

City of Bronte, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 17th, 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.

6:33 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 David Bedford (8:24 pm) City Attorney Eileen M. Hayman (phone)
Council Member Paul Gohman Ricky Royall Utilities Director
Council Member Santiago 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.

Marlene Vaughn – Concerned with streets and would like Council to look into more rental properties.

Paul Knight – No discussion.

James Sutton – Request dumpsters be provided and available for public use, suggested location behind the Bronte Depot.

3. Minutes

3.1. September 21st, 2017 City Council Meeting

Motion by Council Member Paul Gohman to approve of the September 21st, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes as is, seconded by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 2 – 0 Motion carried; Council Member Stormy Vaughn abstain

4. Regular Agenda

4.1. Discuss/Act – Finances:

o Monthly Report

Motion by Council member Santiago Rodriguez to approve of the monthly report, seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

o Bills Paid

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of the bills paid, seconded by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

o Revenues and Expenditures

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

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

4.2. Discuss – Animal Services: Animal Report

- 1 Skunk
- 13 Cats
- 3 Possums
- 3 Dog

City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins presented the Animal Services Report.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

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

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

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

Discussion only, no action was taken. Request was made by Sheriff Wayne McCutchen to change title from Sheriff's Department Report to Code Enforcement Report

4.4. Discuss – Public Safety: Fire Department Report

Fire Department Report provided by Ray Barnett.

- Provided support in containing fire at Maryneal.
- Fund Raisers:
 - Fund Run held October 7th was successful and received several donations.
 - Bronteoberfest to be held October 20th-21st, FD will be sponsoring the Washer Tournament.
 - 1st Weekend Hunters Dinner to be held November 4th.
- Building – Goal to pour cement by the end of the month.

4.5. Discuss/Act - Code Enforcement: Building Permits

Paul Knight – 415 N Franklin; storage building

Utilities Director Ricky Royall presented the building permit request.

Motion by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez to approve of the building permit with Paul Knight for the storage building to be located at 415 N. Franklin, seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

Theodoro Montez – 501 NW Railroad; carport

Utilities Director Ricky Royall presented the building permit request.

Motion by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez to approve of the building permit with Theodoro Montez for the construction of a carport located at 501 NW Railroad, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

4.6. Discuss/Act – Appraisal Board: Consider nominating Michael Cervanka and Orlando DeLaGarza as District Directors for the Coke County Appraisal District.

Motion by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez to nominate Michael Cervanka and Orlando DeLaGarza as District Directors for the Coke County Appraisal District, seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.7. **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 Christmas in Olde Bronte Parade.

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for temporary closure of State right-of-ways for the Christmas in Olde Bronte Parade, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.8. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider and take action authorizing the Texas Communities Group to advertise and accept bids on property located on Lot Seven (7) in Block Fifty-five (55) of the Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas and described in Warranty Deed volume 296 page 333 of the Deed Records of Coke County, Texas (R6604) or to deed the property to Walter and Chanel Smith in the amount \$200.

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to deed the property to Walter and Chanel Smith in the amount \$200.00, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.9. **Discuss – Economic Development Corporation:** Discuss Bronte Economic Development Corporation bylaws, members, transparency, and management of funds.

Council Member Stormy Vaughn presented documents to Council the Bronte Economic Development Corporation (EDC) 4A and 4B bylaws and documents referring to Tech Wells No. 8, 9 and 10. Requests the EDC bylaws be amended according to the Texas Constitution and Statutes Local Government Code 504 and 505.

Transparency is not being performed according to the Public Information Act. Public documents are not being released within a timely manner.

Meetings and minutes are not being accessible being provided to public through the Open Meetings Act. Request was made that meetings and minutes be posted on City website and shared on social media.

Request a contract be written for Fran Sonnenberg as assistant secretary to the EDC. A contract already exists for Crystal L. Blevins as EDC Coordinator.

EDC minutes from 2014 and 2015 could not be located. Request was made that EDC minutes be stored at City Hall.

Fire Chief Bill Torres asked why the EDC had not notified the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department about their request for funds. Request was made that the EDC provide a letter to the Bronte FD.

Request additional members be placed on the EDC Board.

4.10. Discuss – Streets: Discuss street maintenance within Bronte city limits.

Council Member Santiago Rodriguez request action be done on the maintenance of streets.

Utilities Director Ricky Royall before pot holes are repaired we need bar ditches and streets bladed for the drainage of water.

Coke County has agreed to allow the City to use their grader to pave the streets. County requests that retired County employee Jimmie Walker operate the machinery. Jimmie Walker is not interested in working.

Three employees would be needed in order to operate grader, dump truck and backhoe. Council Member Santiago Rodriguez will discuss with the County about considering alternative employees.

Priority 1 – Blade streets in winter

Priority 2 – Repair pot holes

Priority 3 – Seal coat in summer

Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford arrived at 8:24 pm.

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 and Ronny Loyd for a 6.846 acre tract and an 11.523 acre tract near Oak Creek Lake, including a request for removal of a sea container located on real property subject to that Lease Agreement.

Council entered into executive session at 6:35 p.m.

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 issues related to the Land Lease Agreement dated April 14, 2016 between the City and Ronny Loyd, including a request for removal of a sea container located on real property subject to that Land Lease Agreement.

Council returned from executive session at 7:23 p.m.

- 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 and Ronny Loyd for a 6.846 acre tract and an 11.523 acre tract near Oak Creek Lake, including a request for removal of a sea container located on real property subject to that Lease Agreement.

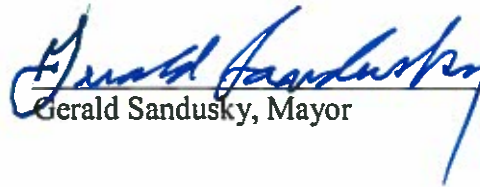
Motion by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez authorizing the City Attorney to get additional information before we release the sea container to reassure that the sea container belongs to Ronny Loyd, seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 3 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.14. **Adjourn:**

Motion by Council Member Paul Gohman to adjourn meeting at 8:48pm, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried


Gerald Sandusky, Mayor

ATTEST:


Crystal L. Blevins, City Secretary