

HEWITT TEXAS

**MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
HEWITT PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY– 100 PATRIOT COURT
July 6, 2020 – 7:00 PM**

Attendee Name	Title	Absent	Present	Arrived
Charles D. Turner (presiding)	Mayor, Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf	Mayor Pro Tem, Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Bill Fuller	Council Member, Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Vacancy	Council Member, Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Michael S. Bancale	Council Member, At-Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *	
Steve Fortenberry	Council Member, Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Erica Bruce	Council Member, Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

* Council Member Michael S. Bancale participated in the meeting via teleconference.

Staff present:

City Manager Bo Thomas
City Secretary Lydia Lopez
Fire Chief Lance Bracco
Police Chief Jim Devlin

In accordance with social distancing guidelines, the City Council meeting was not opened to the public; however, the meeting was live-streamed for view by the public on the City’s Facebook page.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.** Mayor Charlie Turner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. City Secretary Lydia Lopez polled the Council for attendance.
ALL PRESENT: Fuller, Bancale, Wachtendorf, Fortenberry, Bruce, and Turner
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG.** Mayor Charlie Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **HEAR VISITORS ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO CITY BUSINESS.** Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is prohibited from discussing, responding, or acting on any comments or items that have not been properly posted on the agenda. NOTE: The public was offered the opportunity to submit written comments on items listed on the agenda or under the hear visitors via the city’s website.
Mayor Charlie Turner read into the records comments sent via email to the City Secretary from the following: Cindy Norcross who opposed solicitors being allowed in Hewitt and Gary Cunha who was in favor of keeping the ordinance and even making it stronger against door to door solicitation. **No public comment forms were submitted via the city’s website.**

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 15, 2020, AND THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF JUNE 26, 2020.

MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved approval of the minutes as presented but allow for corrections.

SECOND: Council Member Erica Bruce

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

5. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING FY 2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET. City Manager Bo Thomas highlighted key facts regarding the contents of the FY 2020-2021 Proposed Budget. He further advised that the proposed budget presented to them was available for the public on the city's website. The next budget discussion would be on July 20, 2020.

6. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON MEMBER FUNDING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE WACO-MCLENNAN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT. City Manager Bo Thomas provided a summary of the services provided by the Health District and stated that the FY 2020-2021 funding assessments are based on Hewitt's population of 14,253 at \$2.40 per resident for a total of \$34,307.20. He further stated the funding was included in the FY 2020-2021 Proposed Budget.

MOTION: Council Member Erica Bruce moved to approve the funding assessments for the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District for FY 2020-2021.

SECOND: Council Member Bill Fuller

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

7. DISCUSSION AND BRIEFING CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY THERETO. City Manager Bo Thomas presented and recommended approval of the amended order as presented. This order extends the current order through July 21, 2020.

MOTION: Council Member Steve Fortenberry moved to approve order dated July 7, 2020.

SECOND: Council Member Erica Bruce

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

8. **CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12; AMENDING, REPLACING, UPDATING AND CLARIFYING CHAPTER 50 – PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS, ARTICLE 1, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HEWITT, TX.** City Manager Bo Thomas introduced Attorney Amy Thomas who was present in the absence of City Attorney Mike Dixon. Mr. Thomas presented a detailed summary of the new ordinance noting that this ordinance would establish a procedure for application, include required information for permit, criminal background checks, and an appeals process. He further stated the proposed ordinance will help the City be compliant with the United States Constitution and avoid a law suit which would be costly. Council Member Fortenberry read several emails he had received regarding citizens complaining about current solicitations going on in their neighborhood. Mayor Charlie Turner inquired about those holding a concealed handgun license.

MOTION: Council Member Erica Bruce moved to approve Ordinance No. 2020-12; amending, replacing, updating, and clarifying Chapter 50 – Peddlers and Solicitors.

SECOND: Council Member Wilbert “Walky” Wachtendorf

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

9. **ADJOURN.**

MOTION: Council Member Bill Fuller moved to adjourn the Regular meeting at 8:15 PM.

SECOND: Council Member Steve Fortenberry

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

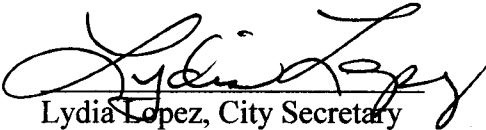
NAYES: None

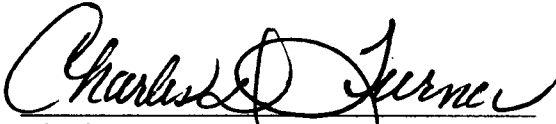
ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSED.

Approved: 07/20/2020

ATTEST:


Lydia Lopez, City Secretary


Charles D. Turner, Mayor