

**City of Bronte, Texas**  
**Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 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 8:00 p.m.**

6:32 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              City Attorney Eileen M. Hayman  
Council Member Paul Gohman              Utilities Director Ricky Royall  
Council Member Martin Lee  
Council Member Wade Stautzenberger  
Council Member George Tomes

Absent:

**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 may do so by signing up to speak at the City Council meeting itself, with regard to any item posted on the City Council agenda. Council may take comments from citizens on this matter.**

- Veronica Rodriguez – What is going to happen to the property now that everything has been rescinded? What was the rush? Did Ronny Loyd accept the lease?
- Denise Gallaway – Why would we give up water rights in a settlement, when there never was a lawsuit against the City? What made you all decide to rescind giving the \$30,000? Are we still obligated or are we still going to have to pay him the improvements that he made on the property?
- Stormy Vaughn – What are plans with the land? What do you plan to do with the water?
- Lee Wommack – No discussion.
- James Sutton – What are we going to do with the land now? Towers? Bring money to the city?
- Lorretta Graham – No discussion.
- Paul Knight – When does transparency start? The citizens deserve an answer why you did this in the first place? Why Mr. Stautzenberger rescinded his resignation? Why are you meeting with Mr. Loyd on a daily basis at restaurants after your attorney told you not to meet with him?

- Marlene Vaughn – We need to look at our town, the citizens, and what we want to bring in to this town. We need to try and build a better town. Do what is good for the city.
- Bruce Vaughn – Thank you for decision made. I'm glad you did what you did. Let's sit on the land and see what happens with it.

### 3. Minutes

- 3.1. February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 City Council Meeting
- 3.2. February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Special City Council Meeting
- 3.3. February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 Special City Council Meeting

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford to approve of the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 minutes, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

### 4. Regular Agenda

- 4.1. **Discuss/Act – Finances:**
  - o Monthly Report

Motion by Council Member Martin Lee to approve of the Monthly Report, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- o Bills to Pay

Motion by Council Member Martin Lee to approve of the bills to pay, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford questioned Mountain Movers invoice in the amount \$750. Invoice was for the appraisal of land settlement offer at Oak Creek.

Council Member Martin Lee questioned the Reliant utility bill for the Prison Lift Station in the amount \$66.41. Ricky Royall explained when it rains the water flows down the sewer line and we need to drain the water out. Council Member Wade Stautzenberger requested Coke County pay utility bill. City staff will discuss with Judge Roy Blair in reference to the utility bill.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- o Revenues and Expenditures

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford to approve of the revenues and expenditures reports, seconded by Council Member George Tomes.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

**4.2. Discuss – Animal Services: Animal Report**

13 Cats  
2 Dogs  
3 Skunks  
5 Possums  
7 Raccoons  
0 Porcupines

Crystal L. Blevins presented the Animal Services Report.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

**4.3. Discuss/Act – Animal Services: Livestock Permits**

Calli Eubanks – 114 S. Randall; chickens, rabbits  
Daisy Hopkins – 211 E. Oliver; chickens, ducks  
Kay Mixon – 215 NW Railroad; chickens  
Paula McWright – 710 Westwood Lane; pigs, rabbits  
Armandina Sanchez – 734 S. Jefferson; sheep, horses, chickens, pigs  
Lynn Folis – 600 SW Railroad; cows, goats

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to approve of all livestock permits, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

**4.4. Discuss – Public Safety: Sheriff's Department Report**

9 Service Calls  
2 Verbal Warnings  
2 Written Warnings  
1 Citations

Crystal L. Blevins presented the Sheriff's Department Report.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

**4.5. Discuss – Public Safety: Fire Department Report**

Fire Chief Bill Torres presented the Fire Department Report.

- Locate and mark hydrants.
- Take precautions to prevent wildfires; keep surroundings clean.

- Attended Fire Chief Conference in Austin, Texas.
- Good community begins with the citizens. What do you want to see from the Fire Department?

Discussion only, no action was taken.

- 4.6. **Discuss/Act – Public Safety:** Discuss and consider action regarding relationship between the City of Bronte and the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department and the possibility of conveying property located at 401 W Main Street to the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department.

All of Lot Nos. One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), and Twelve (12) in Block No. Fifty-four (54) of the Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas, recording to the Map or Plat of said Town now on file in the office of the County Clerk of Coke County, Texas, as conveyed to the City of Bronte by Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 0202, Page 0223, of the Official Records of Coke County, Texas.

Fire Chief Bill Torres is holding on to bids that are good for only thirty days. Other cities provide the land and the fire department building. Request an interlocal agreement on expectations and utilities agreement with the City.

City Attorney Eileen M. Hayman a City may convey property to a nonprofit corporation for public use, the only thing in the deed would be a reversionary cause that if the land is used for anything other than public use, the ownership would revert back to the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford if we deeded you the property you could begin, we would just need to work out the small details. We could work on an interlocal agreement afterwards.

City Attorney Eileen M. Hayman informed council to motion “to convey the land located at 401 West Main Street to the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department for the agreement that Bronte VFD will use the property in a manner that promotes the public purpose and the property would revert back to the City if no longer used for public purpose.”

Motion by Council Member George Tomes to convey the land located at 401 West Main Street to the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department for the agreement that Bronte VFD will use the property in a manner that promotes the public purpose and the property would revert back to the City if no longer used for public purpose, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.7. **Discuss/Act – Cemetery:** Consider quitclaim, release and transfer of interest in cemetery interment right for four cemetery lots from Lana Elms, heir to Clint Low, to the City of Bronte in the amount of \$400.

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to purchase four cemetery lots in the amount of \$400 from Lana Elms, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.8. **Discuss/Act - Code Enforcement: Building Permits**  
Michael Bailey – 224 N Randall; carport

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford to approve the building permit with Michael Bailey, seconded by Council Member Martin Lee.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.9. **Discuss/Act – Code Enforcement:** Discuss and consider action authorizing the City Secretary to provide public notice that the residential structure located at 211 E. Howard, E/2 of Lots 7 & 8 Block 27 Original Town Bronte, Texas does not meet the minimum standards set forth in the City of Bronte Ordinance No. 368 and the Public Nuisance Ordinance #14-10, and therefore, is a public nuisance and shall be removed or demolished within sixty (60) days of the date of the order.

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to approve of the City Secretary publish a public notice for public nuisance on property located at 211E. Howard, Bronte, Texas, seconded by Council Member Martin Lee.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.10. **Discuss/Act – Community Development:** Discuss and consider action to execute a contract with the HOME Investment Partnerships Program between the City of Bronte and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford to approve of executing the contract with the HOME Investment Partnerships Program between the City of Bronte and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, seconded by Council Member Martin Lee.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.11. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider and take action to deed City of Bronte property located at 702 E Main Street, Bronte, Texas to William Christian and Amy Chumney.

1.0-acre tract of land, more or less, out of Survey 3, Abstract 59 Bronte Acres, Abstract 59, Section 3, C & M Ry Co Survey and being the same property described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 108 Page 320 of the Deed Records of Coke County, Texas, such description being incorporated herein by reference R1248

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to table the agenda item deeding property located at 702 E. Main Street Bronte, Texas to William Christian and Amy Chumney, seconded by Council Member Martin Lee.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.12. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider and take action to deed City of Bronte property located at East half (E/2) of Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10) and all of Lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) in Block Thirty-four (34) of the Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas, (R6498) to the Coke County Cowboy Church.

James Brunson – Cowboy Church was donated several sections of land on Fayette Street from Joy Keele. The Cowboy Church plans to build a public restroom accessible to citizens at the roping arena, a children’s roping arena, and a pavilion. Property to be deeded is to be used as parking space catty-corner to the property that belongs to the Cowboy Church.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford to approve of deeding City of Bronte property to the Coke County Cowboy Church, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.13. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider and take possible action regarding Resolution No. 17-05, a resolution of the City of Bronte, Texas approving a Bronte EDC project for the contribution of funds for the purchase of an ambulance to assist the business expansion of Bronte Health and Rehab Center

Eileen M. Hayman, City Attorney – Bronte EDC plans to grant funds in the amount \$50,000 to the East Coke County Ambulance Service in order to fund a portion of an ambulance. This was needed to support the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. By doing this, it would retain the businesses in the within the city to help keep the nursing home in business. Under Local Government Code, City Council is required to approve of the resolution at two different meetings. The Bronte EDC would need to enter into a Performance Agreement with the Bronte Health and Rehab Center that tie to the grant by the Bronte EDC. The Bronte Health and Rehab Center would need to retain current positions.

Lee Womack – The Bronte EDC approved unanimously to give \$50,000 for the purchase of an ambulance. The state will shut the nursing home down if we don't have an ambulance service.

Stephen Salmon – A new ambulance would cost \$230,000. The East Coke County Ambulance has funds, but would need to finance the remaining balance. State law requires nursing homes have to have an emergency plan to transport people by ambulance.

Motion by Council Member George Tomes to table the agenda item approving of Bronte Economic Development Corporation for the contribution of funds for the purchase of an ambulance to assist the business expansion of Bronte Health and Rehab Center, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.14. **Discuss/Act – Human Resources:** Discuss and consider action authorizing the Mayor to execute a rerate notice and benefit verification form with the Texas Municipal League MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool.

Option 1 - \$1,750 In Ded; \$2,000 Out Ded; \$1,000 in OOP; \$30 OV; MAC A; MTMP

Option 2 - \$850 In Ded; \$1,100 Out Ded; \$5,000 in OOP; \$35 OV; MAC A; MTMP

Option 3 - \$1,050 In Ded; \$1,300 Out Ded; \$3,000 in OOP; \$40 OV; MAC A; MTMP

Option 4 - \$1,000 In Ded; \$1,250 Out Ded; \$2,500 in OOP; No OV; MAC A; MTMP

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford to approve of option 4 of the Texas Municipal League MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool rerate benefits for medical insurance, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.15. **Discuss/Act – Information Technology:** Discuss and consider action renewing maintenance agreement with United Systems Technology, Inc for accounting and utility software.

Software includes:  
Accounts Payable

Administrator  
Bank Drafts  
Cemetery Management  
General Ledger  
Hand Held Meter Readers  
Master Directory  
Multiple A/P Checking Accounts  
Payroll  
Service Orders  
Utility Billing  
jUST Incase Remote Backup

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford to renew the maintenance agreement with United Systems Technology, Inc for accounting and utility software, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.16. **Discuss – City Secretary:** Discuss and consider action for employment contract with Crystal L. Blevins as City Secretary.

Crystal L. Blevins offering two year agreement to reassure council employment with the City of Bronte.

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to table the agenda item for an employment contract with Crystal L. Blevins as City Secretary, seconded by Council Member Martin Lee.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.17. **Discuss/Act – City Council:** Discuss and consider action on Interlocal Project Expense Report approved by City Council on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Crystal L. Blevins – Requested County to help the City of Bronte with blading city streets. Mayor pro tem suggested getting revised Interlocal Project Expense Report. Suggestion was also made to look at alternative options without relying on the County. City Secretary will renegotiate with the County for street blading and look into other alternative options.

Motion by Council Member George Tomes to table the agenda item on the Interlocal Expense Report with Coke County, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried



- 4.18. **Discuss/Act – City Council:** Discuss and consider action regarding resolution of issues related to the Land Lease Agreement dated April 14, 2016, between the City of Bronte, as landlord, and Ronny Loyd, as tenant, for a 6.846 acre tract and 11.523 acre tract near Oak Creek Lake.

No discussion

- 4.19. **Executive Session – City Council:** The City Council may enter into Executive Session under Gov't Code §551.071, Consultation with Attorney, to discuss legal ramifications and liability issues regarding resolution of matters related to the Land Lease Agreement.

Council entered into executive session at 6:33 p.m. and returned at 7:35 p.m. to discuss agenda item 4.20.

- 4.20. **Discuss/Act – City Council:** The City Council will reconvene in open session and may take action regarding resolution of issues related to the Land Lease Agreement dated April 14, 2016, between the City of Bronte, as landlord, and Ronny Loyd, as tenant, for a 6.846 acre tract and an 11.523 acre tract near Oak Creek Lake.

Motion by Council Member George Tomes to rescind the motion made to pay Ronny Loyd \$30,000 for land improvements, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.21. **Discuss/Act – City Council:** Consider and take action to approve payment to Mr. Ronny Loyd in the amount \$30,000 out of the Water Utilities Fund Professional Services.

Motion by Council Member George Tomes to take no action on payment to Mr. Ronny Loyd in the amount \$30,000 out of the Water Utilities Fund Professional Services, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.22. **Discuss/Act – City Council:** Discuss and consider action for the bidding and advertisement of 6.846 acre tract of land near Oak Creek Lake out of the D.L. Laughlin Survey #9, Coke County, Texas, and being out of a 730.59 acre survey conveyed as Tract One to the City of Sweetwater, Recorded in Volume 3, page 25, Minutes of the County Court, Coke County, Texas.

Motion by Council Member George Tomes to take no action for the bidding and advertisement of 6.846 acre tract of land near Oak Creek Lake out of the D.L. Laughlin Survey #9, Coke County, Texas and being out of a 730.59 acre

survey conveyed as Tract One to the City of Sweetwater, Recorded in Volume 3, Page 25 Minutes of the County Court, Coke County, Texas, seconded by Council Member Martin Lee.

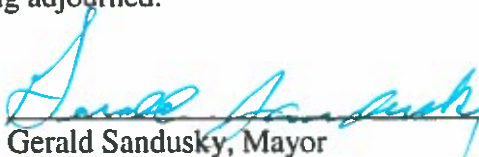
Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.23. **Discuss/Act – City Council:** Discuss and consider action for the bidding and advertisement of 11.523 acre tract of land near Oak Creek Lake out of the Seforiano De La Garza Survey #304, The A.E. Gotcher Survey #1, the J.E. Hendry Survey #1, and the D. L. Laughlin Survey #9, Coke County, Texas, and being out of a 730.59 acre survey conveyed as Tract One to the City of Sweetwater, recorded in Volume 3, page 25, Minutes of the County Court, Coke County, Texas.

Motion by Council Member George Tomes to take no action for the bidding and advertisement of 11.523 acre tract of land near Oak Creek Lake out of the Seforiano De La Garza Survey #304, The A.E. Gotcher Survey #1, the J.E. Hendry Survey #1, and the D. L. Laughlin Survey #9, Coke County, Texas, and being out of a 730.59 acre survey conveyed as Tract One to the City of Sweetwater, recorded in Volume 3, page 25, Minutes of the County Court, Coke County, Texas, seconded by Council Member Martin Lee.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

There being no further business, at 9:15 p.m. meeting adjourned.

  
Gerald Sandusky, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Crystal L. Blevins, City Secretary