

HEWITT TEXAS II

**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
HEWITT CITY HALL – 200 PATRIOT COURT
February 1, 2021 – 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"/>	
Bob Potter	Council Member, Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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
Police Chief Jim Devlin
Library Director Waynette Ditto
City Attorney Mike Dixon
City Engineer Mile Whitney

Note: The meeting was live-streamed for view by the public on the Hewitt TX TV page. Citizens could submit written comments online.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM

- 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.
PRESENT: Bancale, Fuller, Potter, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner
ABSENT: None
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Charlie Turner asked Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 3. 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 via the city’s website. **No public comment forms were submitted via the city’s website.**

- 4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2021.**
MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf moved approval of the minutes as presented but allow for corrections.
SECOND: Council Member Michael Bancale
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bancale, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

- 5. 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

- 6. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDING TO UPGRADE/REPLACE THE CITY OF HEWITT’S OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN SYSTEM.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of Resolution No. 2021-01 approving the submission of a grant application for Homeland Security Grant Funding.
SECOND: Council Member Bob Potter
AYES: Fuller, Potter, Bancale, Fortenberry, Bruce, Wachtendorf, and Turner
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSED.

- 7. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03 ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO ELECT COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE CITY OF HEWITT CITY COUNCIL AND A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HEWITT, TEXAS TO VOTE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HEWITT, APPROVING JOINT ELECTION, APPROVING A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND THE EXECUTION THEREOF, AND ESTABLISHING EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTERS AND DATES/TIMES OF OPERATION.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.
MOTION: Council Member Michael Bancale moved approval of Ordinance No. 2021-03 ordering the City’s General and Special Election.

SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

8. **DISCUSSION AND BRIEFING CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY THERETO.** City Manager Bo Thomas presented.

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to approve the Order dated February 2, 2021.

SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

9. **DISCUSSION CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY.** City Manager Bo Thomas stated this item was brought forth for discussion by Council Member Michael Bancale. Council Member Michael Bancale stated his purpose to bring forth this discussion was so that the Council could be more proactive and look at ways to increase sales tax revenue to offset the need for future tax increases by encouraging growth of new businesses. He further suggested the possibly of establishing a new committee to build on the efforts. Mr. Thomas reminded the Council that the economic incentives recently passed have proved to be effective in bringing in new businesses. General discussion was held concerning possible role of the new committee (if established), relationships with the Greater Hewitt Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce. Council Member Bancale noted that he was pleased with the efforts brought forth, but would like to see a more proactive approach and increased communications with Chambers. No action was taken.

10. **DISCUSSION CONCERNING REVISION OF THE PARK PLAN.** Council Member Michael Bancale stated that he requested this item to discuss the revision of the Park Plan which included a dog park. General discussion concerning land donated and dedicated as Glaze Park. City Manager Bo Thomas suggested that the Council consider taking care of existing parks before future development was considered. He further suggested the inclusion of parks with the proposed five year plan discussed at the last meeting. The tentative date to present this plan to Council is set for March 15, 2021. No action was taken.

Mayor Charlie Turner recessed the Regular Meeting to convene to the following Executive Session at 7:58 PM.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A closed meeting will be held pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code (V.T.C.A.) so that the Council may deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee (City Manager).

MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: Council Member Bob Potter moved to adjourn executive session at 8:47 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Charlie Turner reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:47 PM.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SUBJECT MATTER SET FORTH IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED).

MOTION: Council Member Erica Bruce moved to approve an additional year extension for the City Manager's contract and a performance increase of 4.9%.

SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

13. ADJOURN.

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry

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

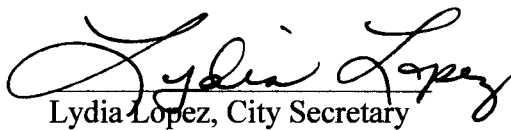
NAYES: None

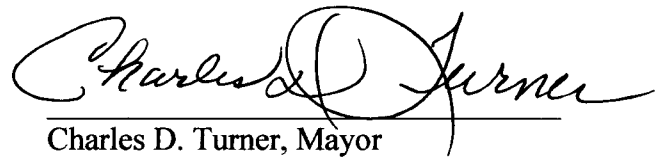
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 3/1/2021

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Charles D. Turner, Mayor