

HEWITT TEXAS

**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT
June 15, 2020 – 7:00 PM**

Attendee Name	Title	Absent	Present	Arrived
Charles D. Turner (presiding)	Mayor, Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf	Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Bill Fuller	Council Member, Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Vacancy	Council Member, Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Michael S. Bancale	Council Member, At-Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Steve Fortenberry	Council Member, Ward 3	<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
Fire Chief Lance Bracco
Library Director Waynette Ditto
Police Chief Jim Devlin

In accordance with social distancing guidelines, the City Council meeting was not opened to the public; however, the meeting was live-streamed for view by the public on the city's website at www.cityofhewitt.com.

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.** Mayor Charlie Turner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. City Secretary Lydia Lopez polled the Council for attendance.
ALL PRESENT: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner

NOTE: Mayor Charlie Turner announced that the next Council meeting to be held on July 6, 2020, would be held at the Hewitt Public Safety Facility due to early voting being conducted in the Council Chambers. The Council meeting would still be closed to the public but citizens could access the link to the live stream through the city's website.

- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Charlie Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF LIFESAVING AWARD BY POLICE CHIEF JIM DEVLIN AND FIRE CHIEF LANCE BRACCO.** The Lifesaving Award was presented to the following for performing CPR and saving a life on a call for service: Firefighters Marco Lozano, Brad Lankford, Enrique Rocha, Acting Fire Captain Corey LeBourgeois, Officer Richard Neyens, and Sergeant Jason Naylor.

4. **HEAR VISITORS ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO CITY BUSINESS.** Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is prohibited from discussing, responding, or acting on any comments or items that have not been properly posted on the agenda. NOTE: The public was offered the opportunity to submit written comments on items listed on the agenda or under the hear visitors. **No public comment forms were submitted.**

5. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2020.**
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf moved approval of the minutes as presented but allow for corrections.
SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller
AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

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

7. **CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.**
MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to approve the reappointment of Planning & Zoning Commission members Bobby Drake, Michael Lee Hix, and John Baker for a three-year term ending in June 2023.
SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller
AYES: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

8. **BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION OF PRELIMINARY WORKSHEET FOR PROPERTY TAX RATE CALCULATIONS.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented a summary of the new preliminary worksheet for property tax calculations. No action required.

9. **BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING MAY 31, 2020.** City Manager Bo Thomas advised that Finance Director Lee Garcia previously sent the May Financial Statements and asked if Council had any questions. No questions were asked.

10. **BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING CITY OF HEWITT CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 50 – PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS.**
City Manager Bo Thomas presented this item for discussion and advised Council that the City Attorney received a letter from the law firm Lynn Pinker Hurst Schwegmann representing Aptive Environmental, LLC, regarding the unconstitutionality of the solicitation ban in the City’s code regulating peddlers and solicitors. City Attorney Mike

Dixon recommended Council direct staff to advise the law firm that the City would not be enforcing this prohibition at this time. Staff to bring back the ordinance for discussion with the appropriate amendments. **No action was required.**

11. **CONSIDER AWARD OF BID FOR SLURRY SEAL AND CRACK SEALING SERVICES TO VIKING CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN AN AMOUNT OF \$225,050.40.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented a summary of the bids submitted and recommended that the bid be awarded to the low bidder.

MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to award the bid for slurry and crack sealing services to Viking Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$225,050.40.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

12. **AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH LEWIS CONCRETE RESTORATION FOR RESTORING AND COATING OF SANITARY SEWER MANHOLES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000.00.** City Manager presented proposals and recommended awarding to Lewis Concrete Restoration.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Lewis Concrete Restoration for restoring and coating of sanitary sewer manholes in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

13. **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ADOPTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MCLENNAN COUNTY FOR PURPOSES OF READJUSTING MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PORTIONS OF EAST PANTHER WAY AND RITCHIE ROAD.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Cooperation agreement between McLennan County and the City of Hewitt to readjust the maintenance responsibilities of East Panther Way and Ritchie Road.

SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

14. **DISCUSSION AND BRIEFING CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY THERETO.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented a brief update and advised that no action was needed currently. **No action taken.**

- 15. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2020-06; GRANTING A SALARY ADJUSTMENT TO THE CITY MANAGER AND APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO THE CITY MANAGER’S AGREEMENT TO REFLECT THE SALARY ADJUSTMENT.** Mayor Charlie Turner presented this agenda item and stated that Mr. Thomas has done an excellent job and since his hire date, he had not received a pay raise or cost of living adjustment. Council Member Michael Bancale stated that Mr. Thomas continues to do a wonderful job with handling the COVID-19 crisis; bringing forth economic development tools to stimulate business growth in Hewitt, most recently, Atwoods; and for his leadership in utilizing PEG funds for streaming Council meetings at no cost to the citizens. Council Member Steve Fortenberry commended Mr. Thomas for dealing with difficult issues at the beginning of his employment and thanked the Mayor for bringing this item forward.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf moved approval of Resolution No. 2020-06 granting a salary adjustment to the City Manager and approving the addendum to the City Manager’s agreement.

SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

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- 16. ADJOURN.**

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the Regular meeting at 7:57 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry

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

NAYES: None


ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 7-6-2020

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Charles D. Turner, Mayor