

**City of Bronte, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 13th, 2016 6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Bronte, Texas met in regular session in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 S. Washington Street, Bronte, Texas at 6:33 p.m.

6:30 P.M. City Council Convened
City Council Chambers, 114 S. Washington, Street, Bronte, Texas

Present: Mayor Gerald Sandusky City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins
Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford Utilities Director Ricky Royall
Council Member Paul Gohman
Council Member Martin Lee
Council Member George Tomes

Absent: Council Member Wade Stautzenberger

1. Proclamations and Presentations

1.1. Pledges of Allegiance were given by those in Council Chambers.

1.2. Prayer by Council Member Paul Gohman

2. Citizen Comments - Any citizen wishing to appear before a regular meeting of the City Council shall do so no later than seventy-five (75) hours prior to the start of the meeting at which the citizen wishes to appear by either:

Notifying the City Secretary's Office of that fact; or

Sign up to speak at the City Council meeting itself, with regard to any item posted on the City Council agenda.

- 2.1. Rebecca Hurd – The Family Shelter
Discuss family violence emergency shelters and self-sufficiency extended stay apartments for families of domestic abuse.
- 2.2. Jerome Hogan – 715 E Main Trust
Street and alley closure on 13.835 acres of land out of Blocks 1, 2, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 46, Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas as per plat of record in Volume 22, Page 602, Deed records of Coke County Texas.
- 2.3. Darold Calk – City of Bronte's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction
Citizen's property located at 6040 N Hwy 277, Bronte, Texas, states he does not have to comply with the City of Bronte Public Nuisance Ordinance. Local Government Code Title 2, Subtitle C, Chapter 42, Subchapter 5, Section

42.021(1): The extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality is the unincorporated area that is contiguous to the corporate boundaries of the municipality and that is located within one-half mile of those boundaries, in the case of a municipality with fewer than 5,000 inhabitants. The citizen is within the one-half mile city limit boundary.

3. Minutes

3.1. September 8, 2016 City Council Meeting

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

4. Consent Agenda - Items considered to be routine and enacted by one motion without separate discussion. If the City Council desires to discuss an item, the item is removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

4.1. Financials

- o Monthly Report
- o Bills to Pay
- o Revenues and Expenditures

Motion by Council Member Paul Gohman to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

5. Regular Agenda

5.1. Discuss/Act – Animal Services: Report

12	Cat
0	Dog
1	Porcupine
7	Possum
12	Raccoon
3	Skunk

City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins presented the Animal Services Report to the City Councilmembers. No action was taken.

5.2. Discuss/Act – Public Safety: Sheriff's Department Report

5 Calls for ordinance enforcement

- 0 Officer ordinance notifications from City Hall
- 2 Verbal ordinance warnings issued
- 0 Written ordinance warnings issued
- 0 Ordinance citations issued

City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins presented the Animal Services Report to the City Councilmembers. No action was taken.

5.3. Discuss/Act – Public Safety: Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Bill Torres presented the Fire Department Report to the City Councilmembers.

Fire Department Building – Mueller provided a quote for a 40' x 106' fire station shell in the amount \$36,000. A quote was also received from Mueller for a 50' x 50' meeting room in the amount \$20,000. An electric company has agreed to donate electrical supplies and labor for the new fire station. Staff is getting quotes for cement for the fire station foundation. Fire Departments plans to break ground in December 2016.

Fire Prevention Week – Smokey the Bear was present and had training with children at the Bronte Independent School District.

Training – 6 firemen attended Mineral Wells training for fire department credit.

Elections – President Ray Barnett; Vice President Josh Eubanks; Secretary Tanner Cochran; Treasurer Del Bratcher; Chief Bill Torres; Assistant Chief Martin DeLaGarza; Lieutenant Captain Josh Eubanks and Tanner Cochran.

No action was taken.

5.4. Discuss/Act – Public Safety: Fire / EMS City Water Credit

Volunteers within and outside city limits will receive the within city limit discount rate. Volunteers outside city limits will pay the difference owed.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford to approve the volunteer fire and EMS water credit, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

5.5. Ordinance 2nd Reading – Public Safety: Consider an ordinance establishing a Voluntary Public Safety Act fund for Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

Citizens may voluntarily donate funds to the Fire and EMS. Funds may be a one-time donation or may be placed on citizen's water bill, according to citizen's request. Citizens may stop donations at any time by contacting City Hall.

Motion by Council Member Paul Gohman to approve second reading of a Voluntary Public Safety Act Fund for Fire and Emergency Medical Services, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 5.6. **Resolution – Economic Development Corporation:** Consider a resolution approving the Bronte Economic Development Corporation 4A and 4B 2016-17 Budget.

Motion by Council Member Paul Gohman to approve the Bronte Economic Development Corporation 4A and 4B 2016-17 Budget, seconded by Council Member George Tomes.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 5.7. **Discuss/Act – City Attorney:** Nicholas E. Arrott II

City Attorney Nicholas E. Arrott II is running unopposed for the Coke County Attorney position. Once Nicholas is appointed County Attorney, there will be a conflict of interest if any legal actions are to arise between the City of Bronte and Coke County. Council will continue to use Nicholas E. Arrott as City Attorney. In the event a conflict arises, the City of Bronte will find legal advice from an outside source.

Motion by Council Member George Tomes to table the agreement with Nicholas E. Arrott II, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 5.8. **Discuss/Act – City Attorney:** Consider a resolution appointing Matthew L. Wade from Underwood Law Firm as City Attorney.

Council will continue to use Nicholas E. Arrott as City Attorney. In the event a conflict arises between the City of Bronte and Coke County, the City of Bronte will find legal advice from an outside source at a later date.

Motion by Council Member George Tomes to table the agreement with Underwood Law Firm, seconded by Council Member Martin Lee.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

5.7. **Discuss/Act – Water Utilities: Water Well Test at Oak Creek**

Motion by Council Member Martin Lee to approve of a test water well on City of Bronte property located on Oak Creek Lake, seconded by Council Member George Tomes.

Vote: 4 -- 0 Motion carried

6. **Executive Session**

The meeting was called into a closed public session, under the provisions of Section 551, Texas Government Code.

Hold an executive session in accordance with V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.074 (a)(1), to discuss personnel matters and take appropriate action.

- 6.1. City Secretary
- 6.2. Utilities Director
- 6.3. Mayor
- 6.4. Councilmembers

There being no further business, at 8:48 p.m. meeting adjourned.



Gerald Sandusky, Mayor

ATTEST:



Crystal L. Blevins, City Secretary

