

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

REGULAR SESSION

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

May 1, 2018

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 1, 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 6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

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

2. INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mr. Fukuda.

3. PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FLAG

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.

4. 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 Fisette, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Andrus, Gauthier, and Fields.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

5. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. Phone call from TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality): should be getting formal letter next week on start up of filter on Romero - hopefully this project will get finished up finally
2. Next Tuesday night: Police contract meeting
3. Old Police Station: all buildings are moved – will advertise in the paper this week
4. Storm Sewer project behind Mark Philpott's house: project is finished - has been dressed up and fences re-installed - people are satisfied with it
5. Sunnyside project: almost through - two or three more culverts to set – one more to replace – took out all 12" so everything now is at least 15"
6. Grant applications submitted to TWDB (Texas Water Development Board): TWDB has acknowledged receipt of the City's applications - \$500,000 for water grant and \$500,000 for sewer grant – these are grants not loans
7. Started review on Sewer Plant: evaluations that have to be made – look at what we have and how we can update it to the point to where the storm water is not giving the City problems during peak rains - all connected to the bond that will be renewed

(a) City Council

Council Member Kirk Roccaforte stated that the Texas Disaster Relief Action Plan has been posted on the SETRPC (South East Texas Regional Planning Commission) website.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tammi Fisette asked if the City crews were completely through with the work at Mr. Philpott's house. She said the sinkhole that is on the back of their fence where the bees were - have City crews finished that? Mr. Jones said everything in the yard is finished. There were four different wash-outs. Mayor Pro-Tem Fisette said she thought there was one left because of the bees. Mr. Jones said he was told they were through, but he would check in the morning.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fisette said she rode out to Sunnyside this afternoon and said the City crews did a beautiful job. She said the guys are doing an awesome job. Hopefully this will fix everything.

Mr. Jones said Mr. Philpott told him they were satisfied with the job and they were through. Also, the City guys told him they were through. This is why he reported it finished. Mayor Pro-Tem Fisette replied she didn't think it was in Mr. Philpott's yard. It is on the back of the fence.

Council Member Terri Gauthier gave an EDC (Economic Development Commission) update:

1. Very excited about lots of new homes and duplexes coming up in Bridge City
2. New convenience store coming open in front of Tyler Estates
3. Ribbon cutting at Las Rosa's
4. Five Point Credit Union moving to old Capital One Building

Council Member Lucy Fields stated that Thursday is the National Day of Prayer. There will be prayer at 11:30 a.m. at the Park Pavilion. Everyone is invited.

(c) City Staff

There were no comments from City staff.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge stated that June 1 is just a month away. He urges everyone to get homeowner's flood insurance. There is a 30-day waiting period or grace period before it goes into effect.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Robbie Kelcher
1035 Charlotte Lane

Mr. Kelcher stated that he is at the meeting to discuss current drainage and flooding issues. He referred to the hand-out he gave Council regarding their flooding concerns. He said Page 2 shows the plot where their house is. It is a 10 lot cul-de-sac. They are located at 41294 and they own the lot at 42898. The area outlined in black is a proposed housing development program which will be discussed in tonight's meeting. It lies adjacent to their property and Charlotte. Next page shows the drainage in their neighborhood. The road slopes from Hwy 1442 towards the cul-de-sac so water drains to the end of Charlotte. From there it flows to a small ditch that runs to a larger ditch that runs behind his home. It combines with the water flow-off from Arthur. Then it flows back to Hwy 1442. So it makes a big "U" for them. At the end of the cul-de-sac there is a small ditch and it makes a slight turn as it drains off the water and runs parallel with his lot and joins the larger ditch. All the water that comes off of Schofield Addition runs through that proposed housing project and joins the ditch. It floods fairly easily. Two to four inches of rain and they are flooded.

*Cindy Kelcher
1035 Charlotte Lane*

Mrs. Kelcher told Mr. Jones that she came and visited him at the end of January after a small rain, and they flooded again after Harvey. She said he promised her that he would not let there be another building permit for a house built that would drain to Hwy 1442 until something is done with the drainage. Has anything been done with the drainage? Apparently something is being done because of all the activity they are seeing on this property. She asked Mr. Jones if he could give her an answer. Mr. Jones said he could. Mr. Fukuda interjected that Council could not answer any questions. Mr. Jones will be available after the meeting to answer her question. Anything that Council discusses has to be on the agenda. Ms. Kelcher said it was on the agenda. Mr. Fukuda replied there is a time for Council to talk about it. The three minutes she has to talk is to bring Council her concerns and present issues to be placed on a future agenda. She continued her statement that they do flood at a drop of a hat. She explained that she has to put mulch in their flower beds four times a year. They will never be able to re-sell their house. She said they are all for growth. The City needs the tax dollars in their community. She said if they put them next door to a subdivision of 40 homes and not do something about the drainage as it is now - it will flood their whole street. People are going to come in and build their houses up higher, and they are all going to be in trouble. She said she appreciated Council's consideration, and she wished Council would consider looking at this a little harder before they made any decisions.

*Josh Taylor
1340 Elsie*

Mr. Taylor asked if there had been any research done on this subdivision coming in - such as County drainage, navigation or elevation. Everybody knows they are try building up to 15 foot. There should be no reason for him to have 50 lb sand bags at his house to keep water out of his garage. His neighborhood drains to the neighborhood they (Kelcher's) are talking about. Also, he wanted to thank the City Water and Street/Drainage departments for the work they have done in the past week. He said he knows they have spent a good three or four days in his neighborhood working to improve drainage. He said he doesn't know if they have fixed anything yet. Now they are wanting to build a subdivision in their area that's lower than where his water drains. It doesn't make sense to him. Mr. Taylor said he's heard rumors that they want to put a retention pond there. If it's low enough for a retention pond what good is it going to do for a subdivision? He asked if they are going to have the houses 20 feet above street. When it rains nobody will be able to get home unless they have a boat. He said this doesn't make sense.

The other thing he wanted to talk to Council about was Agenda Item 8(f) about amendments and changes to the policy. If people can't come up here and get put on the on the agenda for something - how do they expect to make changes for something? If someone has the courage to come up here and speak then let them have the time for that agenda. Three minutes is not enough to cover everything for everybody. Mr. Taylor said he didn't know what the City

Attorney's job description is - is it writing policy or is it reviewing policy that the Council comes up with? He said he didn't know. This is like the restriction of First amendment rights. He said he served eight years in the military as a medic for the Air Force. Everybody has the right to freedom of speech. Leave the policy in place.

*Jeannie Adams
1025 Charlotte Lane*

Ms. Adams said she lives next door to the Kelcher's home, and they are just tired of it.

7. RESOLUTIONS

(a) *Consideration and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2018-07(R) designating a management service provider for the Texas Hazard Mitigation Assistance program application and project implementation*

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2018-07(R) in its entirety, designating a management service provider for the Texas Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program application and project implementation.

Council Member Fields made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-07(R), seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

Council Member Harbert asked what hazardous materials besides the chlorine and chemicals are here? Mr. Jones said this money is for hazard mitigation. Council Member Harbert asked what are we putting in the ground that has to be mitigated. Mr. Jones replied this is to mitigate projects the City already has. In this case, this money is to mitigate all the major outfall ditches in Bridge City. Council Member Harbert said this is a different kind of mitigation that he is used to. Council Member Roccaforte stated that this is the name of the program basically.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(b) *Consideration and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2018-08(R) designating an engineering service provider for the Texas Hazard Mitigation Assistance program application and project related engineering services*

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2018-08(R) in its entirety, designating an engineering service provider for the Texas Hazard Mitigation Assistance program application and project related engineering services.

Council Member Gauthier made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2018-08(R), seconded by Council Member Andrus.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fisetete asked Mr. Jones if he could go a little into details and what services are provided. Mr. Jones answered that there are two different things they are addressing. One is hazard mitigation pertaining to major outfall drainage and the other through the Texas Water Development Board is a water side and a sewer side. On the water side, the City has applied for replacing all the Ludlow Fire Plugs (\$500,000). On the sewer side, the City has addressed 52 manholes that have been identified with leaks causing I and I (Inflow and Infiltration) at the Sewer Plant (\$500,000). Mr. Jones said the City would probably not get through with all of these but will go as far as they can with the money they have.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) *Presentation and discussion of Bridge City Wal-Mart remodeling project, presented by Robert Sullivan, Store Manager*

*Robert Sullivan
Bridge City Wal-Mart Store Manager*

Mr. Sullivan spoke to City Council regarding the planned remodel at the Bridge City Wal-Mart. In the past there was a store remodel that was due to Ike and a remodel a few years later with things they found after Ike. The following items are part of the planned remodel:

- "From the roof down" remodel to update the store and get standards up
- Bring technology up where it should be
- Pulling old tile up and putting in high polished concrete floors
- Putting in "electronics of the future" - latest in electronics with more high-end products
- Update a dated garden center
- Larger apparel area with a broader selection and new brands
- Painted from the roof down
- Walls painted inside
- Basically everything re-vamped
- Almost all the shelving will be changed out
- New innovation with self-checkouts - 8 registers at any given time and 4 registers with traditional check-outs
- Making things more ADA accessible
- Associates getting a completely modernized break room which hasn't been updated for at least 10 - 15 years

- Refresh of the restrooms

Mr. Sullivan said this is a very large investment for the company and basically made possible because of the support the store has received from the community. He said he's been at the store since Ike, and it's been fantastic every time there has been a remodel. He stated that the company looks at all the qualifiers and told him in a meeting that they have been looking at the BC store since April of last year. In fact, he said the store pretty well leads the company in a lot of the metrics they use to measure the success of the store. It's been completely because the community backing the store and being totally supportive. The remodel that is being done now is because of community support.

Mayor Rutledge said this was good to hear.

Council Member Fields asked if there would be more groceries. Mr. Sullivan replied that was what they were hoping but not at this time.

Mayor Rutledge thanked Mr. Sullivan for his time.

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

Council Member Fields made a motion to appoint alternate members to the City Board of Adjustment, seconded by Council Member Andrus.

Council Member Roccaforte asked if there were any volunteers. Mayor Rutledge answered that Beverly Perry said she would serve as an alternate. Council Member Gauthier said she spoke to Michael Gauthier and he wants to serve as an alternate. Richard Savoy was present at the meeting and said he would serve as an alternate.

Council Member Fields amended her motion to accept Beverly Perry, Michael Gauthier, and Richard Savoy as alternate members to the City Board of Adjustment. Amended motion was seconded by Council Member Andrus.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(c) *Consideration and possible action to approve a recommendation from the Selection Review Committee for Grant Administration Services associated with a 2019-2020 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program Application to Traylor & Associates, Inc.*

Council Member Andrus made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Selection Review Committee for Grant Administration Services associated with a 2019-2020 TxCDBG Program Application to Traylor & Associates, Inc. Council Member Gauthier seconded the motion.

Mr. Jones said this is the normal TxCDBG Grant that the City applies for every year through the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission. For the last two years this money has been used to replace house lines.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

- (d) Consideration and possible approval of a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to call a Joint Public Hearing to hear public comments on a proposed zone change from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) as requested by owner, Chad Landry, located at 158 Granger (further described as Lot 12 Block 1 Granger) and 160 Granger (further described as Lot 11 Block 1 Granger) so that he may build duplexes on the property**

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to call a Joint Public Hearing to hear public comments on a proposed zone change from R-1 to R-3 on property located at 158 and 160 Granger. Motion was seconded by Council Member Fields.

Mayor Rutledge stated this is approval of a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to call a Joint Public Hearing. He said staff can contact the Planning and Zoning Commission to see what they propose for date and match calendars up.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

- (e) Consideration and possible action on a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the Preliminary Plat application from Robert Cash for Marsh Estates, (lots 1-41) located in the City Limits of Bridge City off W. Roundbunch, and described as consisting of a 15.51 Acre Tract of land out of the Samuel Davis Survey,**

Abstract Number 6, Orange County, Texas and being that same 15.51 Acre Tract conveyed to Brooks R. Bonin by deed in Orange County Clerk File Number 422574

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to consider possible action on a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the Preliminary Plat application from Robert Cash for Marsh Estates, (Lots 1-41). Motion was seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

Mayor Rutledge asked if there was any discussion.

Council Member Roccaforte said the question he has is through the last year that this has been proposed - isn't there a drainage situation that actually had to be engineered? Mr. Jones said when the subdivision actually started they had to have a drainage plan that's approved. They will be moving water into the highway ditch so the Highway Department required they have an engineering service come in and design a system in the subdivision that will retain all the water and bring it to a retention pond. It will exit out on Hwy 1442 rather than the ditch around the subdivision. This has been going on for almost a year but they finally have a plan that the Highway Department approves. He said they have it with the Drainage District now so all this has to be approved before the plat can be signed and presented to the County.

Mayor Rutledge stated that this is the preliminary plat - not the final. Mr. Jones said yes, this is the preliminary plat. First it goes to P & Z, then to Council, then the final plat only goes to the P & Z. Mayor Rutledge said the Drainage District might look at it and say they don't like "this and this" and they want it changed. Mr. Jones said he didn't think this was going to happen because the State's requirements are a lot higher than what the Drainage District wants. They are basically looking at all the water at Bernice and bringing it back down to the retention pond. Discussion continued on the drainage plans. Mr. Jones concluded that the Highway Department has signed off on this plan but only with the developer doing the concrete ditch and all the water coming in and going down to that retention pond on their property.

Mayor Rutledge said this is either based on a 50 or 100 year rain event. Council Member Gauthier said they were told it was a 100 year at the Planning & Zoning meeting.

Council Member Harbert asked if there was any way they could get this developer to take Council out there and show them exactly how it's going to be laid out and have the citizens it is going to affect show up there before they go ahead and approve a plat. Mr. Jones said the developer would meet them out there anytime they wanted to meet him, but the design he is doing was designed by some engineers out of Beaumont. Mr. Jones said the big key to this thing is all water will stay on the site and they are bringing it down to the pond and that will release it at a slower rate and also taking some of the water out of that subdivision which will help too. On paper it should help everybody. Certainly with a concrete-lined ditch bringing the all that water down it will stop a lot of it coming over on Charlotte. Mayor Rutledge told the audience that Mr. Jones will be available to speak to them after the meeting.

Council Member Fields said she did walk it today and spoke with some of the citizens there and none of them had an objection to the subdivision. Everyone was very, very concerned about the drainage. They all said if the drainage was taken care of they would welcome the

subdivision. Mr. Jones said that has been the issue since over a year ago on this subdivision. Mr. Jones said he took an airboat ride last week and came up through the marsh and the ditches through there had no restrictions. They do need to be cleaned and cut out. Mr. Jones said the City does need to do some work and that is why the City is applying for grant to do all the major drainages.

Council Member Andrus asked about Schofield Place. Mr. Jones said it is still going to go down the ditch it's going through now. Discussion was held on the drainage. Council Member Roccaforte asked to see the plat on this. Council looked at the map while Mr. Jones explained it.

Mayor Rutledge explained that this is the preliminary plat, not the final one. It still has to be approved by the Drainage District and still has to go before the Planning and Zoning Commission for final approval.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fissette asked the mayor if she could add a little bit. Mayor Rutledge agreed. She said she also went out there this afternoon and walked the ditch. She said she also has walked the ditch behind Bernice in the middle of a storm just to go see where the water is going. The past two times she has been out there during a storm the ditch behind Bernice and Alton was at a standstill. She said she looked in the manhole cover behind Mark Philpott's - prior to the work the City has done - and the water was going around in a circle - it wasn't going anywhere. As the rain quit it was actually going from Arthur back towards Mr. Taylor's house. Why did it look like that? Is that really what it was doing? She said she doesn't know. She said she also walked the ditch behind Fernwood. It is a wide ditch but it isn't very deep. Does it need cleaning? She said she spoke to Mr. Kelcher and his concern is when they build the property up - where's the water go? He explained to her that the water from Bernice and Alton drains across that land in to the big ditch. She said everyone keeps saying "I hope this works." What if it doesn't? She said Council is going to possibly create something that is more of a flooding potential than what the City already has. She said she feels - in the best interest of the citizens - "Council needs to figure out a bad issue that we have right here instead of even taking a chance on doing more harm." She said she doesn't think it's worth it. She said she would love for this to be developed and see beautiful houses, but she would like to see this issue be fixed first.

Mayor Rutledge reminded Council that their job is to approve or not approve the preliminary plat. It will not be coming back to Council. All the final plans go to the P & Z.

Council Member Harbert asked if this could be tabled so Council could walk out there and look at it - or have the developer explain it to him? Mayor Rutledge said he will be at the final P & Z meeting.

Council Member Roccaforte suggested that Council table this and get the developer to come here. Council Member Andrus agreed. Mr. Jones said the developer could come with his engineer.

Council Member Roccaforte formally made a motion this item be tabled. Council Member Harbert seconded the motion.

MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

(f) Remove from table, 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 Andrus made a motion to remove this item from the table. Motion was seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

Mr. Fukuda explained that what he has done is taken 100% of the input from Council Members to place in the draft of the Decorum Policy reflecting what each council person wanted to see. Any of it can be changed.

- Mayor Rutledge started discussion with Section 12a. After discussion it was decided to change 12a. to read:

Items may be placed on the Agenda either by the Mayor, the City Manager, the City Attorney, or by a Council Member with the agreement of the Mayor."

- After further discussion, it was decided that Section 12b. - second sentence - should read:

Council Member's request shall be placed in writing and signed by the submitting Council Member and the Mayor.

- After discussion, it was decided that Section 12c. will stand as written.
- Mayor Rutledge then went to discussion of Section 17. After a thorough discussion, it was decided to amend Section 17 to read as follows:

a. Citizens who wish to place an item on the Agenda must submit a written request to the City Secretary's office. Citizen's contact information, including their full name, address, phone number, email and preferred manner of contact must be included in the request. The City Secretary may produce a form for this purpose. The City Manager shall coordinate the City staff to, as soon as practicable, research the proposed agenda item, including the history and factors that may impact the item, as well as the most appropriate department(s) for the item's resolution.

- b. *The City Secretary shall refer the request, and conclusions of Section 17 (a) above, to the appropriate City Council Member for investigation and resolution. The City Secretary shall also make the same information available to members of the City Council, at their request. The assigned City Council Member, also referred to herein as the “sponsoring City Council Member”, shall be the City’s contact for the citizen and shall insure that all available administrative remedies in the City have been exhausted.*

The next item of discussion was how to conduct the selection of the sponsoring City Council Member. Suggestions were discussed on how they will be assign certain topics to each council member, such as rotation or asking for a volunteer, etc. Mayor Rutledge repeated that the way they do this does not necessarily have to be in this procedure. He said it is his opinion that this would burden a future Council coming in. He then asked Council if they wanted to put the procedure for assigning this to a sponsoring Council Member in the procedure or leave it out. Mayor Rutledge said his proposal was to wait until after this election is over then Council would have a workshop session and decide on what procedure they wanted to use in assigning council members. He repeated that he didn’t think it needs to be put in here. Council Member Gauthier stated that she thought a workshop would be best. It would give each Council Member more time to think about what would work for all of them.

Discussion continued and the following wording was decided:

- c. *If the matter cannot be resolved and the City Council Member believes that it would be in the best interest of the City for the entire City Council to be involved in the matter, that City Council Member, in conformity with Section 12 above, may request that the issue be placed on the agenda.*
- d. *The agenda item must be of sufficient clarity and specificity as to provide every citizen who may be interested in said matter to have particular notice of the issue to be discussed and to provide the City Council notice, and adequate time to prepare for the specific items discussed. For example, the subject matter should be specific such as “to discuss repairs of the potholes on Turner Drive.” The subject should not be general in nature as in “to discuss city streets.”*

Please remember that State law will not allow City Council to discuss issues nor topics not clearly noticed in the agenda.

- e. *Once the City Secretary receives the proposed agenda item he/she shall coordinate with the sponsoring City Council Member and make any revisions necessary to ensure that the proposed item has followed the City of Bridge City’s Decorum Policy and applicable state and federal law.*

The City Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, consistent with best interest of the City and the needs of the citizens, place the approved proposed agenda item on the City Council agenda. Every effort should be made to schedule the agenda item on a meeting date when the entire City Council is scheduled to be present.

Mayor Rutledge asked if there was a motion on these changes. Council Member Fissette said she would really like to see the policy in writing before voting on it. Mr. Fukuda said this could be tabled. Mayor Rutledge announced **MOTION TABLED**.

9. PRESENTATION BY FINANCIAL ADVISOR ON PROPOSED TAX AND WATERWORKS AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM SUBORDINATE LIEN REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2018

Council Member Harbert made a motion to hear presentation by Financial Advisor on proposed Tax and Waterworks and Sanitary Sewer System Subordinate Lien Revenue Certifications of Obligation, Series 2018. Motion was seconded by Council Member Andrus.

Guy Goodson appeared before Council and said he apologizes for Mr. McKinney who could not be at the meeting. He said that he and Mr. McKinney were contacted by the City about the possibility of the City moving to adopt a Certificate of Obligation Ordinance. He reminded Council that they have 2012, 2014 and 2015 Certificates of Obligation issued. He said the City Manager and Ms. Morgan advised them that the final maturity on the 2014 CO's becomes due on July 15 of this year. That series matures fully. They have to identify projects with some specificity. What Council will be considering tonight is funding improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant facilities to increase capacity to the facility and to improve inflow and infiltration problems and funding to repair and update the automatic water meter reading equipment. Both water and sewer projects were contemplated in this project.

Mr. Goodson said Mr. Jones and Ms. Morgan asked that the pricing be set at a \$2,075,000 issue with a 12 year maturity that allows for it to be blended in with the maturities of the present 2012 and 2015, and there would be no change in the debt service obligation for the coming several years. So effectively there is no increase in the tax rate by doing this because they will blend it in to the maturities of the existing debt schedule.

Mr. Goodson explained the mechanics of this process and the sale of the of the certificates.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2018-08:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS TAX AND WATERWORKS & SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM SUBORDINATE LIEN REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2018 (THE "CERTIFICATES") IN A MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,075,000; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY STAFF, CITY FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LEGAL COUNSEL AND BOND COUNSEL TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS DEEMED NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH CERTIFICATES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Fukuda read the caption of Ordinance No. 2018-08, thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10.

Council Member Harbert made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-08, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BOND COUNSEL ENGAGEMENT OF GERMER PLLC

Council Member Andrus made a motion to approve bond counsel engagement of Germer PLLC. Motion was seconded by Council Member Fields.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

12. ADJOURN

Council Member Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Council Member Gauthier.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

/s/ David Rutledge

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherry Tisdale

Sherry Tisdale, City Secretary