

City of Bronte, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday July 11th, 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.

6:31 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 Stormy Vaughn
Council Member Wade Stautzenberger

Absent: Council Member Jim Rodriguez

1. Proclamations and Presentations

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

1.2. Prayer by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

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.

- Stephen Salmon – Discuss East Coke County Ambulance Services needs.
- Marlyn Vaughn – Request council look at landfill services for the community, street conditions, and properties.

3. Minutes

3.1. June 8th, 2017 City Council Meeting

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve of the June 8th, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

3.2. June 12th, 2017 City Council Meeting Special

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of the June 12th, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried; Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford abstain

4. Regular Agenda

4.1. Discuss/Act – Finances:

- o Monthly Report

Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford request previous months report to be included for future meetings.

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

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- o Bills to Pay

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of the bills to pay, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- o Revenues and Expenditures

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve of the revenue and expenditures report, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

4.2. Discuss – Animal Services: Animal Report

- 6 Cats
- 4 Raccoons
- 2 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

0 – 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

Fire Chief Bill Torres not present to discuss Fire Department Report.

4.5. Discuss – Public Safety: Ambulance Report

Stephen Salmon presented the needs of the East Coke County Ambulance Services requesting citizens to volunteer and the need for a new ambulance. A new ambulance expense would cost \$250,000.

4.6. Discuss/Act - Code Enforcement: Building Permits

- o Lynn Pate – 107 S. Franklin on East Oliver, public shower

Lynn Pate requested building permit to be tabled, gathering plans for future council meeting.

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to table the building permit for Lynn Pate for the construction of a public shower at 107 S. Franklin on East Oliver Bronte, Texas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

4.7. Discuss/Act – Finance: Consider 2nd Reading of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 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 Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of the 2nd Reading of Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 3, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.8. **Discuss/Act – Finance:** Consider a resolution approving cooperation with the cities served by AEP to review AEP Texas Inc.'s requested approval of an adjustment to its energy efficiency cost recovery factor; hiring legal and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to legal counsel.

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of the resolution approving cooperation with the cities served by AEP Texas Inc.'s, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.9. **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.

Justin Reed was present for meeting and agreed to remove the house from the property.

Council Member Stormy Vaughn requests an agreement be drawn up with Justin Reed stating he is required to demo/remove house from property within six months of deed being in Justin's name, and that the City of Bronte cannot issue a public Dangerous Building Ordinance violation against Justin Reed during the six month period. A Public Nuisance Ordinance can be filed against Justin Reed if the property is in violation of the ordinance.

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of deeding land to Justin Reed with an exception that an agreement is made between the City of Bronte and Justin Reed in reference to ordinance requirements and stipulations within a specified timeframe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.10. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider deeding 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) in the amount \$6,050.00 to Matt and Ginger Williams of The Woodlands, Texas.

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to approve of deeding 1.0-acre tract of land, more or less, out of Survey 3, Abstract 59 Bronte Acres,

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Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.11. **Discuss – Economic Development:** Discuss volunteer release and waiver of liability with the Restoring Bronte Foundation.

City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins presented a copy of the volunteer release and waiver of liability to be presented to the Restoring Bronte Foundation.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

- 4.12. **Discuss/Act – Streets:** Consider Interlocal Project Expense Report with Coke County, Texas to repair pot holes within city limits of Precinct 2.

County Commissioner Paul Williams proposes the City of Bronte contract with Jimmie Walker, previous County staff, to operate County equipment to blade streets. The City would be required to pay Jimmie Walker and for use of County equipment on an hourly basis. Reimbursement from the City of Bronte to Coke County for use of equipment would be credit to Coke County for water services.

Council Member Stormy Vaughn addressed the Public Nuisance ordinance violations throughout the city limits. Public Nuisance Ordinance #14-10; Section 2(m-n) “Permitting or allowing any weeds, filth or rubbish of any kind to remain on any sidewalk in front of or at the side of any premises, to the curb line, in front or at the side of any premises, or upon any alley that may be at the rear or side of any lots; Permitting, allowing, constructing, maintaining: a fence, walk, tree, hedge, structure, vehicle, or any other obstruction over, on, or across any public property, way, alley, street, sidewalk, or park.”

Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford requests that the City first blade the streets before we fix pot holes.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to table the Interlocal Project Expense Report with Coke County, Texas to repair pot holes within city limits of Precinct 2, seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.13. **Discuss/Act – Streets:** Consider Interlocal Project Expense Report with coke County, Texas to blade streets within city limits of Precinct 2 and 4.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to table the Interlocal Project Expense Report with Coke County, Texas to blade streets within city limits of Precinct 2 and 4, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.14. **Discuss/Act – Public Utilities:** Consider citizen request for streetlight at the corner of East McCaulley Avenue and South State Street.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to reject the request made by citizen requesting streetlight at the corner of East McCaulley Avenue and South State Street, seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.15. **Discuss/Act – City Council:** Consider appointing a council member as Marketing Commissioner on behalf of the City of Bronte.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to appoint Council Member Stormy Vaughn as Marketing Commissioner on behalf of the City of Bronte, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried; Council Member Stormy Vaughn abstain

- 4.16. **Discuss/Act – City Council:** Consider appointing Susan DeLaGarza and Cynthia Robinson as Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Bronte with a term expiring May 31, 2019.

Council Member Stormy Vaughn requests the Housing Authority advertise the Commissioner positions with all citizens within the community.

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to reject appointing Susan DeLaGarza and Cynthia Robinson as Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Bronte and requests the positions is advertised publically to all citizens within the community, seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.17. **Discuss/Act – City Council:** Consider a resolution amending the designated monthly City Council meetings from the 2nd Thursday of each month to the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve amending the designated monthly City Council meetings from the 2nd Thursday of each month to the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm with the exception to reschedule meetings around for school activities and sporting events, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

4.18. **Adjourn:**

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to adjourn at 8:24 pm, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried



Gerald Sandusky, Mayor

ATTEST:



Crystal L. Blevins, City Secretary

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

Additionally, it is noted that regular audits are essential to identify any discrepancies or errors early on. This proactive approach helps in maintaining the integrity of the financial statements and prevents any potential issues from escalating.

The second section focuses on the role of technology in modern accounting. It highlights how software solutions can streamline processes, reduce manual errors, and provide real-time insights into the company's financial health.

However, it also cautions against over-reliance on technology, stressing the need for a solid understanding of the underlying principles and a backup plan in case of system failures.

In conclusion, the document serves as a comprehensive guide for anyone looking to optimize their accounting practices. It provides practical advice and best practices that can be applied across various industries and business sizes.