

**City of Bronte, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday September 21st, 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.

6:32 P.M. City Council Convened
City Council Chambers, 114 S. Washington, Street, Bronte, Texas

Present: Mayor Gerald Sandusky Deputy City Secretary Teresa Ballard
Council Member David Bedford Utilities Director Ricky Royall
Council Member Paul Gohman
Council Member Wade Stautzenberger

Absent: Council Member Santiago Rodriguez City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins
Council Member Stormy Vaughn City Attorney Eileen M. Hayman

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.

Cody McClure – Cowboy Church restore house located on East half (E0s) 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.

3. Minutes

3.1. August 17th, 2017 City Council Meeting

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to approve of the August 17th, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes as is, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

3.2. August 24th, 2017 Special City Council Meeting

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to approve of the August 24th, 2017 Special City Council Meeting Minutes as is, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 2 – 0 Motion carried; Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford abstained

4. **Regular Agenda**

- 4.1. **6:30 p.m. Public Hearing – Finance:** Hold a public hearing on a tax rate of \$0.43130096 per \$100 valuation that has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of the City of Bronte. This rate exceeds the effective rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

No citizen present for the public hearing.

- 4.2. **Ordinance 2nd Reading – Finance:** Consider an ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of Bronte for 2017; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve of the ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of Bronte for 2017; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid on a tax rate of \$0.43130096 per \$100 valuation, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.3. **6:30 p.m. Public Hearing – Finance:** Hold a public hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating Budget

No citizen present for the public hearing.

- 4.4. **Ordinance 2nd Reading – Finance:** Consider an ordinance approving and adopting a budget for Fiscal Year 2018; approving summary of estimated and forecasted revenues, providing for filing of adopted budget; and approving all permit license fees and charges for services recommended to be adjusted finding that proper notice of meeting provided by law and ratifying such, and providing for publication.

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to approve of the ordinance approving and adopting a budget for Fiscal Year 2018; approving summary of estimated and forecasted revenues, providing for filing of adopted budget; and approving all permit license fees and charges for services recommended to be adjusted finding that proper notice of meeting provided by law and ratifying such, and providing for publication, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

4.5. Discuss/Act – Finances:

○ Monthly Report

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

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

○ Bills Paid

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to approve of the bills paid, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

○ Revenues and Expenditures

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to approve of the revenue and expenditures report, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

4.6. Discuss – Animal Services: Animal Report

- 1 Skunk
- 11 Cats
- 4 Raccoons
- 5 Possums
- 4 Dog

Deputy City Secretary Teresa Ballard presented the Animal Services Report.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

4.7. Discuss – Public Safety: Sheriff's Department Report

- 4 – Calls for ordinance enforcement
- 2 – Officer ordinance notifications from City Hall
- 2 – Verbal ordinance warnings issued
- 0 – Written ordinance warning issued
- 1 – Ordinance citation issued

Deputy City Secretary Teresa Ballard presented the Sheriff's Department Report.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

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

Fire Chief Bill Torres was not present

- 4.9. **Discuss/Act – Public Safety:** Consider and take action authorizing the Mayor to execute a Correction Deed to the Special Warranty Deed signed March 24th, 2017 with the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department for the conveying of City owned propriety located at 401 W Main Street located on 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.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford allowing authorizing the Mayor to execute a Correction Deed to the Special Warranty Deed signed March 24th, 2017 with the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department for the conveying of City owned propriety located at 401 W Main Street located on 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, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.10. **Discuss/Act – Finance:** Consider and take action authorizing the Mayor to execute a Customer Service Agreement with Unifirst for the rental and maintenance of uniforms.

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger authorizing the Mayor to execute a Customer Service Agreement with Unifirst for the rental and maintenance of uniforms, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

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

Robert & Sherry Bailey – 413 S. Franklin; fence on perimeter

Utilities Director Ricky Royall presented the building permit request.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve of the building permit with Robert & Sherry Bailey for the construction of a fence along property perimeter located at 413 S. Franklin, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

Robert & Sherry Bailey – 413 S. Franklin; Barndominium residence

Utilities Director Ricky Royall presented the building permit request.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve of the building permit with Robert & Sherry Bailey for the construction of a barndominium located at 413 S. Franklin, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

Bedo Juarez – 220 McDowell; carport

Utilities Director Ricky Royall presented the building permit request.

Motion by Council Member Paul Gohman to approve of the building permit with Bedo Juarez for the construction of a carport located at 220 McDowell, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

Jimmy Walker – 518 W. Jones; storage unit

Utilities Director Ricky Royall presented the building permit request.

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to approve of the building permit with Jimmy Walker for the construction of a storage unit located at 518 W. Jones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.12. **Discuss/Act – Code Enforcement:** Consider and take action authorizing the demolition or removal of one substandard building located at 708 East Main Street located on Abstract 59 Section 3 C & M RY Bronte, Texas.

Utilities Director Ricky Royall and Deputy City Secretary Teresa Ballard presented the property in question. Quote to remove property \$3,000. Notice will be placed in local newspaper.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to order the demolition of 708 E. Main Street, Bronte, Texas described as Abstract 59 Section 3 C & M R Y Bronte, Texas under Ordinance No. 368, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.13. **Discuss/Act – Community Development:** Consider and take action authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for temporary closure of State right-of-ways for the Bronte Independent School District Homecoming Parade.

Sheriff's Department will work with TxDOT for the temporary closure of US Route 277 and State Hwy 158.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for temporary closure of State right-of-ways for the Bronte Independent School District Homecoming Parade, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.14. **Discuss/Act – Community Development:** Consider and take action allowing Jimmy Stewart to use the Bronte Depot parking lot for the Deutsche-Euro Vehicle Car Show to be held October 21st, 2017.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford allowing Jimmy Stewart to use the Bronte Depot parking lot for the Deutsche-Euro Vehicle Car Show to be held October 21st, 2017, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.15. **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 herein by reference R6498 in the amount \$10.00 to the Coke County Cowboy Church.

Cody McClure presented floorplan of house to Council members. Interior house is in good condition. The front of the house and exterior would need to be restored. Acrylic stucco would be added to the exterior.

Request was made to have a written plan of construction/remodel that the Cowboy Church plans for the property. In the event the Cowboy Church

dissolves, the Cowboy Church would need to amend their bylaws so that property would revert back to the City of Bronte.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to table deeding City of Bronte property to the Cowboy Church, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.16. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider and take action authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Justin Reed for the removal of the structure(s) and all public nuisances from the property located on all of Lot No. 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 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Justin Reed for the removal of the structure(s) and all public nuisances from the property located on all of Lot No. 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 Paul Gohman.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.17. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider and take action adopting a Chapter 380 Economic Development Program and a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone for City-Owned Property.

Chapter 380 Economic Development Program – Allows for the grant of certain incentives, including sales tax rebates, grants, loans, construction of infrastructure, etc., to businesses in different phases of development in exchange for the business's promise to do something which will promote economic development within Bronte.

Neighborhood Empowerment Zone – Under Chapter 378 of the Local Government Code, a municipality can provide property tax abatement (ad valorem tax is not assessed against a particular property for a certain period of time). The Neighborhood Empowerment Zone can designate areas of land that need a little extra help in development.

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to adopt a Chapter 380 Economic Development Program and a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone for City-Owned Property, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.18. **Discuss – Sanitation:** Discuss Annual Rate 2% Adjustment with Republic Services for sanitation services.

Republic services will implement a 2% rate adjustment to the rates they bill the City of Bronte, even though the annual change in Water/Sewer & Trash Collection Index has been 3.5%.

Discussion only, no action.

- 4.19. **Ordinance 2nd Reading – Sanitation:** Consider an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 14-18 passed by the City Council on October 1, 2015, providing for the collection and disposal of garbage and trash within the City of Bronte, Texas by revising Section I by the increase of Convenience Center rates.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to amend Ordinance No. 14-18 passed by the City Council on October 1, 2015, providing for the collection and disposal of garbage and trash within the City of Bronte, Texas by revising Section I by the increase of Convenience Center rates, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.20. **Discuss/Act – Water Utilities:** Consider and take action adding 250,000 gallon water credit to Coke County Pool account.

Interlocal agreement between the City of Bronte and Coke County is 250,000 gallons of water from the City of Bronte to Coke County for the exchange of equipment and labor necessary to assist in maintaining municipal streets to the extent of repairing potholes and deteriorating edges.

Request made to remove previous fiscal years water credit and apply the new 250,000 gallon water credit.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to action add 250,000 gallon water credit to Coke County Pool account, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.21. **Discuss/Act – Water Utilities:** Consider and take action applying revenue received from City of Robert Lee, Texas 60% to Water Debt Fund and 40% to the Water Fund.

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to apply revenue received from City of Robert Lee, Texas 60% to Water Debt Fund and 40% to the Water Utilities Fund, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

4.22. **Adjourn:**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to adjourn at 7:54 pm, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried



Gerald Sandusky, Mayor

ATTEST:



Crystal L. Blevins, City Secretary

1. 10/20/19 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

2. 10/20/19 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

