

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

December 06, 2021 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

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 Charles D. Turner

Council Member Bob Potter

Council Member Wilbert Wachtendorf

Council Member Bill Fuller

Council Member Dr. Erica Bruce

The meeting was streamed live on the city's website at www.cityofhewitt.com/790/Hewitt-TX-TV.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM and noted all Council Members were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Steve Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) AND RECOGNITION(S)

1. **PRESENTATION OF NEWLY APPOINTED POLICE OFFICERS TYLER M. ECKBLAD AND SANTIAGO SUAREZ.** Police Chief Jim Devlin introduced the newly appointed officers and administered the ceremonial oath of office.

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, or acting on any comments or items that have not been properly posted on the agenda. [Note: Prior to the meeting, the citizen must complete a "Public Comment Form" and present it to the City Secretary.]

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.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2021.

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved approval of the meeting minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.

SECOND: Council Member Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 FORD F-150 4X4 SUPERCREW CAB FOR UTILITIES SERVICES FROM CHASTANG FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,282. City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved to approve the purchase of a Ford F-150 XL 4x4 SuperCrew Cab truck from Chastang Ford in the amount of \$35,282.

SECOND: Council Member Fuller

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING AWARD FROM THE LITERACY ACCESS FUND FOR \$10,000. City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Council Member Turner commended Library Director and staff for their efforts in seeking grants to fund library services.

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved to approve the acceptance of the Literacy Access Fund in the amount of \$10,000.

SECOND: Council Member Fuller

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH VALLEY VIEW CONSULTING, L.L.C. FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND IN ADDITIONAL ONE OR TWO-YEAR INCREMENTS. City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved that the Agreement with Valley View Consulting, L.L.C. be renewed for a period of two years ending December 31, 2023, with the option to extend in additional one or two-year increments.

SECOND: Council Member Fuller

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) STANDARD UTILITY AGREEMENT FOR THE FM 2113 SPRING VALLEY UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Wachtendorf moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the Utility agreement with TxDOT for the FM 2113 utility relocation project.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MCLENNAN COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF HEWITT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AND REIMBURSEMENT OF (\$15,000) FOR AN EVENTIDE VOICE AND LINE RECORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,793.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale moved to authorize the Interlocal Agreement with the McLennan County Emergency Assistance District for the purchase and reimbursement of \$15,000 for an Eventide Voice and Phone line recorder for the total cost of \$23,793.

SECOND: Council Member Wachtendorf

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

8. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11 AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF HEWITT'S INVESTMENT POLICY.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented and noted the changes to the policy.

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved to approve **Resolution No. 2021-11** amending and adopting the City of Hewitt's Investment Policy.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

9. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12 CASTING VOTES TO ELECT THE DIRECTORS FOR THE MCLENNAN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR 2022-2023.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved to approve **Resolution No. 2021-12** casting 59 votes for Michael Bancale.

SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: Bancale

MOTION PASSED.

- 10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13 OPTING INTO THE GLOBAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT; ADOPTING THE TEXAS OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND COUNCIL AND SETTLEMENT ALLOCATION TERM SHEET AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORMS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HEWITT, TX.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved to approve **Resolution No. 2021-13.**

SECOND: Council Member Potter

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

- 11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14 ADOPTING THE AMENDED EMPLOYEE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented and noted the only fiscal impacts were relative to the additional holiday and the sick leave donation policy. Mayor Fortenberry commended City Attorney Mike Dixon, Assistant City Attorney Amy Thomas, and Human Resources Manager Jessica Higgins for all their effort on updating the employee policies and procedures.

MOTION: Council Member Turner moved to approve **Resolution No. 2021-14.**

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

- 12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CANCELLING THE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 20, 2021.** City Manager Bo Thomas advised that the Council meeting scheduled for December 20, 2021 could be cancelled if Council desired.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Bancale moved to approve the cancellation of the council meeting scheduled for December 20, 2021.

SECOND: Council Member Turner

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Fuller moved to adjourn at 7:35 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Potter

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

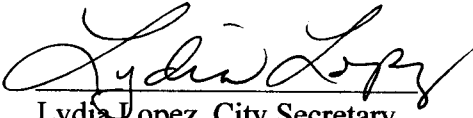
NAYES: None


ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 01-03-2022

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor