

HEWITT TEXAS

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

December 05, 2022 at 6:30 PM

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

MINUTES

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

REGULAR MEETING - 6:30 PM

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Fortenberry called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 PM, and announced a quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Fortenberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Fortenberry recessed the Regular Meeting to convene the following Executive Session at 6:31 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 (**Council Vacancy - Ward 1**).

Mayor Fortenberry reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:50 PM.

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 stated that she did not receive any public comments forms.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2022.**
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale moved approval of the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented prospective applicant Ryan A. NeGron. Mr. NeGron briefly introduced himself and expressed his interest in serving the community.
MOTION: Council Member Johnny Price moved to approve the appointment of Ryan A. NeGron to the Parks and Beautification Committee, with the term expiring in December 2024.
SECOND: Council Member Erica Bruce
AYES: Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE AND THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented members who were eligible for reappointment.
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Michael Bancale moved to approve the reappointments of Jerry Snider and Vernon Bailey to the Parks and Beautification Committee, with terms expiring in December 2024; and moved to approve the reappointments of Jerry Snider, Julie Holcomb, Jennifer Hunt, and Lydia Dashner to the Library Board on a two-year term ending in December 2024.
SECOND: Council Member Johnny Price
AYES: Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16 ADOPTING THE CITY OF HEWITT'S ARPA "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT"/FEDERAL PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve **Resolution No. 2022-16** adopting the City of Hewitt's ARPA "American Rescue Plan Act"/Federal Procurement Policies and Procedures.
SECOND: Council Member Erica Bruce
AYES: Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

- 5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2022-17 AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF HEWITT'S INVESTMENT POLICY.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented amendments.
MOTION: Council Member Erica Bruce moved to approve **Resolution No. 2022-17** amending and adopting the City of Hewitt's Investment Policy.
SECOND: Council Member Johnny Stephens
AYES: Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2022-13 AMENDING ORD. NO. 2021-16, ESTABLISHING TWO ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS, AND AUTHORIZING THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN EACH CLASSIFICATION.** City Manager Bo Thomas read the caption of the ordinance.
MOTION: Council Member Johnny Price moved to approve **Ordinance No. 2022-13** amending Ord. No. 2021-16, establishing two additional officer positions, and authorizing the number of employees in each classification.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Bruce, Potter, Price, Stephens, Bancale, and Fortenberry
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.
- 7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CANCELING THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FOR DECEMBER 21, 2022.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor Pro Tem Bancale noted the City Council Meeting was on December 19 instead of December 21, 2022. The Council concurred to cancel the meeting on December 19, 2022.
- 8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESCHEDULING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS OF JANUARY 2, 2023, AND JANUARY 16, 2023, TO JANUARY 9, 2023, AND JANUARY 23, 2023.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented. The Council concurred with rescheduling the Council meetings to January 9 and 23, 2023.
- 9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WARD 1 CITY COUNCIL VACANCY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: ACTION, IF ANY, TO BE TAKEN TO FILL VACANCY; APPOINTMENT; APPOINTMENT PROCESSES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO ANY OF THE ABOVE.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented. Mayor Steve Fortenberry stated the consensus of the Council was to leave the position vacant until the May 2023 General Election.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Erica Bruce moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter

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

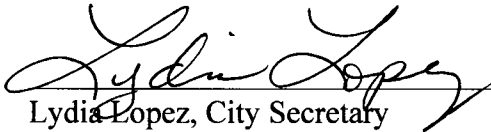
NAYES: None

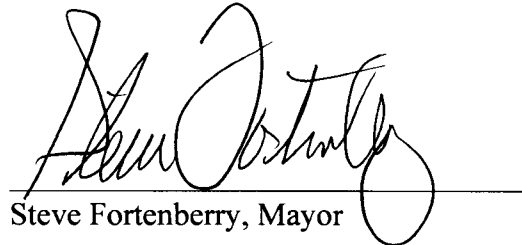
ABSENT: Turner

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 01-09-2023

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Steve Fortenberry, Mayor