

CARL HARBERT <i>Council Member, Place 1</i>	DAVID RUTLEDGE <i>Mayor</i> 	ERIC ANDRUS <i>Council Member, Place 4</i>
KIRK ROCCAFORTE <i>Council Member, Place 2</i>		TERRI GAUTHIER <i>Council Member, Place 5</i>
TAMMI FISETTE <i>Mayor Pro-Tem / Council Member, Place 3</i>		LUCY FIELDS <i>Council Member, Place 6</i>

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WORKSHOP SESSION AND REGULAR SESSION
CITY OF BRIDGE CITY
April 17, 2018

The City Council of Bridge City met in a workshop session and regular session on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at the City Hall of Bridge City, 260 Rachal, Bridge City, Texas.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Rutledge called the City Council meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor David Rutledge
Council Member Carl Harbert
Council Member Kirk Roccaforte
Mayor Pro-Tem Tammi Fisette
Council Member Terri Gauthier
Council Member Lucy Fields

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:

Council Member Eric Andrus

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Jerry D. Jones
City Secretary Sherry Tisdale
City Attorney Paul M. Fukuda
Finance Director Karen Morgan
Personnel/Purchasing Director Jeanie McDowell
Chief Paul T. Davis
Mike Lund, Utility Superintendent
Mike Die, Asst. Utility Superintendent

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FLAG

Following the invocation given by Mayor Pro-Tem Fisette, Mayor Rutledge led in the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and to the State of Texas flag. At the conclusion of the pledges, Mayor Rutledge thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

With no changes, additions, or deletions, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fissette, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Andrus.

WORKSHOP SESSION

**City of Bridge City Council Decorum and Procedures Policy
Section 23. Work Sessions**

- a. **Work Sessions of the Council are held as scheduled by City Council.**
- b. **A quorum is required at Work Sessions. The Texas Open Meetings Acts prohibits deliberation upon any issue that is not on the Agenda.**
- c. **As in the case of Regular Meetings, all comments shall be directed to the Mayor, and all decorum and procedural issues that apply to Regular Meetings shall also apply.**
- d. **Any requests for additional Agenda items shall be handled pursuant to Sections 13 & 18.**
- e. **The purpose of the Work Session is to allow council to have a forum for an informal review of items of general interest to the City.**
- f. **A copy of the Agenda and a packet of supporting material shall be placed in the mailbox of, or delivered to, each Councilmember at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the Work Session. Each Councilmember is encouraged to obtain his/her packet in advance to enable an informed and meaningful review of each issue to be acted upon.**

Mayor Rutledge read the above for the audience.

4. WORKSHOP SESSION – DISCUSSION ONLY

- (a) Discussion of Section 12 and Section 17 of the City of Bridge City Council Decorum and Procedures Policy regarding procedures for the City to review, approve and place Council and Citizen requests on the City of Bridge City - City Council Agenda***

Mayor Rutledge referred Council to a packet he had put together with some ideas for procedures and to generate ideas from them. He said he hoped they had all looked over them. First of all, he wanted to discuss Section 12 – City Council placing an agenda item on to the agenda for the Council Meeting. Mayor Rutledge asked Council if they had any ideas on this subject, he'd be happy to entertain them.

Council Member Harbert asked if there has been a problem with the agenda in the past. Why is Council – all of a sudden – going over this?

City Attorney Paul Fukuda said he would like to field this question. He said this began when an inquiry was made to him from the City Secretary on how items are placed on the agenda. He said he went to the decorum policy and looked at it. As he reviewed the decorum policy, he said it became evident to him that is unclear how that happens from a citizen's point of view. The decorum policy clearly says that if you want to place an item on the agenda as a council person that you have to have a second council person to agree to put it on the agenda. Mr. Fukuda said the decorum policy doesn't make any sense because that gives you less rights potentially, depending on how you read the decorum policy, because it says a citizen can make a request to the city secretary to be placed on the agenda and they need to make that request the Tuesday before the meeting. The problem with this is you are a citizen of the City. It would frustrate the meaning because (1) If a citizen could put an item on the agenda but a council person couldn't on their own volition (2) it doesn't say that. It says you give it to the city secretary but it doesn't say thereafter that the city secretary shall do what. Council Member Harbert said it goes in our packet. Mr. Fukuda said you could look at it in different ways, which says it does mean to him that you have to treat everyone with fairness. You have to treat everyone the same way. He said the City has to have a policy in place that everyone will be treated the same because of the mechanism of how it is done. Mr. Fukuda stated how he sees it, under Council Member Harbert's interpretation, Mr. Harbert would not be treated fairly because he is a citizen. Mr. Fukuda asked Council Member Harbert why can't he put it on there. He said that Mr. Harbert needs someone else to second. Also, Mr. Fukuda said the plain reading of the policy would be no, this is not the standard reading. You would assume that a council person would have a greater right than any other citizen – or at least an equal right. Under Council Member Harbert's interpretation it would not be given. So, the plain meaning is frustrated. Mr. Fukuda stated what is needed is the nuts and bolts of how an item goes from a citizen saying I want to discuss it - to the process of which it is placed on the agenda, and whose hands does it go through and under what standard is that reviewed. Mr. Fukuda explained how this came about. Mr. Fukuda said he doesn't review requests. This is the first time anyone has ever asked him - what do we do with this request?

Council Member Harbert asked Mayor Rutledge is this why he is asking to remove the two council members. Mayor Rutledge said this is a suggestion. He said he polled six other area cities to see what their procedure was for council putting a request on the agenda and a citizen requesting. He said this is the spreadsheet he had in the packet he gave Council. After looking at the way others do it, under Mr. Fukuda's definition of what is fair for all of the citizens, it sounds like the two council member thing has to go away. Mayor Rutledge told Council Member Harbert that he should have the same right as any other citizen out there. That was the reason he made the suggestion as a discussion point to make to where the city council member can make a request for discussion of the item after discussion with the mayor or city manager.

Council Member Gauthier spoke up and said when she read this-it felt right. When someone comes in to the meeting with a complaint, she said the (council) aren't able to talk to the citizen on a personal level. She said what they are talking about is first going through the department. Mayor Rutledge asked Council Member Gauthier to hold on to that thought since it's regarding a citizen request. He said he would like to continue talking about a council request first.

Mr. Fukuda said he does not know why the policy specified two council persons. However, in trying to figure out why this would have been, it would make sense to him that a motion has got to be made from the agenda, and it must be seconded on the agenda. If you can't get anyone to second your motion, then City Council will not discuss it. It would make sense to him that the rationale for this is to give the other members of Council the ability to say, "Yes - it would be something I would second – it is something I would like to discuss." There have been agenda items that a motion was made to entertain it and there was no second. This is rare but it is the only reason he could see that this existed. Mayor Rutledge stated that Vidor has the same thing. They are the only ones besides the City that has this.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fisette asked if they could take Item 12a. and stop the first sentence at "by a council member". Mayor Rutledge said yes, this is one of the possibilities. But, like Mr. Fukuda said, a motion could die for lack of a second. Council Member Gauthier said the council member could at least talk to the city manager or mayor and have an understanding on the item. They give them their thoughts on why they are thinking this way. Mayor Rutledge said it could also be a timing thing. Council Member Gauthier said she's been told before that it wasn't the right time. Mayor Rutledge said there's no use in putting it on the Council agenda if it's not ready to have action taken on it.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fisette stated that her only concern is that they aren't only talking about now, but they are talking about the future and the people that replace them on Council. What if the mayor and the city manager said no, and the council member felt very strongly about something. She said she thinks they ought to be able to and it would die from a lack of a motion. If somebody feels strong enough that they would like to discuss it as a group...Mayor Rutledge said you need to have time to research these things. It may be something that's working but it's still green and it doesn't need to be plucked yet. Mayor Rutledge stated, in his opinion, there needs to be some kind of discussion to go on to make sure they are doing everything and following all the protocols and streamline the process as best they can. He said he knows it doesn't seem like it's streamlining, but it really is.

Council Member Gauthier said she thinks reaching out to one other person - whether it be another council member, city manager or the mayor - is a good thing. She said they are a team, and they are working together. She said she thinks this is a good protocol. Council Member Harbert asked why can't it be another council member? Why do they have to run down the mayor or the city manager?

Mayor Rutledge said this was just something for Council to think about and kick around. He asked if there were any more thoughts on this particular section.

Council Member Harbert said that section (b) said this should be submitted to the city manager's office. Does that mean we don't go to the City Secretary? Mayor Rutledge answered this is the way it is now.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fisette said she would like to see council members able to put something on the agenda as individuals - if need be. She said, to her common sense says to go to the mayor or go to whoever you feel and try to work something out.

Council Member Harbert asked Mr. Jones and Mrs. Tisdale if any two council members ever put something on the agenda. They nodded yes.

Mr. Jones said that he's been here long enough that this was changed years ago to the two council people. Mr. Jones said when he came to the City, it was originally one council person. He said there were things put on the agenda that nobody knew what was going on. It can work either way you do it. He said he does not want to be the one who decides what goes on the agenda and what does not go on the agenda. This would not be the proper way to do it because he is really the person who has got to answer the questions to the people before it ever gets to Council, so probably it's not him who should be making the decision – maybe the mayor if they want another person—certainly not staff. Council Member Gauthier said this could be another council member. Council Member Harbert said he could talk to another council member and they might both agree that it doesn't need to go on the agenda. Mayor Rutledge stated that this is where Council doesn't need to get in a situation of a “walking quorum”. He said this is a very serious issue that Council needs to be mindful of at all times.

Mayor Rutledge asked if there was any more discussion on this section. Hearing none, he moved to Section 17—Citizen Requests for Placement of Items on the Agenda. Mayor Rutledge referred Council to his suggestions or ideas and asked if anyone had any ideas. Council Member Gauthier said she thinks this suggested policy gives council members a chance to help direct the citizen to the right person that might definitely help. She said lots of times, the citizens don't know how their situations are handled and Council would be able to connect with them. She stated that it feels like they are helping the citizens more if they reach out to one of Council, and Council helps them resolve their problem in a personal manner.

Mayor Rutledge said that is his whole idea behind his suggestions. He said that a citizen could come to a council member with a problem, and the council member helps steer them through the process. He said then Council follows the chain of command and brings their questions to the city manager. This helps Council facilitate the issue and they find out what's been done as far as the issue goes, and Mr. Jones fills Council on that. If Mr. Jones doesn't know, he will check with one of his department heads, then he will get an update and let Council know. This way Council can see that all avenues have been exhausted, and then it can be brought to Council. Council Member Gauthier said that this is the whole idea—take care of the citizens. Mayor Rutledge said Council wants to take care of the citizens and make sure their problems are addressed. He said that's why he wrote the suggestion of Council guiding the citizens through the process.

Council Member Fields stated when she has an issue she takes it to Mr. Jones, and he assigns it wherever it needs to go. Then he lets them know how the problem is remedied or the citizen will let them know if it was taken care of. Council Member Fields said this has worked really well up until this point – as far as she was concerned. Mayor Rutledge said this is a way of

formalizing it. He said it also helps to spread out the load, and there are a couple of schemes for doing this.

Council Member Gauthier stated that if the citizen isn't satisfied, they still have the option to bring it before City Council. Mayor Rutledge said if the citizen feels like it's not resolved, he would tell the council member. In turn, this council member would bring the item to Mr. Jones and it would be handled in the same procedure as Section 12.

Council Member Harbert said Mr. Nicks went through the Public Works Director, the Street and Drainage Superintendent, and he couldn't get the ditch cleaned out – couldn't get the culverts cleaned out. He had to come to Council. Council Member Harbert stated that a citizen shouldn't have to come to a Council meeting. He said Council's job is to answer the citizens' questions and fix the problems – whatever it takes. He stated Mr. Nicks took all the steps he could. It took Council six months to get it done. He said he felt that Council should be more proactive and faster. Mayor Rutledge explained that with his suggestion this could be resolved. He stated, for example, Council Member Harbert was assigned this issue, and then he would be like a sponsor to help Mr. Nicks get the issue resolved or satisfy Mr. Nicks that it could not be resolved. Mayor Rutledge said Council Member Harbert would be like an advocate for Mr. Nicks. Mayor Rutledge said this was just his suggestions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fisette said that the idea of getting Council involved is a good idea. She then asked what if all of City Council was notified of the concern or the issue, but still one council member was assigned to that task. Everyone would be aware of it and could look at it, but not necessarily be the one that was "hands on" with the citizen. If they wanted to talk to her it was fine, but they would have an assigned council member. She said the one thing she's not sure about it is taking off the time period. She said she's afraid to take off the time period, although nothing in writing says it has to be on the next meeting. Mr. Fukuda said Ms. Tisdale always tries to get any request out as soon as possible. The problem may be, and if Council wants a time – do a time, but he thinks the thought of making the next meeting may be impractical. Because it's not prepared by Tuesday – it's prepared by posting and it's prepared by packets. Mayor Pro-Tem Fisette said her only concern was it getting lost and getting put off for an unreasonable time instead of handled in a timely manner. Mayor Rutledge said if you are sponsoring it, you would keep it at the forefront. He told her she would help aid in the process of keeping that fresh on Council's mind so it doesn't fall through the cracks.

Council Member Gauthier said she thinks it's good for all of Council to know all of the situations and what the council members would be helping somebody with and be aware of what each other is doing so they can help each other.

Mayor Rutledge asked if there were any other suggestions.

Council Member Harbert asked if they were going to discuss Mayor Rutledge's suggestions on referring issues to the "appropriate council member" and how that was determined. Mayor Rutledge said his thoughts on the issue was it doesn't need to be in the policy itself. He said he thinks the Council should decide which way they want to go with something like this because the next Council that comes in may not like the way it is done. They may want to do it a

different way, and they would have to go back and amend the procedure. It's more of an informal process. All it does is help decide who would be assigned a particular issue.

Council Member Roccaforte said the part that he likes about what Mayor Rutledge is doing – he believes that Mayor Rutledge is right in regards to the subject of discussion. It must be clearly defined and not some broad “shotgun” deal.

Mayor Rutledge asked if anyone else wanted to discuss how the council member is assigned to an issue. Council Member Harbert stated that he is the retired one and there are four working people here. He said Council Member Roccaforte can't leave his business. Council Member Roccaforte stated that he can go look at anything anytime. He said he's always been available. Council Member Harbert mentioned that others work and can't get away from their jobs. Mayor Rutledge suggested the afternoons after work. Council Member Harbert said that summertime is not the problem, but wintertime when you get off at 5 o'clock it's dark.

Discussion was held on how the assignments would be made. Council Member Roccaforte said he feels like Council is doing this already. Whenever one of Council gets a call, they go out and check on it. Mayor Rutledge said his thought was to spread the load out.

Mayor Rutledge asked Council if there was any more discussion on this. Council Member Harbert said he just wanted to make sure that the people will still be able to voice their opinions. He didn't want to step on anyone's first amendment rights. Mr. Fukuda stated that this is the whole point of having this workshop. Council Member Harbert said that TML is advising to watch this very closely.

Council Member Gauthier said her understanding is that they are doing things the same way –just putting a little more effort into helping resolve their citizens' situations before they have to come before City Council. Council will be taking a personal interest in helping them resolve it. And, if they still need to, the citizen can bring it before City Council.

Council Member Fields stated that the citizens will still have a voice because they will still have their three minutes to speak at the Council meetings. Mayor Rutledge said none of that has changed.

Mayor Rutledge asked Mr. Fukuda if he sees any first amendment issues with any suggestions that have been made. Mr. Fukuda replied, no, his concern was not first amendment. He said the City has never restricted anyone and nothing has ever been suggested for that. His was equal protection – to treat every citizen the same. Council Member Harbert's correct that you don't want to restrict first amendment rights and the Council is not. The issue is how Council is treating each individual and is everyone being treated fairly. Without a procedure to follow, it is difficult to support and justify why the City has done anything. Mayor Rutledge asked Mr. Fukuda if he sees any problems in any of the suggestions. Mr. Fukuda replied, no, because an individual citizen does not have an inherent right to be placed on a governmental agenda. He said Council is creating a mechanism where that can occur. He said the City is a municipality all unto its own - just as much as federal government. Mr. Fukuda said this is why the citizens have representatives in government to speak for us.

Council Member Harbert asked when a council member goes through all of this and nothing has been done and it goes on the agenda. Is the citizen allowed to speak then? Mayor Rutledge said he would assume so because it would be like any other agenda item. Council Member Roccaforte added “as long as it’s pertaining to that subject”. Mayor Rutledge said it is open for discussion at that time. It’s not the comment section – it’s an actual agenda item. Mr. Fukuda said that is also at the pleasure of Council to invite – usually it will be the mayor – which would invite comments.

Mayor Rutledge instructed Council if a motion is made under Item 9(d) please make sure the motion is specific and complete.

REGULAR SESSION – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORKSHOP SESSION

5. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. Texas Water Development Board: He said he had told Council that staff was having a meeting with the TWDB regarding a \$500,000 grant – majority was 52 manholes that have intrusion and have holes – now the City will be applying for two \$500,000 grants – staff met with the group and the City is also eligible for 38 fire hydrants that are the old Ludlow type fire hydrants and will try to replace these also – engineers are working on an application now
2. FEMA meeting on Friday: will get direction on what the City can and can’t do for mitigation projects – will see how many the City can apply for
3. RFQs from different engineering firms: plans drawn up and ideas on how to expand the Sewer Plant with bond monies so the City can possibly get to the point that it doesn’t get in violation in these big rain events
4. Fair Housing Coalition: meeting held in Beaumont on Friday
5. Investment Report and Financial Statement: latest financial information through March - call Ms. Morgan if they have any questions
6. Thursday meeting at the Airport: Important meeting on trying to proceed with plans on the Neches River

(a) City Council

Council Member Carl Harbert stated City staff finished flushing Thursday night. Everything went good and nothing broke. All the fire hydrants are in service and they had a good night.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tammi Fiset said she was able to go by Mr. Philpott’s house and see the work done in his yard today. She said the City guys were doing an awesome job. They had teamwork with the Street guys and the Water guys together. She wanted to thank them very much.

Council Member Lucy Fields stated she wanted to give an update on the TACT meeting today. One of those things that they are looking at is to improve Hwy 73 at Bridge City's evacuation route and possibly raise evacuation routes so that the citizens can get out of Bridge City if they need to. They saw this in Harvey when the City was locked in. This was one of the main concerns they brought to this committee in October. There also was a proposal to look at the drainage on large and small-scale events. She said they also talked about the 404 and 406 grants that were available. There was a big emphasis on the Stormwater management drainage in Orange and Jefferson County. Also, she said there were representatives from every entity trying to work together as a team and trying to figure out these problems and come up with solutions. Council Member Fields also mentioned she spoke with a representative from Texas Parks and Wildlife and he was telling her about a natural oyster reef they are closely monitoring that has formed in Sabine Lake. He told her if it had not been for this reef when Ike hit, there would have been more of a surge. It helped break it up somewhat. It's up to six to seven acres now, and the aquatic life has really increased.

Council Member Carl Harbert also made a comment regarding a story on Facebook that there were two police officers that pulled a lady over that did not have a car seat for her child. They took her to Wal-Mart to buy it out of their pockets. He told Chief Davis, "You got good men. Thank you."

(c) City Staff

There were no comments from City staff.

(d) Mayor

There were no comments from Mayor Rutledge.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kenneth Prosperie
819 Sunnyside

Mr. Prosperie discussed a report he prepared. He said the first page shows a chart with how much water is allowed in gallons per minute. A twelve-inch line allows 422 gallons per minute and a fifteen-inch is 740 gallons per minute. If you cut it down to a four-inch line, you're down to 27 gallons per minute. That's a problem. Look at the flow rates, at 920 Sunnyside, the water flows up hill. Water doesn't go uphill, and they won't dig this out and won't clean it. Now you have a fifteen-inch pipe that only lets three inches through it. It's been like this for years. Summarizing, it's been a problem for years. Since 2014, he said he's been coming down here complaining about the same thing – the same pipes that are stopped up and nothing has been done. He showed pictures from 2017 and 2018 of the same stopped up pipe. Nothing's been done. There's a restriction because you see how narrow the water flow is.

Mark Philpott
1130 Arthur

Mr. Philpott said he has sinkholes in his back yard. He said he has to give credit to where credit is due. He stated that he, Jerry Jones, and Richard Harmon have been waiting for the weather to straighten up so they can get back there and do the work. He said finally they got a break in the weather so City staff could get back there and work on it. Yesterday morning he said he was leaving out at 7:55 am and he got a call from Mr. Harmon to see if they could come out to his yard and start working. He said he left his gate open and told them to come on. Mr. Philpott said they started yesterday, and he stated he wished Council could see the progress they made from yesterday to today. They still have some more work to do, but they are doing an excellent job. He said he'd like to thank the Water Department and the Street Department. Ms. Fisetta has already said that everyone worked like a team out there. Mr. Philpott mentioned that there was no fussing or griping. Everyone knew there was a job to do. Mr. Philpott thanked the council members that came out there and looked at it. He also thanked the City for jumping on the problem and taking care of it. He said it not only affected him but affected other people on that back street.

7. ORDINANCE

- (a) *Consideration and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2018-07 suspending the rates proposed by Centerpoint's Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program ("GRIP") filing made with the City of Bridge City on March 29, 2018***

Mr. Fukuda read the caption of Ordinance No. 2018-07, thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 2018-07 as read. Council Member Harbert seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fisetta, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Andrus.

8. RESOLUTION

- (a) *Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2018-06(R) adopting the City of Bridge City residential homestead exemptions for the 2018 tax year***

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2018-06(R) in its entirety.

Council Member Harbert made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2018-06(R) adopting the City of Bridge City residential homestead exemption for the 2018 tax year. Council Member Fields seconded the motion.

Council Member Harbert then amended his motion to accept Resolution No. 2018-06(R) adopting the same rates as last year, seconded by Council Member Fields.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fisetto, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Andrus.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of the February 13, 2018 City Council Special Meeting

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve the February 13, 2018 City Council Special Meeting, seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

Mayor Rutledge asked if there were any changes, corrections, alterations, or deletions. With no discussion, he called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fisetto, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Andrus.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve City bills for the month of March 2018

Council Member Harbert made a motion to approve the City bills for the month of March 2018, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fisetto, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Andrus.

(c) Consideration and possible action to appoint alternate members to the City Board of Adjustment

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to appoint alternate members to the City Board of Adjustment, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fisetto.

Council Member Harbert said that everyone he asks lives outside of the City limits. Council Member Fields said she had the same problem. Mr. Jones said Ms. Scales has contacted some people but she hasn't received an answer yet.

Council Member Harbert made a motion to table the item, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

MOTION TABLED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fissette, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Andrus.

(d) Discussion and possible action to amend Section 12 and Section 17 of the City of Bridge City Council Decorum and Procedures Policy to provide procedures for the City to review, approve and place Council and Citizen requests on the City of Bridge City – City Council Agenda

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to amend Section 12 and Section 17 of the City of Bridge City Council Decorum and Procedures Policy. Motion was seconded by Council Member Fields.

Council Member Roccaforte said after all the discussion that was held today, maybe the Mayor or the City Attorney can put together something with all of this accumulated into one suggestion and maybe bring it to the next Council meeting. Council Member Roccaforte asked Mr. Fukuda if he could put some of this together and come up with something, and Mr. Fukuda answered yes.

Council Member Harbert asked if they could have time to read and mull this over and make sure this is what they are saying. Mr. Fukuda said he would work off of the template from the meeting, and Council can email him individually of things they want to have potentially included or excluded. Mayor Rutledge reminded Council not to comment on how they are assigned, just regarding the two workshop agenda items.

Council Member Roccaforte said he amended his motion to reflect the discussion putting a packet together. Mr. Fukuda said they could table the item or come back with a packet.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to table the item. Council Member Gauthier seconded the motion.

MOTION TABLED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fissette, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Andrus.

10. ADJOURN

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m., seconded by Council Member Fields.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Fisetto, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Andrus.

/s/ David Rutledge

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry Tisdale

Sherry Tisdale, City Secretary