

City of Bronte, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday June 8th, 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 6:30 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 Utilities Director Ricky Royall
Council Member Paul Gohman
Council Member Jim Rodriguez
Council Member Stormy Vaughn

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 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.

- Pat Martindale – Duties of council members. Listen to citizens and City staff.
- Margaret Charlesworth – Request change date of monthly regular council meetings from the second Thursdays to another date. Conflicts with Bronte I.S.D. board meetings.
- Marlyn Vaughn – Request council look at City needs and work together with other entities.

3. Minutes

3.1. May 15th, 2017 City Council Meeting

Council Member Jim Rodriguez request correction be made to item 3.2 motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Sandusky when it should have read Mayor Gerald Sandusky.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve of the May 15th, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes with correction, seconded by Council Member Jim Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

4. **Regular Agenda**

4.1. **Discuss/Act – Finances:**

- Monthly Report

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of the monthly report, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- Bills to Pay

Council Member Jim Rodriguez – Why training is listed twice. Training is broken down by per diem and mileage reimbursement expense.

Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford – Animal Service contract with Matt Basquez. Contract is \$437.50 twice a month. Animal trapper monitors traps daily and transports animals to Brownwood as needed.

Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford – Republic Services at the Convenience Center. The City receives six free roll-off containers. Contract terms October 2020. Republic rates will increase annually 3% and are based on Consumer Price Index.

Motion by Council Member Jim Rodriguez to approve of the bills to pay, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- Revenues and Expenditures

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of the revenue and expenditures report, seconded by Council Member Jim Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- Delinquent Accounts

005050-06	Robin's Nest	\$ 13.40
005300-05	Pamela Clark	4.86
037200-08	Corina Reyes	12.51
045100-13	Jessica Matthews	3.46

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve of writing off the listed delinquent accounts as bad debt, seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

o Collections

005050-05	Allyson Crenshaw	\$ 216.14
007200-05	Juan Sanchez	38.23
01560001	Mary Patton	127.05
026400	Adam Martinez	74.81
029400-02	Landis McCormick	169.26
044100-02	Reagan Proctor	168.15
044300-01	Ramiro Casillas	256.12
047900-02	Nancy Sanchez	166.00
052100	Leo Wisley	112.69
05830-07	Crystal Moreno	247.96
058500-02	David McMullan	183.73
067700-11	Kenneth Ford	50.46
067900-19	Katherine Fagan	95.77
068600-09	Jessica DeRosa	414.83

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve of the listed delinquent accounts to be sent to collections, seconded by Council Member Jim Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

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

- 3 Cats
- 5 Raccoons
- 3 Possums
- 1 Dog

Crystal L. Blevins presented the Animal Services Report.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

4.3. **Discuss – 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
- 1 – Ordinance citation issued

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

Discussion only, no action was taken.

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

Crystal L. Blevins presented the Fire Department Report on behalf of Fire Chief Bill Torres. Texas Forestry Service has donated equipment to the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department. BVFD will travel to Lufkin, Texas to pick up donated equipment.

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

- Lynn and Kaci Follis – Old Football Field; 40'x80' building

Metal building 3,200 sq ft barn.

Motion by Council Member Jim Rodriguez to approve of the building permit for Lynn and Kaci Follis for the construction of a building at the old football field in Bronte, Texas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- Paul Knight – 415 N Franklin; fence

Motion by Council Member Jim Rodriguez to approve of the building permit for Paul Knight for the construction of a metal fence at 415 N Franklin in Bronte, Texas, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- Jonathan and Amy Reeves – 705 Meadow Lane; fence

Fence in west orchard to hold livestock.

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of the building permit for Jonathan and Amy Reeves for the construction of fence at 705 Meadow Lane in Bronte, Texas, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

4.6. **Discuss – City Council: Discuss City and Coke County relations.**

Coke County Commissioner Paul Williams – Discussed Senate Bill 2 and Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bronte and Coke County. Agrees to patch pot holes within Precinct 2 based on FEMA rates.

- 4.7. **Discuss/Act – Finance:** Consider Budget Ordinance Amendment 3, amending the FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget for municipal purposes respecting the General, Water, and Sewer Fund to transfer budgeted expense from the DARE Program, Grant GO Texas Project and Depot expense line item in General Fund to increase Insurance, Professional Services, Copier/Fax, Mileage, Dues/Memberships, and Computer; reduce the Capital Outlay, Water Purchases, and Remote Read Meters expenses in Water Fund to increase Professional Services, Dues/Memberships, Assessment Fee and Water Well Lease items; increase Robert Lee revenue in the Water Fund; and reduce the Fuel & Oil and Professional Services expense line items in the Sewer Fund to increase Training Travel, Mileage Feed Inmates, Permit, and Sludge Analysis expenses.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve first reading of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 3, seconded by Council Member Jim Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.8. **Discuss – Sanitation:** Discuss landfill options for Bronte, Texas.

Council Member Stormy Vaughn – Request looking into landfill options for dilapidated houses.

Restoring Bronte Foundation Nick Arrott – Will donate time to prepare legal documents for the establishment of a landfill. Need a donor to donate five to ten acres of land.

Utilities Director Ricky Royall – Concerned citizens would dump household trash at landfill location.

- 4.9. **Discuss – Sanitation:** Discuss options at the Convenience Center.

Council Member Jim Rodriguez – Once roll-off-containers at Convenience Center are full and ready to be hauled off, that the City of Bronte contact citizens if they have brush to dump the brush in the roll-off-containers.

Utilities Director Ricky Royall – Matt Basquez would need to work later hours. Concerned citizens would begin dropping brush off outside of the Convenience Center gates.

- 4.10. **Discuss/Act – City Council:** Consider a resolution approving a policy with job descriptions and duties of commissioners appointed by the Mayor.

Motion by Council Member Jim Rodriguez to approve of the commissioner's job description and duties, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.11. **Discuss – Economic Development:** Discuss future options for City owned property located south of the Depot.

City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins – Request council approval to look into bidding land south of the Bronte Depot as rental townhome development.

Council Members gave approval for City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins to pursue and look further into bidding land as rental townhome development. Requests include: historic look similar to the Depot; monthly rent comparable to what citizens pay for rent in the City.

- 4.12. **Discuss – Economic Development:** Discuss marketing ideas for Bronte, Texas.

Council Member Stormy Vaughn – Requests City of Bronte and Bronte I.S.D. work together for marketing ideas to attract citizens and students to our community.

Bronte I.S.D. Superintendent Tim Siler – Placed billboards in San Angelo, Texas recruiting students to Bronte I.S.D. Requests an organized group of people from Restoring Bronte Foundation, Bronte I.S.D. and the City of Bronte to meet monthly and discuss cooperative marketing plans and split share costs of expenses for marketing.

Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford – Agreed to be appointed as commissioner for marketing Bronte.

- 4.13. **Discuss – Economic Development:** Discuss future revenue options for City owned property at Oak Creek.

Council Member Stormy Vaughn – Request looking into future revenue for the City owned property at Oak Creek. Suggestions include: cell phone tower, sell water to Ft Chadbourne, sell untreated water.

- 4.14. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider deeding Lot Thirteen (13) in Block Two (2) of the Maxwell Addition to the City of Bronte, Coke County, Texas (R6867) in the amount \$121.00 to Kathy Underwood & Ramona Taylor of Ferris, Texas.

Motion by Council Member Jim Rodriguez to approve of deeding Lot Thirteen (13) in Block Two (2) of the Maxwell Addition to the City of Bronte, Coke County, Texas (R6867) in the amount \$121.00 to Kathy Underwood & Ramona Taylor of Ferris, Texas, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.15. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider deeding Lot Three (3) in Block Seventy-eight (78) of the Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas and being the same property described in Warranty Deed 183 page 530 of the Deed Records of Coke County, Texas, such description being incorporated herein by reference (R6723) in the amount \$305.00 to Matt & Ginger Williams of The Woodlands, Texas.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve of deeding Lot Three (3) in Block Seventy-eight (78) of the Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas and being the same property described in Warranty Deed 183 page 530 of the Deed Records of Coke County, Texas, such description being incorporated herein by reference (R6723) in the amount \$305.00 to Matt & Ginger Williams of the Woodlands, Texas, seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.16. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider deeding Lots Five (5) and Six (6) in Block Eighteen (18) of the Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas, (R6431) in the amount \$1,200.00 to Bedo S. Juarez of Bronte, Texas.

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to deeding Lots Five (5) and Six (6) in Block Eighteen (18) of the Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas, (R6431) in the amount \$1,200.00 to Bedo S. Juarez of Bronte, Texas, seconded by Council Member Jim Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.17. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider deeding North half (N/2) of Lot Seventeen (17) and all of Lot Eighteen (18) in block Fifty-three (53) of the Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas (R6597) in the amount \$2,500.00 to German Pena of Bronte, Texas.

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to deeding North half (N/2) of Lot Seventeen (17) and all of Lot Eighteen (18) in block Fifty-three (53) of the Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas (R6597) in the amount \$2,500.00 to German Pena of Bronte, Texas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.18. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider deeding all of Lot No. One (1) and Lot No. Two (2) in Block No. Sixty (60) in the Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas (R6621) in the amount \$570.00 to Justin Reed of Bronte, Texas.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to reject of deeding all of Lot No. One (1) and Lot No. Two (2) in Block No. Sixty (60) in the Original Town of Bronte,

Coke County, Texas (R6621) in the amount \$570.00 to Justin Reed of Bronte, Texas, seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.19. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider deeding all of Lot No. Six (6) and Lot No. Seven (7) in Block No. Six (6) in the Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas, according to the map or plat of said Town of record in the office of the County Clerk of Coke County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 123, Page 21 in the Deed Records of Coke County, Texas (R6377) in the amount \$500.00 to Carol L. Breiten of Bronte, Texas.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve of deeding all of Lot No. Six (6) and Lot No. Seven (7) in Block No. Six (6) in the Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas, according to the map or plat of said Town of record in the office of the County Clerk of Coke County, Texas; being that property more particularly described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 123, Page 21 in the Deed Records of Coke County, Texas (R6377) in the amount \$500.00 to Carol L. Breiten of Bronte, Texas, seconded by Council Member Jim Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.20. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider deeding Lot Four (4) in Block Eighteen (18) of the Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas (R6430) in the amount \$350.00 to Bedo S. Juarez of Bronte, Texas.

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of deeding Lot Four (4) in Block Eighteen (18) of the Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas (R6430) in the amount \$350.00 to Bedo S. Juarez of Bronte, Texas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.21. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider deeding Lot Two (2) in Block Six (6) of the Maxwell addition to the City of Bronte, Coke County, Texas (R6879) in the amount \$89.00 to Patricia Menchaca of Tenyson, Texas.

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of deeding Lot Two (2) in Block Six (6) of the Maxwell addition to the City of Bronte, Coke County, Texas (R6879) in the amount \$89.00 to Patricia Menchaca of Tenyson, Texas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m., seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 - 0 Motion carried


Gerald Sandusky, Mayor

ATTEST:


Crystal D. Blevins, City Secretary

