

# HEWITT TEXAS

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 07, 2022 at 7:00 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 – **Charlie Turner**, Council Member, Ward 1

**Wilbert Wachtendorf**, Council Member, Ward 1 – **Bill Fuller**, Council Member, Ward 2

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

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Steve Fortenberry

Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale

Council Member Bob Potter

Council Member Wilbert Wachtendorf

Council Member Bill Fuller

Council Member Charles D. Turner

#### **MEMBER ABSENT:**

Council Member Dr. Erica Bruce

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#### **REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM**

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

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and announced that all Council Members were present, except for Council Member Erica Bruce who was absent.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Steve Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **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 incorrectly posted on the agenda. [Note: Citizens must complete a "Public Comment Form" and present it to the City Secretary before the meeting begins.]

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called for any public comment forms. City Secretary Lydia Lopez responded that she received no public comment forms.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Consider approval of the City Council Special Called Workshop/Meeting minutes of January 18, 2022.  
**MOTION:** Council Member Turner moved approval of the meeting minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Potter  
**AYES:** Turner, Fuller, Potter, Wachtendorf, Bancale, and Fortenberry  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Bruce  
**MOTION PASSED.**
  
2. **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.
  
3. **BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.**  
City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the December Financial Statements electronically on January 18, 2022, and inquired if Council had any questions. The Council raised no questions or concerns. No action was required.
  
4. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.**  
City Manager Bo Thomas presented a summary of the investment report prepared by Valley View Consulting, L.L.C. Council Member Potter inquired about interest rates with the Money Market Account at Southside Bank. Mr. Thomas advised that staff could contact Valley View to solicit interest rates.  
**MOTION:** Council Member Turner moved approval of the Quarterly Investment Report as of December 31, 2021.  
**SECOND:** Council Member Fuller  
**AYES:** Turner, Fuller, Potter, Wachtendorf, Bancale, and Fortenberry  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Bruce  
**MOTION PASSED.**
  
5. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03 ORDERING A JOINT GENERAL ELECTION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE MCLENNAN COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR AND ESTABLISHING EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTERS AND DATES/TIMES OF OPERATION.**

**MOTION:** Council Member Turner moved approval of **Ordinance No. 2022-03** ordering the Joint General Election to be held on May 7, 2022.

**SECOND:** Council Member Wachtendorf

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Bruce

**MOTION PASSED.**

**6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESCHEDULING THE COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2022, DUE TO THE CITY HOLIDAY.**

City Manager Bo Thomas presented and suggested the movement of the meeting to Tuesday, February 22, 2022. By consensus, the Council moved the meeting date to February 22, 2022.

**7. DISCUSSION REGARDING A CHANGE IN SOLID WASTE RATES DUE TO AN INCREASE IN TIPPING FEES AT THE CITY OF WACO LANDFILL.**

City Manager Bo Thomas presented and proposed the City subsidize the additional cost per month until Republic comes back to request a Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase in July; at that time, those costs could be added. The Council concurred with Mr. Thomas' plan of action.

Mayor Steve Fortenberry adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:24 PM to convene the Executive Session at 7:26 PM.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Notice is given that a closed meeting will be held according 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)**

Mayor Steve Fortenberry adjourned the Executive Session at 9:18 PM and reconvened the Regular Session at 9:20 PM.

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EVALUATION/EMPLOYMENT OF CITY MANAGER (IF NEEDED).**

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Bancale moved to provide Mr. Thomas with an increase of 7% effective January 1, 2022.

**SECOND:** Council Member Turner

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

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Bruce

**MOTION PASSED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 PM.

**SECOND:** Council Member Turner

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

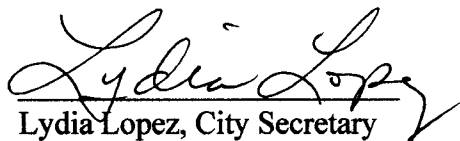
**NAYES:** None

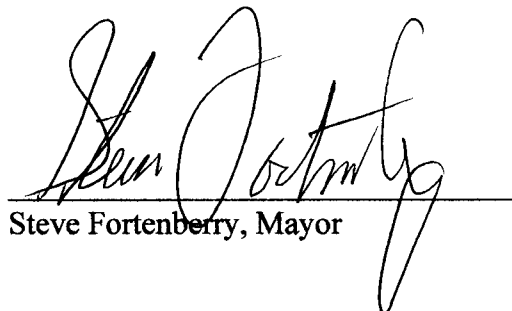
**ABSENT:** Bruce

**MOTION PASSED.**

Approved: 02-22-2022

ATTEST:

  
Lydia Lopez, City Secretary

  
Steve Fortenberry, Mayor