to be held on May 6, 2023, and noted the filing period (first day being Wednesday, January 18, 2023, and the last day being Friday, February 17, 2023, 5:00 PM).

Mayor Fortenberry recessed the Regular Meeting to convene to the following Executive Session at 7:34 PM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Notice is given that a closed meeting will be held pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (V.T.C.A.) so that the Council may discuss personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee (City Manager evaluation).

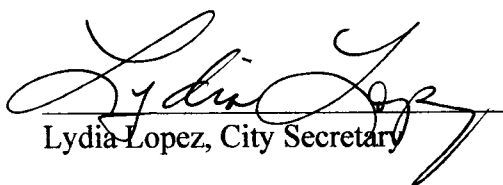
Mayor Fortenberry reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:04 PM.

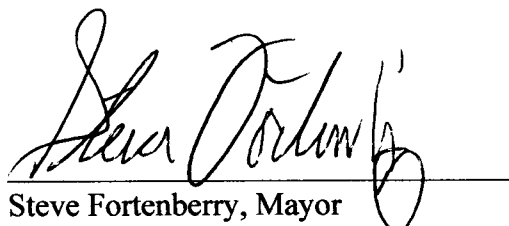
**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the Regular meeting at 8:05 PM.  
**SECOND:** Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale  
**AYES:** Bruce, Potter, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Price  
**MOTION PASSED.**

Approved: 01-23-2023

ATTEST:

  
Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

  
Steve Fortenberry, Mayor