

HEWITT TEXAS

**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT
January 7, 2019 – 7:00 PM**

Members present: Mayor Ed Passalugo (presiding), Mayor Pro Tem Steve Fortenberry, Council Members, Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf, Travis Bailey, and Erica Bruce

Members absent: Council Members Bill Fuller and James Vidrine

Staff present: City Attorney Mike Dixon, Assistant Police Chief Tuck Saunders, Fire Chief Lance Bracco, Managing Director Katie Allgood, Community Development Director Tracy Lankford, Finance Director Lee Garcia, Library Director Waynette Ditto, Utilities Director Kevin Reinke and City Secretary Lydia Lopez

Staff absent: Acting City Manager/Police Chief Jim Devlin

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Ed Passalugo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Ed Passalugo led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER – AT-LARGE ERICA BRUCE.** Congressman Bill Flores administered the ceremonial oath of office to Council Member Erica Bruce.
4. **PRESENTATION OF REPORT FROM CITY ENGINEER.** City Engineer Miles Whitney presented a report on the following:
 - Update on pending utility projects.
 - Update on pending street projects.
 - Update on pending drainage projects.
5. **ACCEPTANCE OF DEPOSITORY SELECTION CALENDAR OF EVENTS FROM FINANCE.** Finance Director Lee Garcia briefed the Council. *A motion was made by Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf and second by Council Member Travis Bailey to accept the calendar as presented, all voted aye, motion passed.*

6. **ATTORNEY REPORT ON STATUS OF REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL REGARDING COMPLAINTS FILED BY EMPLOYEES, AND OTHER MATTERS.** City Attorney Mike Dixon advised that report was not complete and expected that he would be prepared to present on Monday if the Council desired to call a Special Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Steve Fortenberry suggested that the report be presented at a regular meeting so as not to incur additional cost. He further directed the questions to City Attorney Mike Dixon.

7. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2018, AND THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2018.** *A motion was made by Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf and second by Council Member Travis Bailey to approve the minutes as presented but to allow for corrections; all five in favor, motion passed.*

8. **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.*

Michael Bancale, 909 Stoneridge Drive, expressed concern with report being prepared by City Attorney Mike Dixon. He suggested that the Gannaway firm be brought back to present findings of the initial report.

Mike Field, 113 Dendron, expressed concern with the process for selection of new city manager.

Ann Schiltz, 1220 Dendron, expressed concern with decisions being made by the Council with regards to the firing of the former city manager and city attorney and the hiring process of the new city manager.

Bob Potter, expressed concern with the process for selection the new city manager.

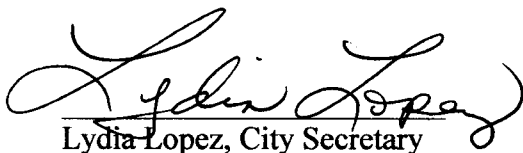
Ellie Mevis, 167 Topaz Circle, appeared to suggest Gannaway firm be brought forward to present reports on complaints and that any report brought back from City Attorney Mike Dixon would be subject to “cherrying picking” and an attempt to prevent the truth from being brought out.

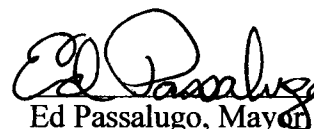
Betty Orton, 912 Steamboat, congratulated newly elected Council Member Erica Bruce; expressed appreciation to her (Ms. Orton) supporters in the campaign for Council Member – At-Large; expressed appreciation to the council members who have served and volunteered their time on the Council; encouraged members of the audience to seek service on the council at the next election; and suggested those considering the possibility of serving on the council to become a part of the solution, make wise decisions and make the City great again.

No one else appeared.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01, AMENDING CHAPTER 78 UTILITIES OF THE CITY OF HEWITT CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CLARIFY OR EXPAND THE RIGHT OF ENTRY TO ADMINISTER THE USE REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM TO INCLUDE CITY OF WACO INSPECTORS OR EMPLOYEES ACTING UNDER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS OR JOINT PROGRAMS WITH THE CITY [SECTION 78-480 (B)].** Utilities Director Kevin Reinke made a brief presentation. Mayor Ed Passalugo opened the hearing. He asked for those wishing to speak in favor and those wishing to speak against. No one appeared. The public hearing was closed. *A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Steve Fortenberry and second by Council Member Travis Bailey, all voted in favor, motion passed.*
10. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD AND PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD.** *A motion was made by Council Member Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf and second by Council Member Travis Bailey to reappoint Library board of Directors Eric Ames, Karen Copeland, Lydia Dashner and Beth Oakley and Parks & Beautification Committee members Jerry Snider, Davis D. Thigpen, and Veronica Molina for two year terms expiring on December 31, 2020; all voted aye, motion passed.*
11. **CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE.** *A motion was made by Council Member Travis Bailey and a second by Council Member Wilbert "Walky" Wachtendorf to approve the appointment of Dan Francis; all voted aye, motion passed.*
- Council Member Travis Bailey invited all to the 32nd Annual Fishing Event for Very Special People, HOT Fair Complex, on February 2, 2019.
12. **ADJOURN.** *A motion was made by Council Member Travis Bailey and second by Mayor Pro Tem Steve Fortenberry to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM, all five in favor, motion passed.*

Approved: February 4, 2019


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Ed Passalugo, Mayor