The City Council of Bridge City met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 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
Mayor Pro-Tem Eric Andrus
Council Member Kirk Roccaforte
Council Member Tammi Fisette
Council Member Terri Gauthier
Council Member Lucy Fields
Council Member Carl Harbert

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:
City Manager Jerry D. Jones
City Secretary Jeanie McDowell
City Attorney Paul M. Fukuda
Finance Director Karen Morgan
Personnel/Purchasing Director Mitzi Nolan
Police Chief Paul Davis
Utility Superintendent Mike Lund
Asst. Utility Superintendent Mike Die

2. INVOCATION

Invocation given by City Attorney Paul 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 AGENDA**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:** None.

5. **CONDUCT CEREMONIES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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(a) **Oaths of Office:**

- **Council Member, Place 1**
- **Council Member, Place 3**
- **Council Member, Place 5**

(Juramentos de Oficio:
- Miembro del Concilio, Lugar 1
- Miembro del Concilio, Lugar 3
- Miembro del Concilio, Lugar 5)

Judge Bill Dixon administered the oath of office to Council Member Carl Harbert, Place 1; Council Member Tammi Fisette, Place 3; and Council Member Terri Gauthier, Place 5.

(b) **Presentation of Certificate of Election to Council Members – Place 1, 3, and 5**

(La Presentación de Certificado de Elección y a los Miembros del Concilio en los Lugares 2, 4, y 6)

Mayor Rutledge read and presented the certificates of election to Council Member Carl Harbert, Place 1; Council Member Tammi Fisette, Place 3; and Council Member Terri Gauthier, Place 5, along with his congratulations to everyone.

6. **REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

(a) **City Manager**
City Manager Jerry Jones had the following report for Council:

1. A demonstration from another filter press company is operational at the sewer plant. If anyone would like to see how it works, the company will be there until tomorrow.
2. Will Larraín, Ace Engineers brought the sheet with numbers on it for the Elsie Street Project. Ace Engineers will go out for bids on that project.
3. The line replacement project is moving forward, and they have plenty of time before the deadline.

(b) City Council

Council Member Carl Harbert

None.

Council Member Kirk Roccaforte

None.

Council Member Tammi Fisette

1. Council Member Fisette asked what the writing on Elsie Street is because she has been asked about it several times.

   Mr. Jones said he did not know, but would find out. He then asked Mike Lund and Mike Die if they knew what it was.

   Mike Die said it was line locates from the gas company, because of gas leaks in that area.

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus

None.

Council Member Gauthier

1. Council Member Gauthier said she is honored and privileged to serve on the City Council for another 2 years. Council Member Gauthier said she is very honored to serve with the people on this Council, because they have the commitment and compassion to be a servant leader. Also, she prays that she can always bring something significant to the table, and hopes she is a word of encouragement and strength to each Council Member. She is very thankful to be able to serve again.

Council Member Fields
1. Council Member Fields congratulated the incoming Council Members. She also thanked Mayor Rutledge for his attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Coffee. Council Member Fields was also thankful for Mayor Rutledge and Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus’ joint effort in reading the proclamation for the Mother of the Year Award. Tiffany Jones was honored with the title this year and she was very surprised.

(c) City Staff Report

City Attorney Paul Fukuda

Congratulated the Council Members.

Miscellaneous City Staff

Jason Withers:
Congratulated the Council Members that was just sworn in. Also, he said that several Seniors would be volunteering in several areas of Southeast Texas to provide community service. This is Ms. Royal’s idea to leave a legacy project for the Seniors of 2019. He said he and several others would be volunteering at the Humane Society in Beaumont. Some students will be volunteering at the Ministerial Alliance and Kid Castle. The Seniors are doing great things for the community and the area.

(d) Mayor

Mayor David Rutledge had the following report:

1. Mayor Rutledge congratulated the Council Members that were sworn in and thanked them for stepping up to serve again.

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Consideration and possible action to approve minutes of the April 16, 2019 City Council Meeting

Council Member Fields made a motion to approve minutes of the April 16, 2019 City Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus.

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, Fisette, Gauthier and Fields.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

(b) Consideration and possible action to appoint new Mayor Pro-Tem to the City Council, as required by the City Charter, Section 3.05

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to appoint Council Member Terri Gauthier to Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Council Member Harbert.

With no further discussion, Mayor called for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED.
Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Fisette, Gauthier, and Fields.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

9. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m., seconded by Council Member Fields.

MOTION CARRIED.
Ayes: Mayor Rutledge, Mayor Pro-Tem Andrus, Council Members Harbert, Roccaforte, Fisette, Gauthier, and Fields.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

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David Rutledge, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeanie McDowell, City Secretary