

**City of Bronte, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday July 19, 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 Ricky Royall, Utilities Director
David Bedford, Mayor Pro Tem, by Video Conference
Lee Wommack, Councilman Teresa Ballard, City Secretary
Santiago Rodriguez, Councilman Sherry Bailey, Deputy City Secretary
Steve Hines, Councilman
Stormy Vaughn, Councilman

Absent:
Eileen M. Hayman, City Attorney

1. Proclamations and Presentations

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

1.2. Prayer by, Lee Wommack

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 the matter. Citizens are allowed three minutes for comments.

3. Discuss/Act – Restoration Bronte Foundation – Nick Arrott

Nick Arrott introduced Diane Steele with TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) from San Angelo, presented Permit by Rule landfill for dilapidated houses/structures only. If this was to happen, it would reduce costs for roll off containers and clean up our town in order to build new housing, which our town needs.

Diane Steele went through the process.

Handouts are as follows:

- Texas Commission on Environment Quality Permit by Rule Applicability Checklist Title 30 Texas Administrative Code 106.4
- Texas Administrative Code; Title 30; Part 1; Chapter 330; Subchapter A; Rule 330.7
- Texas Commission on Environments Quality Abandoned And Nuisance Building Disposal Application Form

The permit is good for 5year and can be renewed indefinitely.

The City of Bronte already meets the requirements: the population, size and where the community is geographically.

Discussion only, no action taken

4. **Minutes Consent Agenda**
4.1. May 14, 2018, Special City Council Meeting
4.2. June 21, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting

Motion by Lee Wommack to approve May 14 and June 21 minutes with Santiago Rodriguez seconded the motion with correction to item 4.2 to remove Lee Wommack and add Stormy Vaughn to the June 21, 2018 minutes.

Vote: 4-1 David Bedford abstain - motion carried

5. **Regular Agenda Consent Agenda**
5.1. **Discuss/Act – Finance:**
 - Monthly Report – Balance Sheet
 - Bills Paid
 - Revenues and Expenditures
 - May
 - June

In February, Teresa Ballard will pursue finding out what taxes are past due at the Coke County appraisal office.

Motion by Lee Wommack to approve Monthly Report, Bills Paid, and Revenue & Expenditures for May and June with Jim Santiago second the motion.

Vote: 5-0 motion carried

- 5.2. **Discuss – Public Safety: Fire Department Report**

Jim Stewart reported grant from San Angelo Area Foundation for 19K most of it went to rollup doors. We have completed the spray foam installation on the building. Went on 17 calls and that was with assisting the Mary Neal and Robert Lee. Received grant from Texas Forestry for 15K for Bunker gear, and we have applied for another grant from the United Way Concho Valley Venture Grant for wild land gear.

Discussion only, no action taken

- 5.3. **Discuss – Public Safety: Code Enforcement Report**
No deputies present.

- 5.4. **Discuss – Animal Services: Animal Report**
 May
 5 Dogs Surrendered
 25 Cats
 2 Raccoons
 2 Skunks

Teresa Ballard presented the Animal Services Report.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

**5.5. Discuss/Act – Animal Services: Livestock Permits
No Permits**

**5.6. Discuss/Act – Code Enforcement: Building Permits
First Baptist Church – 523 S Washington – Carport**

Motion by David Bedford to approve building permit for Carport, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 5-0 motion carried

Donna Hall – 121 W Main – Small Storage Building

Council discussed with no motion taken permit not approved.

5.7. Discuss/Act – Code Enforcement: 2nd Reading Public Nuisance Ordinance #14-10
Consider and taken action amending Public Nuisance Ordinance #14-10; declaring specified conditions as nuisances and unlawful; establishing a policy for the abatement of nuisances; providing for the enforcement of the provisions for this ordinance; providing a penalty clause; providing for severability and repealing clauses; providing for an effective date.

Council discussed no more gentlemen's agreements, no outside agreements. Courtesy letters will be sent first with ordinance to comply. If citizen doesn't comply, certified letter will be sent to specify what action will be taken.

Motion by Stormy Vaughn to approve Public Nuisance Ordinance #14-10, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

5.8. Discuss/Act – Economic Development – EDC Report

Susan Williams shared the top three items discussed at recent meeting were as follows

1. Handout of Windshield Tour done in May, 2018
Signage; No lights downtown at night; no industrial park
2. USDA representative sent over the final phase of being approved for the Rural Business Development Grant for low interest business loans.
3. How to promote Bronte – Need city website over haul. Considering a collective work group to come up with a deal list with representation from each EDC board, school, City Hall, Restoring Bronte, Chamber, and the County.

Discuss only, no action taken

5.9. Discuss/Act – Economic Development – Consider Resignation of 4B president, George Tomes, and authorizing city secretary to advertise.

Motion by David Bedford to approve authorizing city secretary to advertise for board member to EDC 4B, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 5-0 motion carried

5.10. Discuss/Act – Finance Ordinance 1st Reading: Exhibit B

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.

Council members had concerns amending the budget again when we just approved last month changes but it is necessary.

Motion by Stormy Vaughn made a motion to approve the Finance Ordinance 1st reading Exhibit B, seconded by David Bedford.

Vote: 5-0 motion carried

5.11. Discuss/Act – Finance: Consider services for electronic payment for utility billing.

- Hamer Enterprises - eNetpay©

Paul Gohman reported to council our city attorney had several changes to the contact and Hamer Enterprises agreed to make the changes to the contact so we are good to go.

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve electronic payment for utility billing, seconded by Lee Wommack.

Vote: 5-0 motion passed

5.12. Discuss/Act – Finance – Consider and take action creating a policy to have additional information in City Council meeting packets; balance sheet; general ledger profit and loss; check register; bank reconciliation statement.

Stormy Vaughn has been helping out at city hall, as we were going through different reports and saw that we can print balance sheet report, etc. Santiago Rodriguez said the more information council can get the better decision is better for us.

Motion by Stormy Vaughn made motion to approve financial policy, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 5-0 motion passed

5.13. Discuss/Act – Economic Development: Considering approving bid packet sale of 1.3 acre of tract one, block 59 1/2, section one, railroad addition to the City of Bronte, Coke County, Texas.

Discussion from council we acquired the special warranty deed and approved by our attorney. Stormy Vaughn asked the question; whoever wins the bid, will they have to build what we want, like present drawings or plans? Council agreed that plans would have to be approved by the City Council. The seal bid dates will be changed when it is advertised in newspaper.

Motion by Stormy Vaughn made motion to approve bid packet sale of 1.3 acre of tract one, block 59 1/2, section one, railroad addition, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 5-0 motion passed

5.14 Discuss/Act – Housing Authority: Consider appointing Laura Richmond, Resident Commissioner to the Bronte Housing Authority for a two year term ending May 31, 2020.

No discussion from council.

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez made motion to approve Laura Richmond, resident commissioner to the Bronte Housing Authority Board for a two year term ending May 31, 2020, seconded motion by Lee Wommack.

Vote: 5-0 motion passed

5.15. Discuss/Act – Streets: Ordinance 2nd Reading: Consider an ordinance amending Ordinance #392 prohibiting commercial vehicle having a gross motor vehicle weight on excess of 10,000 pounds to travel along specified city streets: authorizing public works director to post appropriate signage: declaring a penalty for violation of the ordinance: and containing a severability clause Adding Parkwood and Driftwood to the route.

Santiago Rodriguez spoke to San Angelo District office will to come out this week to look at signs on 277. Once council approves, advertised in the paper, then signs will be posted.

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve Streets Ordinance 2nd reading, seconded by David Bedford.

Vote: 5-0 motion carried

5.16. Discuss - Mayors Report: Goals and projects

Paul Gohman welcomed Sherry Bailey to our staff. Been working on the budget trying to streamlining the process.

- Street repairs – Thrilled to death how the repairs came out across the post office. North Washington Street had a lot of major batching strip fixed. Look around the school. Will be working on pot holes next. Later this year, the county is to help with the gravel streets in the north side of town.
- Plans to enhance the Water treatment plant. Housing developments looks for ways to be the “city of choice”.
- Code enforcement is long overdue. Plans to clean up the lots.

Stormy Vaughn voiced concerns regarding City Notice's being sent out for a boat on the street, but then no Notice sent for an RV being near the City Cemetery two doors down. The new revised public nuisance ordinance will give us the teeth we need, but we need to treat everyone the same.

City Secretary Report

Teresa Ballard discussed budget workshop schedule. Email will be sent for available dates.

Utility Director Report


Ricky Royall reported TxDot was out this week, looked at the erected sign in front of Bud Johnson's office. They looked at putting a painted "arrow" in the middle of the road for better notice the upcoming turn. Ricky mentioned they said keeping people off the phone is the problem.

Request for future agenda items

Stormy Vaughn would like to look at updating other ordinances since we have these two implemented.

Adjourn:

There was no further business adjourn at 8:39 P.M.



Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa Ballard, City Secretary