

**City of Bronte, Texas  
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday October 18, 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  
Steve Hines, Councilman  
Lee Wommack, Councilman  
Santiago Rodriguez, Councilman  
Stormy Vaughn, Councilman

Ricky Royall, Utilities Director  
Teresa Ballard, City Secretary  
Sherry Bailey, Deputy City Secretary

**Absent:** Eileen M. Hayman, City Attorney  
David Bedford, Mayor Pro Tem

**1. Proclamations and Presentations**

- 1.1. Pledges of Allegiance were given by those in Council Chambers
- 1.2. Prayer by, Mayor 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 the matter. Citizens are allowed three minutes for comments. The remainder of the meeting is a business meeting, please keep comments to yourself.**

A. Howard Baker 4-5 years ago purchased property from Mr. Barbee family land on east side of the cemetery and at that time he owned 50% of the land and the other 50% was owned by the Pruitt's. They failed to pay their taxes for several years. Mr. Baker shared with a map showing where the Barbees donated a portion to the City for Cemetery. Mr. Baker has been researching what the status of the other 50%. After going back and forth county appraisal office, attorneys, he gets referred back to the City of Bronte. Mr. Baker sent letter expressing interest in the property. I understand the city/attorney send out letters to the heir's 32-33 heirs to the property but only received 3 back. Would like the council to consider my offer.

**Discuss – Community – Valree' Thompson, President Municipal Consulting Agency I work with cities and getting grants for only water and sewer projects. 100% grant funds. The next grant cycle is February 2019. HUD now requires you hire a grant administrator. So in November, the city will hire the grant administrator and Valree' will help with the application. The plan is to finish the looping lines.**

**Consent Agenda – Minutes**

- 3. a. September 20, 2018 City Council Meeting
- b. September 24, 2018 Special City Council Meeting
- c. September 25, 2018 Special City Council Meeting

Lee Wommack made a motion to approve September 20, 24 and 25 city council meeting minutes, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4-0 motion passed

**Consent Agenda - Discuss/Act – Finance:**

- 4. Balance Sheet – Previous month
- 5. Bills Paid – Previous month
- 6. Revenues and Expenditures – Previous month

Teresa Ballard distributed preliminary Revenue & Expenditures for September and Bills paid up to October 18<sup>th</sup>. Teresa Ballard reported review reports only. Stormy Vaughn is correct saying the bank statements do not match the GL at this time. Teresa Ballard is still researching GL.

No action, - lack of motion

#### **Regular Agenda**

7. **Discuss – Public Safety: Fire Department Report**  
Santiago Rodriguez reported in Martin DeLaGarza's absent that Bronte VFD hosted fire training City of Blackwell VFD did participate in training. Received "pivoting water can" equipment worth 5K from Teek. Also, six BVFD attended vehicle excavation training by Tex in conjunction with San Angelo Fire Department. More training has been scheduled in November. Some of the equipment has arrived from the grant we received. The new fire department building is coming along.  
Discussion only, no action taken
8. **Discuss – Public Safety: Sheriff's Enforcement Report**  
Brandon reports:  
Calls for ordinance enforcement: 5  
Office ordinance notifications form city hall: 3  
Ordinance warning issued: 4 verbal; 0 written  
Ordinance citations issued: 1  
Discussion only, no action taken
9. **Discuss – Animal Services: Animal Report**  
4 Dogs – surrendered - taken to Corinne T. Smith Animal Center, Brownwood  
12 Cats  
Discussion only, no action
10. **Discuss/Act – Animal Services: Livestock Permits**
  - a. Kim Stillely – 808 E Main St. – show pig added to livestock  
Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines.  
Vote: 4-0 motion passed
11. **Discuss/Act – Code Enforcement: Building Permits**
  - a. Wayne Coalson – 324 S Randall – Fence  
Ricky Royall reports everything ok with him building a fence.  
Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve, seconded by Stormy Vaughn  
Vote: 4-0 motion passed
  - b. Original building permit, January 9, 2018, revisit in six months - by Coke Cowboy Church – Storage Building  
Ricky Royall spoke to James Brunson and building is not being utilized for what it was being approved for. It is being used for day care. Ricky also, asked Mr. Brunson if the small children would be bused to the youth building once it is in use. Mr. Brunson replied the small children would be bused.  
Ricky Royall's recommendation is not to approve the current permit and have them re apply for new permit for day care of building next to church.  
Motion by Lee Wommack to reject the current permit and have Coke Cowboy Church file for a new permit, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.  
Vote: 4-0 motion passed.
- c. Stormy Vaughn asked the status of the Cook Shack. Ricky Royall said it was temporary and we don't get permits for something temporary. Ricky will talk to Mr. Brunson if the cook shack can be relocated to the back of the property.
- c. Original building permit, January 9, 2018, revisit in six months – by Lynn Pate – Storage Building - Teresa Ballard could not find any plans to go with the permit request.  
Ricky recommends to sending letter to either finish it or move it. Steve Hines will contact him to ask what his intentions are

Motion by Lee Wommack to table this for one month while Steve Hines finds out what Mr. Pate plans are, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4-0 motion passed

12. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development: EDC Report**

Susan Williams is at another meeting with Restoration Bronteoberfest finishing up plans for the festival Banner is here and needs to be hung.

Discussion only, no action

13. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development** Consider resignations of EDC 4A board members resignation Pete Percifull; Quinda Duncan for missing three meetings in a row; 4B board member Melinda McCutchen for missing three meetings in a row and approve for city secretary advertise for members.

Motion by Stormy Vaughn for Teresa to advertise for new board members to EDC4A & 4B, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4-0 motion passed

14. **Discuss/Act – Community Development:** Consider approving for Mayor Paul Gohman to be a member of the Concho Valley Council of Governments' General Assembly representing the City of Bronte.

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve Mayor Paul Gohman to be a member of the CVCOG, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 4-0 motion passed

15. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** 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.

Mayor revisited the approved bid packet before advertising in the newspaper and discovered there was no guidance to what we want. Mayor met with Kathy Keane, Executive Director with Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) and to see if other towns have done anything like this. Ms. Keane reported yes to look at developers who are interested and get feedback for what they are willing to do. This is a neighborhood empowerment zone so they're incentives available, tax abatements, etc. Next Wednesday, I will be meeting with city managers from Early and Breckenridge who have done this and have been successful. I hope to get suggestions, and guidance.

Lee Wommack asked if the depot was ever going to be used as the city hall. Mayor Gohman reported we haven't decided on that, we have to use it for something. Lee Wommack said if the depot is ever used, then the helicopter pad will not be accessible. This property would be a great place for the helicopter pad.

Stormy Vaughn mentioned to look at silver leaf at mason.com they have built condos.

Mayor Gohman would like for council to consider giving him time to do more research on the land.

Motion by Lee Wommack to table so Mayor Gohman can do more research on the land and report findings at next council, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4-0 motion passed

16.-20. **Discuss/Act – Ordinances On-going:** Consider revising the following ordinances currently in place

16. **Curfew**

Stormy Vaughn revised the curfew ordinance and she looked at other municipalities and pulled information from them. After discussion with the deputies and council it was decided that curfew time would be 12:01am until 6:00am, all seven (7) days of the week. Two public hearings will need to be held along with notification in newspaper once approved from attorney.

Motion by Stormy Vaughn to approve curfew ordinance with the curfew time to be 12:01am until 6:00am all seven days of the week, attorney approving and publication in newspaper, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 4-0 motion passed

17. **RV/RV Park**

TML reported back there was a whole lot of RV Park and very little RV in the ordinance. They also said to get with your attorney. They did mention that if we had a zoning ordinance this would not be a problem.

Stormy has the templates in word to get started.

Until we get the zoning and if we get a separate RV/RV Park the current residence would be grandfathered. Stormy distributed information "on grandfathering".

Lee Wommack asked if they were a mobile home district and Ricky Royall answered yes there is mobile home district.

Motion by Lee Wommack to table so more research can be done and report update on next council, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4-0 motion passed

**18. Junk Vehicle**

Council discussed ordinance, council had deputies weighted in on their procedure. Once sheriff deputy gives citation, then it's between the city and the judge. Once the ordinance gets signed, code enforcement will work with sheriff deputy to be sure vehicle is not current then city hall staff will follow procedures. Once ordinance ready for final approval it needs to be approved by attorney Council

Motion by Lee Wommack to leave as is, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4-0 motion passed

**19. Chapter 396 – Auto Wrecker/Salvage Yards - Highway beautification**

Council discussed Auto Wrecker/Salvage Yards reference to transportation code 396.022- location of yard. Council all agrees the property on North Hwy 277 is a wrecking yard. Stormy read from the gov't code wrecker yard can't be within 50' of the right of way of a state hwy or Public Street or 50' of the nearest property line of residence. The alleyway was discussed in previous council he is in violation of several codes. The property across from the same hwy is also in violation of Texas State Transportation code. Both need letters sent. We do not need an ordinance if it is state law. Council agrees to move forward to send letters out of the violations. Ricky Royall also mentioned that the city is also out of compliance. We accept scrap metal at the convenient center and we do not have a privacy fence. WTG has been notified regarding privacy fence. Stormy will research if the city convenient center is in violation.

Motion by Stormy Vaughn to enforce the Texas State Transportation code as is, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez

Vote: 4-0 motion passed

**20. Dangerous Building**

Ricky Royall reported himself, Lee Wommack- citizen and council member Wade Stautzenberger who was on the committee of "Board of Appeals". Local Texas State code 214 needs to be looked at as well. Who is the board of adjustments and appeals? Who needs to be on the board of appeals? Consider having a representative from the fire department, council member and citizen.

Mayor recommends approving ordinance pending review of state code and appointment of board of appeals and board of adjustments and a secretary to both boards.

Motion by Stormy Vaughn to do more research into dangerous building and code 214 and the appointment of to the two board's board of appeals, board of adjustments and a secretary to both boards, seconded by Lee Wommack.

Vote: 4-0 motion passed

**21. Discuss/Act – Utilities: Review of Water Supply Contract with City of Robert Lee and City of Bronte and Wholesale Treated Water Supply Agreement with Upper Colorado River Authority - UCRA, City of Robert Lee and City of Bronte. Both contracts are from 2011.**

Mayor reported not an issue with RL pulling water with the maximum amount. If RL does go full blown and start to drag our system down we have the drought provision that kicks in then we can throttle RL back. That is our safety valve. With the city we have a base rate and if you go over you get charge accordingly. It's reasonable to do that with RL. Mayor Gohman is proposing after the base rate then increases it by 12% which is the same as our citizens. That is the next tier after the base rate. According to contract we will give them 60 days notice once approved increase rate.

Motion by Stormy Vaughn to amend the 2011-2015 contract to RL with the proposed basic rate plus 12% to be effective after the 60 days notice, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4-0 motion passed

**22. Discuss/Act – Public Safety: Consider Interlocal Agreement between City of Bronte and Bronte Volunteer Fire Department.**

Stormy Vaughn has taken the language from Chapter 791 of the Government Code, Vernon's Annotated Statues. Council discussed and made a few more changes on the agreement. Stormy Vaughn will make changes and have Teresa Ballard send out to council for review.

Lee Wommack would like to something typed up for the fire department and EMS to go to the EDC asking for help, we are fulfilling the obligations to the city and citizens.

Motions by Lee Wommack to have Stormy Vaughn make changes and have Teresa Ballard to send out to council to review and have ready for next council meeting for approval, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4-0 motion passed

23. **Discuss – Mayors Report: Goals and projects**

Mayor Gohman spoke with the mayor of Robert Lee said was clear that she would look elsewhere to find a different solution. At this point RL is scheduled to have another licensed someone on board November 1. There is no need for local agreement.

- Zoning would cure a host of issues. Priority is to start working zoning and all these ordinances may be obsolete.
- Landfill – Treatment Plant will not work. It is licensed for 25" per of water for irrigation. If we were to put a landfill it and then put it back to irrigation we could only afford to get 1" of rain per year and we would be out of compliance. That would jeopardize our license. Looking for land elsewhere. When we do this, we have talked to environmental partner. They will come in a sample houses to demo. They will check for asbestos, etc. to comply with this program. We will be getting a bid packet back to see what the cost will be. We are working on the costing of that program.
- It has been suggested and it's a great idea to have citizen committees to help; 1) Citizen Committee for code enforcement to help with city staff and 2) Citizen Committee for cemetery.
- I have a commitment from the county to help with the gravel roads in the cemetery.

24. **City Secretary Report**

- Reports that were passed out are all prelim. I will email the final reports when I have finishing tweaking them. We will have one more budget amendment before we close out FY2018. October account payables I have no split budget allocation for the year into the current month. I can change as I see when according to when/how we receive income/payables.
- Kathy with the USG Plant in Sweetwater, they would like to use the parking of the Depot for a "Pokey Run" corn horn fundraiser event, Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am – Noon. I will let them know that it is approved and be aware of the LZ helicopter landing zone.
- Auditors have sent schedule. I will start sending reports to them.
- Sent all council and EDC members invite to TMCN Annual Conference is Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. With council approval Buzz and I would like to attend.

25. **Utility Director Report**

- Have recently sent our 6 certified letters and a few have been returned. Still working on a few properties. Next step have to go court house to get more information.
- Ricky gave council more information regarding the last grant we applied for replacing water line. Would like to see if we could get another pipeline grant.

26. **Request for future agenda items**

Lee Wommack at some time would like to have on the agenda to do away with two public hearing for the budget, and any other ordinances.

**Adjourn:** No further business meeting adjourn at 10:04pm.

  
Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Teresa Ballard, City Secretary

