

City of Bronte, Texas
City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 20, 2021

The City Council of the City of Bronte, Texas met in regular session Thursday, May 20, 2021, City Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 S. Washington Street, Bronte, Texas. An audio recording can be requested through the Public Information Act through City Hall.

The regular city council meeting was called to order at 5:29 p.m. by Mayor Paul Gohman, and a quorum was established. In attendance were Mayor Council Members Gwen Dyess, Kinley Pritchard, RA Morris, Zach Davidson, and Clabe F. Webb. Staff members present Teresa Ballard, Tina Smith, and Ricky Royall.

Mayor Paul Gohman led with the Pledge of Allegiance and council member Kinley Pritchard led prayer. There were no citizens comments.

Mayor Gohman introduce Ken Martin with Jacob and Martin. Mr. Martin spoke to council and citizens that two years ago the City of Bronte hired Jacob and Martin to perform a study on the water plant and water supply and to see how it compares with TCEQ requirements. If you are not familiar with this the upper Colorado River Authority gave all its water rights to the City of Bronte out of Oak Creek, in exchange for City of Bronte providing treating water to the City of Robert Lee with 672-acre feet of Oak Creek. You have exceeded 85% capacity of your plant and what TCEQ says when you do this then you must start planning to make improvements to your plant and the supply line coming into the town. City of Bronte has a good supply of water, but you are limited to the treatment and the pipeline coming in from the lake. So, what we look what would be the best approach to improving the best capacity for City of Bronte. We would recommend if you do decide to expand your plant recommend raising City of Robert Lee allocation, so they do have to pay a surcharge but right now you are limited on capacity and that is the reason it is in the contract that way. Mr. Martin distributed a schematic of what Jacob and Martin has been looking into varies possibilities. The current plant location is limit using 50-year technology. We recommend you build and new water plant and closer to Oak Creek. If you do this, we will improve the intake facility and change out the 10" line to a 14" line to make sure you could make two million gallons a day. If you could not get land near Oak Creek, then another alternative site along the railroad as a possibility. It is too early to make a commitment to any location unless you can get a reasonable amount of grant money and funding then it difficult to make the project work. We are in the preliminary stages. In the schematic we can see it is showing the water line going down 277 and it would be a treated line if the plant were to be located at Oak Creek. It would open possibilities to sale treated water to landowners on 277. In addition, we would want to put a storage tank at the high spot just south of interchange. The total project we estimate is twelve and half million dollars. That includes the plant, the new in tank, new lines, storage and eight – ten miles of treated water pipeline. We recommend complete the grant application. You are not committed to accepting the grant if you are approved. Mayor Gohman distributed pictures of the Tuscola development project. Mr. Martin will email the agreement for council to review and vote at special council meeting.

Finance: Council: Gwen Dyess made the motion to authorize the mayor to sign all the documents for the grant application to USDA except the engineering agreement, seconded by Clabe F. Webb, Council voted 5/0, motion passed.

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Economic Development: 4B board approved store front grant to Bralyn Barker's awning at his business. Next meeting is June 14th at 5pm. 4A board does not have a date when contractor Cecilio Rodrigo's will start on putting up street signs. EDC 4A, next meeting is June 14th at 6pm.
Cemetery Committee: Cemetery volunteer cleanup was May 15th with eighteen volunteers. Next meeting is June 1st at 7pm.

Depot: Mr. Webb reported would like to video the inside of the Depot. He is working on getting a few contractors to come in and give some bids. He also said he will continue to investigate the entities to help with the registration of the building.

Permit: Seven permits were approved in April. One barn, office bldg., one workshop, and two fences. Two temporary special use permits for RV living, and one temporary container was approved by council on April 26, 2021.

Kinley Pritchard made the motion to approve consent agenda items 6 -13 of minutes and Monthly financial reports with grammatical corrections to the minutes, seconded by Clabe F. Webb. Council voted 4/0, motion passed.

Mayor Gohman distributed sales tax trending report. TMCN training for new council is Tuesday, July 13. Let Ms. Ballard know if you want to attend.

Utility Director Royall reported backhoe should be here late June. Inside city limits citizens ten used the convenience center - one for iron and nine for brush. Next curbside is June 5.

City Secretary Ballard reported animal control official contract ends June 30 and will be advertising accepting applications. I am asking if one council member will volunteer to help with the interview. cyber training fur by June 15. We will have special council meeting first week of June for training on how to read financials and mayor want to go over cities in house procedures for accounts payable.

Mayor Gohman sworn in Gwen Dyess as Mayor Pro Tem.

Request for future agenda items


- Riley Coalson lease back on June's agenda.

Adjourn:

There was no further business and council adjourned at 6:59 p.m.


Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa Ballard, City Secretary