

City of Bronte, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday May 15th, 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.

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

Present: Mayor Gerald Sandusky City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins
Council Member David Bedford City Attorney Eileen M. Hayman
Council Member Jim Rodriguez Utilities Director Ricky Royall
Council Member Wade Stautzenberger
Council Member Stormy Vaughn

Absent: Council Member Paul Gohman

1. Proclamations and Presentations

- 1.1. Pledges of Allegiance were given by those in Council Chambers.
- 1.2. Prayer by Council Member David Bedford.
- 1.3. Canvass of the May 6th, 2017 City General Election

City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins read City of Bronte Precinct Report Unofficial canvassing votes for candidates for the three council member vacancies.

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Jim Rodrigez	92
Paul Knight	57
Orlando DeLaGarza	49
Stormy Vaughn	69
David Bedford	103

The following candidates with the highest number of votes will be sworn in as council members:

Jim Rodriguez
Stormy Vaughn
David Bedford

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to approve of the canvassing of the votes, seconded by Council Member Jim Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

1.4. Administration of Statements and Oaths of Office of Elected Officers

The following candidates were sworn in by City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins as council members for the City of Bronte:

Council Member David Bedford
Council Member Jim Rodriguez
Council Member Stormy Vaughn

1.5. **Discuss/Act – City Council:** Appoint Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Bronte

Mayor Gerald Sandusky recommended appointing Council Member David Bedford as Mayor Pro Tem due to the number of votes received at the May 6th, 2017 General Election.

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to approve of appointing Council Member David Bedford as Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried; Council Member David Bedford abstained

1.6. Administration of Statements and Oaths of Office for Mayor Pro Tem

Council Member David Bedford was sworn in by City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Bronte.

1.7. Presentations of Certificates of Election

The following Council Members and Mayor Pro Tem were presented with a Certificate of Election by City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins:

Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford
Council Member Jim Rodriguez
Council Member Stormy Vaughn

1.8. **Discuss/Act – City Council:** Appoint Council Members as Commissioners

- Fire / EMS Commissioner Stormy Vaughn
- Property / Building Commissioner David Bedford
- Sewer Commissioner Jim Rodriguez
- Streets / Alley Commissioner Wade Stautzenberger
- Water Commissioner Paul Gohman

Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford and Council Member Stormy Vaughn requests a written job description be provided for commissioners.

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.

- City Attorney Eileen M. Hayman – provided advice to Council Members on procedures for citizen comments; cannot discuss about a topic that is not on the agenda; if an item is on the agenda council can take notes, they may ask the citizen questions during the specified agenda item.
- Paul Knight – Request more transparency.

3. **Minutes**

- 3.1. April 13th, 2017 City Council Meeting
3.2. April 21st, 2017 Special City Council Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford and Council Members Jim Rodriguez and Stormy Vaughn had questions in reference to multiple invoices that were paid in April and the reason for payment.

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to approve of the April 13th and April 21st, 2017 minutes, seconded by Mayor Gerald Sandusky.

Vote: 2 – 0 Motion carried; Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford and Council Members Jim Rodriguez and Stormy Vaughn abstained from vote

4. **Regular Agenda**

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

Council Member Stormy Vaughn had questions in reference to multiple invoices that were being paid and the reason for payment.

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of the Monthly Report, seconded by Council Member Jim Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- o Bills to Pay

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of the Bills to Pay, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- o Revenues and Expenditures

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to approve of the revenues and expenditures, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

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

- 7 Cats
- 8 Raccoons
- 6 Possums
- 1 Skunks

Crystal L. Blevins presented the Animal Services Report.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

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

- 8 Calls for ordinance enforcement
- 0 Officer ordinance notifications from City Hall
- 2 Verbal ordinance warnings issued
- 0 Written ordinance warning issued
- 2 Ordinance citations issued

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

Discussion only, no action was taken.

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

Fire Chief Bill Torres – June 2nd breaking ground date for the construction of the new fire department building.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

4.5. **Discuss/Act - Code Enforcement: Building Permits**

Maria Barnett – 603 NE Railroad; storage unit

Utilities Director Ricky Royall – 12'x20' storage shed

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to approve of the building permit for Maria Barnett, seconded by Council Member Jim Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

Brian Rote – 523 E McCaulley; storage unit, fence

Utilities Director Ricky Royall – 10'x8' storage unit and fence

Motion by Council Member Jim Rodriguez to approve of the building permit for Brian Rote, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

Carrie Warren – 608 W Jones; porch/deck

Utilities Director Ricky Royall – citizen requests add a wood porch/deck to existing house

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve of the building permit for Carrie Warren, seconded by Council Member Jim Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.6. **Discuss/Act – Finance:** Consider Budget Ordinance No. 2017-01, Amendment 2, amending the FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget for municipal purposes respecting the General, Water, Sewer and Sanitation Fund to transfer budgeted expense from employment taxes to Medicare and social security expense line items; and to increase employee health insurance.

City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins presented transfer of funds from Employment Taxes to Medicare and Social Security expense line item, and to add expense line item for Employee Health Insurance.

Motion by Council Member Jim Rodriguez to approve of Amendment No. 2 amending the FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.7. **Discuss/Act – Finance:** Consider and take action applying all water utility revenue received from the City of Robert Lee to be applied to the Water Fund instead of being split between the Water Debt Fund and Water Fund.

City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins presented request for revenue received from the City of Robert Lee be applied directly to the Water Utilities Fund instead of being split 60% to the Water Debt Fund and 40% to the Water Utility Fund.

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of applying all of City of Robert Lee revenue to the Water Utilities Fund with the exception funds may be split between the Water Debt Fund and Water Utilities Fund at a later date, seconded by Council Member Jim Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.8. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider and take action to deed Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block One (1) in the Maxwell Addition to the City of Bronte, Coke County, Texas, such description being incorporated herein by reference as R6852 in the amount \$600.00 to Caleb Magness and Mason Magness of San Angelo, Texas.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve of deeding Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block One (1) in the Maxwell Addition in the amount \$600.00 to Caleb Magness and Mason Magness, seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.9. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider and take action to deed Lot Six (6) in Block Forty-nine (49) of the Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas and described in Volume 296 Page 330 of the Deed Records of Coke County, Texas, such description being incorporated herein by reference as R6569 in the amount \$953.00 to Josh and Calli Eubanks of Bronte, Texas.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve of deeding Lot Six (6) in block Forty-Nine (49) of the Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas in the amount \$953.00 to Josh and Calli Eubanks, seconded by Council Member Jim Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.10. **Discuss/ Act – City Secretary:** Remove/Add signators to the City of Bronte's General, Water, Sewer, and Sanitation Fund bank accounts.

City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins requests signators previous Deputy City Secretary Marian Gohman, Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford and Council Member George Tomes be removed as signators to the City of Bronte's bank accounts, and add Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford and Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to add Council Member Stormy Vaughn and Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford as signators to the City of Bronte bank accounts, seconded by Council Member Jim Rodriguez.

Vote: 2 – 0 Motion carried; Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford and Council Member Stormy Vaughn abstained

- 4.11. **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.

Council entered into executive session at 8:03 p.m. and returned at 8:59 p.m. to discuss agenda item 4.13.

- 4.12. **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.

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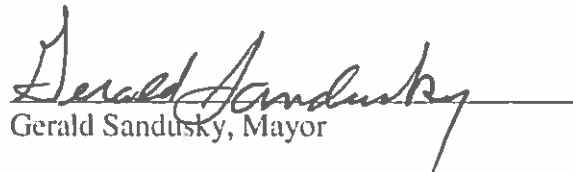
- 4.13. **Discuss/Act – City Council:** The City Council will reconvene in open session and may take action regarding resolution of issues related to the Land Lease Agreement dated April 14, 2016, between the City of Bronte, as landlord, and Ronny Loyd, as tenant, for a 6.846 acre tract and an 11.523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

Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford made a motion at this time any issues related to the land lease agreement as land lord Ronny Loyd as tenant that we take no action, seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford made a motion to adjourn at 9:07 p.m., seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried


Gerald Sandusky, Mayor

ATTEST:


Crystal L. Blevins, City Secretary

