

**City of Bronte, Texas**  
**Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 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:**

Gerald Sandusky, Mayor	Crystal L. Blevins, City Secretary
David Bedford, Mayor Pro Tem	Eileen M. Hayman, City Attorney
Paul Gohman, Council Member	Ricky Royall, Utilities Director
Santiago Rodriguez, Council Member	
Wade Stautzenberger, Council Member	
Stormy Vaughn, Council Member	

**Absent:**

**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.

1.3. Recognition of the Bronte I.S.D. Lady Longhorn Volleyball Team for competing in the 2017 U.I.L. State Volleyball Championship Tournament.

**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.**

Lee Wommack ~ Council meeting and resignation from EDC

**3. Minutes**

3.1. November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 City Council Meeting

3.2 – Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford abstained, not Council Member Paul Gohman.

4.3 – Crystal L. Blevins presented the Code Enforcement Report, not the Sheriff's Department Report.

4.4 – Bill Torres has not resigned as Fire Chief.

4.23 – Remove Gerald Sandusky and add Paul Gohman as voted against.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve of the November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes with changes, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

**4. Regular Agenda**

**4.1. Discuss/Act – Finances:**

- Monthly Report

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

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- Bills Paid

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

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- Revenues and Expenditures

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

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

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

- 3 Dog
- 8 Cats
- 2 Raccoons
- 4 Possums
- 5 Skunks

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

Discussion only, no action was taken.

**4.3. Discuss – Animal Services: Livestock Permits**

City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins announced annual livestock permit requests will be mailed to citizens and notified through social media.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

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

Council Member Stormy Vaughn presented the Fire Department Report.

- Fire Chief Bill Torres will continue to remain on the Fire Department
- Small fires along 277
- Building materials have been delivered

Discussion only, no action was taken.

**4.5. Discuss/Act – Finance Ordinance 2nd Reading:** Consider an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2017 Adopted Budget for municipal purposes respecting the General, Water, Sewer and Sanitation Fund to transfer budget expenses.

Motion by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez to approve of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2017 Adopted Budget, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

**4.6. Discuss/Act – Economic Development Corporation:** Consider and take action on resignation letter from EDC Board Director Lee Wommack and Martha Ratliff.

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to accept the resignation of Board Directors Lee Wommack and Martha Ratliff, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

**4.7. Discuss/Act – Economic Development Corporation:** Consider and take action approving the Bronte EDC 4A and 4B Budget.

Council requests an amendment be made to the EDCs 4A and 4B budget with more transparency.

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of the budget for the Bronte Economic Development Corporation for 4A and 4B upon the request of an amendment made showing transparency, seconded by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.8. **Discuss/Act – Streets:** Consider and take action for street maintenance within Bronte city limits.

Council requests staff look into:

- Negotiate with nearby towns for use of equipment
- Quote equipment
- Quote ken pickup repair
- USDA grants
- Bids to blade streets on hourly rate basis with the removal of dirt
- Quote on sweeper

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to approve of the requests listed above, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.9. **Discuss/Act – Fleet:** Consider and take action for the purchase of City vehicle/equipment.

Council requests staff look into:

- Quote for repair expenses on pickup
- Quotes for skid steer; broom attachment
- Contact United States Department of Agriculture request information on grant/loan for the purchase of equipment

Motion by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez for staff to look into purchasing equipment for the infrastructure and to look into repairs on old pickup, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.10. **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.

- 4.11. **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.

Council exited for Executive Session at 6:39 p.m.

- 4.12. **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.

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford that the City that the city not agree to pay any amount to Ronny Loyd unless and until a lawsuit is filed and that Council Member Stormy Vaughn be appointed as the contact person with the City Attorney on this matter, seconded by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

4.13. **Adjourn:**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford to adjourn meeting at 8:51 pm, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

  
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Gerald Sandusky, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Crystal L. Blevins, City Secretary

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