

**City of Bronte, Texas**  
**Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday May 17, 2018 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:** Paul Gohman, Mayor  
David Bedford, Mayor Pro Tem  
Santiago Rodriguez, Council Member  
Steve Hines, Council Member  
Stormy Vaughn, Council Member  
Lee Wommack, Council Member

Ricky Royall, Utilities Director  
Teresa Ballard, Deputy City Secretary

**Absent:**

Eileen M. Hayman, City Attorney  
Crystal Blevins, City Secretary

- 1. Proclamations and Presentations**
  - 1.1. Pledges of Allegiance were given by those in Council Chambers.**
  - 1.2. Prayer by Council Member 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.**
  - Nick Arrott representing, Restoring Bronte Foundation discussed housing in Bronte. RBF committee how the specialty TCEQ landfill works. The committee would like to get on next month's agenda to have the experts answer any questions and concerns.
  - Pat Martindale voice concerns of spending to 50K on legal fees on the Lloyd property.  
Money could have been spent somewhere else. Why was 6K used for fighting fires outside the city? I love my fire department. If have a question about the department, I will ask a fireman. I will not silently sit by and let these questions go unanswered and these types of actions continue and I will be back.

- **Marlene Vaughn wants to see Bronte grow. We need to work together. Would like to see the show and the depot remain historical. Might be able to show movies once a week for the kids and young people. I depot set up as a visitor's center; a library; computer station for the public and visitors to find out what's going on in Bronte. Also, the ambulance service needs help.**

**3. Minutes**

**3.1. March 15, 2018 City Council Meeting**

**Motion by Stormy Vaughn to approve March 15, 2018 City Council Meeting, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.**

**Vote: 2 with 3 abstaining – David Bedford, Steve Hines, Lee Wommack abstaining. Motion carried.**

**3.2 May 14, 2018 Special City Council Meeting – Page 112**

**Council Member Dave Bedford wasn't able to attend meeting. David requested not having meetings during the workday if all possible.**

**Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve May 14, 2018 Special City Council Meeting, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.**

**Vote: 2 with 3 abstaining – David Bedford, Steve Hines, Lee Wommack abstaining. Motion carried.**

**4. Regular Agenda**

**4.1. Discuss/Act – Finance:**

- o **Monthly Report**

**Motion by David Bedford to approve Monthly Report, seconded by Steve Hines.**

**Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried**

- o **Bills Paid –Page 128**

**Council Member David Bedford concerns that we haven't budgeted accordingly. We are over budget in numerous accounts; we have to stay within our budget.**

**Mayor, Paul Gohman we need to find a solution.**

**Stormy added what keeps coming up in the audit is balancing and amendments to the budget. I think it's our job to make sure it stays right each month instead of waiting to the end of the year.**

Paul Gohman said this is discussed in the mayor's goals. Identify these problems, find a solution, and let's get it right. I will work with you to fix these issues. More to come in the mayor's report.

- ❖ Page 152 you will see a draft from July, 2017, don't know how these checks got on report but they were voided.
- ❖ Page 151 you see the general fund all training gets charged to general fund then transfers are reimbursing the appropriate funds.
- ❖ Page 131 is "survey" is for the land behind the depot.

Stormy Vaughn reports on January 15<sup>th</sup> there is a charge of 15K for our annual audit. EDC and Fire Department included in audit. Fire department will be in the next audit but only for a couple of months, then they will be audited separately.

Motion by David Bedford to approve Bills Paid, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez with corrections to page 152 voiding of checks discussed.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

o Revenues and Expenditures

▪ March

David Bedford asked why we are still over in professional services. Our attorney stills has involvement with city ordinances, agreements and other programs. There were several months billed to Oak Creek Land Lease before TML lawyer got involved. Moving forward, Mayor, Paul Gohman will be point of contact.

Motion by Stormy Vaughn to approve March Revenues and Expenditures, seconded by David Bedford.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

▪ April

Motion by David Bedford to approve April Revenues and Expenditures, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

▪ May

Motion by David Bedford to approve May Revenues and Expenditures, seconded by Lee Wommack.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

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

- Spray foam the building.
- Electrical will be contracted out.
- Fire Department will now assist on all ambulance calls.

Fire Chief Martin DeLaGarza presented the Fire Department Report.  
Discussion only, no action was taken.

**4.3. Discuss/Act – Public Safety: Consider citizen request from David Scott to burn brush within city limits located at 114 Lombard.**

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to deny burning of brush, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried to deny

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

<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
5 Dogs	1 Dog
16 Cats	3 Cats
6 Raccoons	4 Raccoons
4 Possums	3 Possums
3 Skunks	2 Skunks

Deputy City Secretary Teresa Ballard presented the Animal Services Report.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

**4.5. Discuss/Act – Animal Services: Livestock Permits**

Juan DeLaRosa – 310 N Lombard; horses –  
Ms. DeLaRosa asking for reconsideration. Stormy reports the fence and area looks nice. Ricky reports the property is cleaner than it has been in the past.

Motion by Lee Wommack to approve Juan DeLaRosa livestock permit, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

Jordan & Ariel Johnson – 320 E Main; cows and horses

Ricky Royall reports they do not have room for 10 livestock at one time.  
Recommendation having one or two livestock there at any given time.

Motion by Dave Bedford to deny Livestock Permit, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried to deny

Tim Siler – 108 Driftwood; steer & lamb  
Ricky reports they are show animals, no issues

Motion by Lee Wommack to approve Livestock Permit, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

Ronald Sims – 324 N Randall; cattle  
Steve Hines reports he has one calf in a pin and sees no issues.

Motion by Dave Bedford to approve Livestock Permit, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

**4.6. Discuss – Code Enforcement: Building Permits**

Michael Bailey – 224 N Randall; patio cover and storage room

Ronald Eubanks – 508 N State; awning

Jim Ferguson – 324 Key; storage building

Donna Hall – 121 W Main; storage building - Ricky Royall report permit for wood structure but change to a metal structure because of fire lane.

Ricky Royall report all permits approved.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

**4.7. Discuss/Act - Economic Development – Consider approval of a resolution establishing a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone as authorized by Chapter 378 of the Local Government Code.**

Motion by David Bedford to approve resolution establishing a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone as authorized by Chapter 378, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

**4.8. Discuss/Act – Economic Development – Consider approval of a resolution**

establishing an Economic Development Program as authorized by Chapter 380 of the Local Government Code and adoption of Policies and Procedures for said Program.

Motion by Stormy Vaughn to approve resolution establishing an Economic Development Program as authorized by Chapter 380, seconded by Council Member David Bedford.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.9. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider the Bronte Economic Development Corporation 4B to execute a performance agreement with Donna Hall at Shear Heaven Salon.  
Prior agreement revised. EDC 4B approved for 50/50 match. Donna Hall at Shear Heaven Salon must stay in business for three years, if Donna Hall at Shear Heaven Salon defaults agreement she has to pay it back the other 50%.

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve performance agreement with Donna Hall at Shear Heaven Salon, seconded by David Bedford.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.10. **Discuss/Act – Finances:** Consider a resolution with the United States Department of Agriculture providing a Signatory Agent for a grant to purchase a City pickup.

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve resolution with the United States Department of Agriculture providing a Signatory Agent for a grant to purchase a City pickup, seconded by Lee Wommack

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.11. **Discuss/Act – Finances:** Consider a resolution that AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the City should be denied; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; 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 the company and legal counsel.

Motion by David Bedford to approve resolution that AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the City should be denied; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; 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 the company and legal counsel., seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.12. **Discuss/Act – Finance Ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Consider an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018 Adopted Budget for municipal purposes respecting the General, Water, Sewer and Sanitation Fund to transfer budget expenses. Ricky reports 80% of the meters are now on remote.

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve Finance Ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

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

Motion by David Bedford to approve street maintenance within Bronte city limits, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.14. **Discuss/Act – City Secretary:** Remove/Add signators to the City of Bronte's safety deposit box, certificate of deposits and all City of Bronte funds. Recommendation to have City Secretary Crystal Blevins, Deputy City Secretary Teresa Ballard, Council Member Stormy Vaughn and Mayor Paul Gohman to sign on all accounts.

Motion by Council Member David Bedford Remove/Add signators to the City of Bronte's safety deposit box, certificate of deposits and all City of Bronte funds. Recommendation to have City Secretary Crystal Blevins, Deputy City Secretary Teresa Ballard, Council Member Stormy Vaughn and Mayor Paul Gohman to sign on all accounts, seconded by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.15. **Discuss/Act – Housing Authority:** Consider authorizing city staff to advertise Commissioner Position for the Bronte Housing Authority. Margaret Charlesworth is interested in rerunning for next term.

Motion by David Bedford to approve advertising for Commissioner Position, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

**Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried**

- 4.16. Discuss/Act – City Council: Consider a resolution amending the Commissioners Job Description and Duties.**  
**Mayor, Paul Gohman made change on Chamber of commerce to Business.**

**Motion by Lee Wommack to table for 30 days the Commissioner Job Description and Duties, seconded by Steve Hines to table for 30 days.**

**Vote: 5-0 Motion carried**

- 4.17. Discuss/Act – City Council: Appoint Council Members as Commissioners.**

**Motion by Lee Wommack to table for 30 days appointed Council Members as Commissioners, seconded by Steve Hines to table for 30 days.**

**Vote: 5-0 Motion carried**

- 4.18. Discuss/Act – City Council: Appoint Council Members as Point of Contacts for Regions 1 - 5.**

**Motion by David Bedford to approve Point of Contacts for Regions 1-5, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.**

**Vote: 4 – 1 – Lee Wommack - Motion carried**

- 4.19. 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 Lloyd, as tenant, for a 6.846 acre tract and 11.523 acre tract near Oak Creek Lake.**

- **This is related to the 4.20 executive session action. Our attorney has had a scheduling conflict and cannot be here this evening so we cannot meet with our lawyer. I would like a motion to table for tonight and reschedule for another meeting.**

**Motion by David Bedford to table Land Lease Agreement, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.**

**Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried to table**

- 4.20. 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.**



Motion by David Bedford to table Land Lease Agreement, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried to table

4.21. Discuss – Mayors Report: Goals

4.22. Adjourn:

Motion by Lee Wommack to adjourn meeting at 8:48pm, seconded by David Bedford.

Vote: 5 – 0 Motion carried

  
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Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Teresa Ballard, Deputy City Secretary