

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

CITY OF BRIDGE CITY

June 19, 2018

The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, June 19, 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
 Council Member Tammi Fisette
 Mayor Pro-Tem Eric Andrus
 Council Member Lucy Fields

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:

Council Member Terri Gauthier

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

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 braving the weather and coming out tonight.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Fisette.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

5. REPORTS & COMMENTS

(a) City Manager

City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. Romero Well Site: Contractor won't be able to come down until the first week of July
2. Flooding: Staff has been responding to calls all day - putting down barricades - doing everything we could do to minimize the effect on the citizens - guys have been out all day and will have people on call tonight so if there is any problem they will be out there
3. City Manager's Conference in Galveston: Will be out of town on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

(b) City Council

Council Member Carl Harbert stated it has been a really wet day.

Council Member Kirk Roccaforte stated it has been unbelievable.

Council Member Tammi Fisette said she wanted to thank all the City employees that have been out riding around town today. There has also been citizens out doing what they can to clear ditches. She also said thanks to the citizens for their help.

Mayor Pro-Tem Eric Andrus said he would also like to thank the City guys. He said he had been out driving around most of the day, and he said he's seen them all over the place.

Council Member Lucy Fields said same here - she's been out all day and she's seen the guys out all day long just trying to help.

(c) City Staff

There were no comments or reports from City Staff.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge said he wanted to urge all citizens that if they see a barricade up, please don't drive around it unless they live in that neighborhood. If they do go around them go very slowly because they may accidentally push water on their neighbor. And, again, to the City crews, he would like to thank them. He said "Y'all are doing a heck of a job in keeping the streets and ditches safe for us."

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Debbie Burton

1355 Wisteria

Ms. Burton said her house got water again today and back in January, and of course it flooded in Harvey. She's had people from the City come look at it. She stated she knows this is widespread and the drainage and the ditches are getting worked on. Her main concern is the two culverts that go in the road in front of her. The water comes so fast from the back of her neighborhood that it diverts across the road and it pushes straight into her house. Besides the flooding in her house, the last several years when the City had major rain her garage floods. She thinks the culvert is an issue that maybe somebody could look at. Ms. Burton said it is hard to put in insulation and sheetrock and all the things that her house needs when she has this ongoing problem. She said she wants to move forward. They have a FEMA trailer in their yard and blessed to have it, but there's nothing like home. She thanked Council.

Donald Griffith

1419 Elsie

Mr. Griffith stated that his house is the last one on that street on one side. He has a ditch running down beside his house all the way to Arthur Street and halfway down the ditch there's a hill elevation built up. Richard Hamilton (Harmon) came out today and wanted him to show him. One half runs toward Arthur Street and the other half goes towards his house. The half that goes towards Arthur is about two inches water level. The amount going towards him is anywhere from one foot to three feet. He said he bought 36-inch culverts and the City buried them about 32 years ago. He said they buried them in the wrong lodging and buried them inclining towards Elsie. He was instructed recently that the water from his house is supposed to flow to Arthur Street and on to Roundbunch. Since that hill is back there, the water builds up by his house and is trying to flow underneath Elsie to a ditch behind Elsie across the street. When there is no rain, there is a street drain there that stays full of water. If you look at the pipe that runs behind those houses, it's bone dry. If you go look at the culvert where it ends at his house, it is bone dry. When the City has a one or two day rain, they pull out the Elsie Street barricades and the water comes out of that street drain like a geyser. He explained what he says is happening with the water. Council Member Roccaforte told Mr. Griffith that there is an

agenda item about this area. Mr. Griffith said Council really needs to talk to Richard Harmon because they walked that ditch behind Elsie for about a mile and there's all kinds of debris in there and the water is backing up on Elsie.

Victoria Griffith
1419 Elsie

Ms. Griffith stated that Mr. Don Griffith is her husband. She was going to use her three minutes to show a video. They were told there would be a computer in Council Chambers to put the thumb drive in to show the water gurgling. Otherwise they would have had pictures so Council could visually see the water gurgling where all the culverts meet in one place. She thanked Council.

7. PRESENTATION BY SETH MCKINNEY OF FTN FINANCIAL MUNICIPAL ADVISORS, FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE CITY AS TO TAX AND WATERWORKS & SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM SUBORDINATE LIEN REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2018 (THE "CERTIFICATES")

Mr. Guy Goodson spoke to Council, filling in for Seth McKinney who was not able to be at the meeting. He explained that Items 8 through 12 were items he requested to update Council on the sale of the City's Certificates of Obligation to be used for some outlined City projects. Approximately 60 days ago, Council authorized the issuance of the certificates of obligation in the amount not to exceed \$2,075,000, the intention to cover the cost of issuance, the attorney general, and other fees and the project fund of approximately \$2,000,000. This action was proposed as a negotiated sale through SAMCO. The financial advisor gave Council a debt service schedule that basically blended in this debt with the existing debts so, for debt service purposes, there wouldn't be any need for tax increase. The net effective interest cost over the term of the bonds is 4.123%.

8. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AWARD SALE OF CERTIFICATES TO SAMCO CAPITAL MARKETS, INC. (THE "PURCHASER") AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH THE PURCHASER

Council Member Fields made a motion to award sale of certificates to SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc., seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

Mr. Goodson reported that he provided to the Mayor the Certificate Purchase Agreement, which is basically a contract where you sell Certificates of Obligation to SAMCO and place them in the market.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE "CITY OF BRIDGE CITY, TEXAS, TAX AND WATERWORKS & SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM SUBORDINATE LIEN REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2018"; SPECIFYING THE TERMS AND FEATURES OF SAID CERTIFICATES; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION BY THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY; AND A PLEDGE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS REVENUES FROM THE OPERATION OF THE CITY'S WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE, PAYMENT, SECURITY, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID CERTIFICATES, INCLUDING THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mr. Fukuda read the caption of Ordinance No. 2018-10, thereby constituting the reading of the ordinance as required by City Charter, Section 3.10.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2018-10, authorizing the issuance of the "City of Bridge City, Texas, Tax and Waterworks and Sanitary Sewer System Subordinate Lien Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2018. Motion was seconded by Council Member Fields.

With no questions, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE AND PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT AS TO THE CERTIFICATES

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to authorize and provide for the distribution of an Official Statement as to the Certificates. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

With no questions, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

11. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, AS NECESSARY, TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE AS TO THE CERTIFICATES

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to consider authorization of municipal bond insurance as to the Certificates. Motion was seconded by Council Member Fisette.

Mr. Goodson stated they did not receive a bid for the bond insurance. No action needed to be taken.

With no action to be taken, Mayor Rutledge continued to the next agenda item.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR, MAYOR PRO-TEM, CITY SECRETARY, CITY MANAGER AND/OR OTHER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER SUCH CERTIFICATES, AGREEMENTS, AFFIDAVITS, NOTICES AND DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROCEED WITH THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE CERTIFICATES AND AUTHORIZING SAID MAYOR, MAYOR PRO-TEM, CITY SECRETARY, CITY MANAGER AND/OR OTHER CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SAID CERTIFICATES

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to authorize the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Secretary, City Manager and/or other City officials to executive and deliver such certificates, agreements, affidavits, notices and documents as may be necessary to proceed with the issuance and sale of the certificates and authorizing these officials to take such action as may be necessary for the issuance and sale of said certificates. Motion was seconded by Council Member Harbert.

Mr. Goodson said all public securities have to be submitted to the Office of the Attorney General, Public Finance Division, for review and approval.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

13. RESOLUTIONS

(a) *Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2018-10(R) nominating Kevin Mott as a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Orange County Appraisal District*

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2018-10(R) nominating Kevin Mott as a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Orange County Appraisal District.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-10(R) as read, seconded by Council Member Fields.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2018-11(R) designating Gary R. Traylor & Associates as the administrative consultant for application preparation and project administration in conjunction with a 2019-2020 TxCDBG (Texas Community Development Block Grant) application

Mr. Fukuda read Resolution No. 2018-11(R) designating Gary R. Traylor & Associates as the administrative consultant for application preparation and project administration in conjunction with a 2019-2020 TxCDBG (Texas Community Development Block Grant) application.

Council Member Roccaforte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-11(R), seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

With no discussion or questions, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

14. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of the April 3, 2018 City Council Meeting

Council Member Fisetta made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2018 City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

With no questions, additions, or alterations, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

(b) Consideration and possible action to approve the City Bills for the month of May 2018

Council Member Harbert made a motion to approve the May 2018 City bills, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

With no questions, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

(c) Consideration and possible action to approve an agreement with Gary R. Traylor & Associates, Inc. to render certain professional/administration services in connection with the 2017-2019 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, and the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to approve an agreement with Gary R. Traylor & Associates, Inc. to render professional/administration services in connection with the 2017-2019 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, and the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program. Motion was seconded by Council Member Roccaforte.

With no questions, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

(d) Consideration and possible action to approve an agreement with LJA Engineering, Inc. to render certain professional/engineering services in connection with the 2017-2019 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, and the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve an agreement with LJA Engineering, Inc., to render certain professional/engineering services in connection with the 2017-2019 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, and the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

With no questions, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

(e) *Consideration and possible action to approve request for authorization to have a drainage study done on the Arthur Street/Elsie Street area*

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to approve a request for authorization to have a drainage study done on the Arthur Street/Elsie Street area. Motion was seconded by Council Member Fields.

Mayor Rutledge stated that he asked Mr. Jones to put this on the agenda. There is some concern about the drainage on Elsie and Arthur, and how best to fix it. There's some differing opinions on this, so he asked Mr. Jones if the City could contract with one of the engineering firms that the City deals with on a regular basis. He would like to get them out there to do a definitive study, find out what the problems are, and why the pipes seem to be dry on the ends and wet in the middle or whatever the problem is. Council Member Roccaforte said, "Let's get this settled once and for all and get that drainage problem alleviated." Mayor Rutledge said Mr. Jones had told him this study could be funded with the streets and drainage account. He said he's asking Council to approve this so engineers can be contracted to do this.

Council Member Harbert asked Mr. Jones how long of a study are they talking about? Mr. Jones said he wanted to get approval before he went any further. He said time is the biggest problem for him. He said he basically knows what the problems are out there but he needs profile lines run and the elevations done. The City just doesn't have the manpower to go out there and do it. The Drainage District is busy and they don't have time to finish it, so the City needs something done, and this is the quickest way to do get it done. Mr. Jones said he will contact both firms and get a time schedule on it and hire the one that can get it done the quickest.

Council Member Fields asked Mr. Jones if our crews will do the actual work once the studies are back, or will we contract it out. Mr. Jones said it will depend on what their recommendations are and what has to be done to make the corrections. It may be treated like a normal project. Mr. Jones said let's wait to get the report back, and then he'll come back to Council to decide how to handle it.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

(f) Consideration and possible action to cancel or reschedule the July 3, 2018 City Council Meeting due to the Independence Day holiday

Council Member Fields made a motion to cancel the July 3, 2018 City Council Meeting due to the Independence Day Holiday. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

With no discussion, Mayor Rutledge called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

15. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m., seconded by Council Member Fields.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Gauthier.

David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry Tisdale, City Secretary