

City of Bronte, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 19, 2020

The City Council of the City of Bronte, Texas met in regular session Thursday, November 19, 2020 in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 S. Washington Street, Bronte, Texas at 5:30 p.m. An audio recording can be requested through the Public Information Act through City Hall.

The regular city council meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Mayor Paul Gohman, and a quorum was established. In attendance as follows: City Council Members: Ron Cooper, and Santiago Rodriguez. Stormy Vaughn arrived at 5:34 p.m. City staff present Ricky Royall and Teresa Ballard and Tina Smith.

Mayor Paul Gohman led with the Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer

There were no citizen comments.

The newly elected city officials were sworn in by Teresa Ballard - City Secretary Teresa Ballard as follows: Paul Gohman as Mayor, Gwen Dyess and Kinley Pritchard, as our two (2) new Council Members and were presented their certificate of election.

Public Safety & Animal Services Reports for September: No one was available from the Bronte VFD to give a fire department report to the Council. Deputy Neal reported for the Sheriff's Department - October activity log as follows; four calls for ordinance enforcement; five officer ordinance notifications from city hall; two verbal and one written warning(s) were given, with one, written ordinance citation issued. Deputy Neal reported that there have been no break in's to citizens houses, as reflected in Facebook posts Animal services reported one skunk and three raccoons were trapped, and two dogs were caught and held for 72 hours then adopted out to citizen in San Angelo. One Municipal Court summons was issued.

Economic Development Report and Cemetery Report: EDC 4B board met November 9, 2020, with three loan forgiveness applications were approved for \$2500 to each applicant. One Front Store Grant was approved. Public Hearing will be held December 3rd and following with a regular meeting agenda to finalize the paperwork for all four grants. EDC 4A has not been able to meet to finalize there FY20-21 budget. City is working on getting water lines in place for landscaping at the Cemetery.

Depot Status Report: Nothing to report.

Code Enforcement: Building permit committee reviewed and approved two building permits since our last meeting. One metal fence and one house that is being moved in. There were no denied permits.

Regular Agenda

Permit: Mobile Food Vendor Permit: Permit was submitted but was incomplete. No action taken.

Ordinances: Ricky Royall explained Texas Commission on Environmental Quality "TCEQ" requires the city council to review and make changes as needed to the Drought Contingency Plan that was adopted in 2000. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to accept Drought Contingency Plan as presented, seconded by council member Gwen Dyess. Vote: 5-0, motion passed.

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Financial: Teresa Ballard would like council to consider taking former Deputy City Secretary, Sherry Bailey's signature to off all city financials accounts; including safety deposit box, and adding new City Clerk, Tina Smith, and newly elected Council member Gwen Dyess, to all city accounts; including safety deposit box signature cards. Ron Cooper made the motion to take Sherry Bailey off all city financial accounts and adding Tina Smith and Gwen Dyess to all city financial accounts, second by Santiago Rodriguez. Vote: 5-0, motion passed.

Finance: Resolution 20-08, authorizing the Mayor to execute the already approved Republic Services contract for disposal of trash, solid waste; effective October 1, 2021. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to authorize the Mayor to execute contract with Republic Services, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. Vote: 5-0, motion passed.

Finance: Consider billing rate discounts for all churches and community parks. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to give the pass-through rate of 10% discount for sanitation waste on poly carts and containers to our local churches, and no charge to Coke County for the 3 dumpsters currently located at our community park, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. Vote: 5-0, motion passed.

Finance: Consider amending the Interlocal Agreement with Coke County adding no charge for up to 3 dumpsters located at our community park to continuation of not charging the County for any overage. Stormy Vaughn made the motion Bronte adding to section 6 (e) to say The City will provide up to 3 sanitation dumpsters/containers, at no charge to the county for the community baseball field, pool and park for the duration of the City contract with Republic Services, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. Vote: 5-0, motion passed.

Community: Consider Resolution 20-09, authorizing Mayor to execute said resolution allowing Restoring Bronte Foundation the use of City owned property for Christmas in Olde Bronte; to hold the festivities inside the Depot and surrounding depot area on December 12, 2020. Santiago Rodriguez made the motion to approve Christmas in Olde Bronte to use the Depot as long as the state and/or County prohibits holding the festival due COVID-19, seconded by Stormy Vaughn. Vote: 5-0, motion passed.

Finance: Consider resolution 20-10, authorizing Mayor to execute an agreement with Eckert & Company of San Angelo, Texas for auditing services. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to authorize the mayor to execute agreement with Eckert & Company for auditing services, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. Vote: 5-0. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial Reports: Santiago Rodriguez made the motion to approve regular city council meeting minutes, October 15, 2020, and special city council November 12, 2020, seconded by Stormy Vaughn. Vote: 5-0, motion passed.

Ron Cooper made the motion to approve consent agenda items 12 – 18, Aging report, August Balance Sheet and Revenue and Expenditures; October finance reports as follows: bills paid, check register, bank reconciliation for General, Water, Sewer, Sanitation and Cemetery funds, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. Vote: 5-0, motion passed.

City Hall Personnel: Council went into executive session at 6:20 p.m. in accordance with Texas Government Code 551.074 personnel matters and reconvening into open session at 6.46 p.m. Ron Cooper made the motion to hire Tiffani Harendt for animal control official with the following conditions of six month probation

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period with guidelines clearly spelt out and at the end of the six month period. At that time, there will be an evaluation by Council and possibility of reopening job for applications/re-applications, seconded by Gwen Dyess. Vote: 5-0, motion passed.

Ordinances: RV Violation: Deputy issued a written warning to citizen regarding the removal of a grandfathered RV, and citizen was given copy of the ordinance, highlighting the violation. Citizens were told they could attend the next scheduled Council meeting to discuss. Citizens did not attend the meeting. Council discussed that a violation did occur according to the new Ordinance and its amendments. Gwen Dyess made the motion to setup a meeting in two-weeks with Mayor Paul Gohman, Ricky Royal and Council Member Ron Cooper to discuss options, and therefore extending the warning by one month or until the next Council meeting, seconded Ron Cooper. Vote: 5-0, motion passed.

Discuss – On-going

Mayor Gohman distributed sales tax trending report, and as you can see, it is continuing to hold up very well. Received \$275K grant from Texas Community Development Block Grant "TxCDBG". Map was distributed that shows where the lines will be replaced for the western part of town.

Ricky Royall would like to council to start thinking about replacements for Bob Bailey and Lee Wommack that are no longer on the Board. Need one council member and one citizen who resides in the City limits. This will be on next month's agenda.

Teresa Ballard reported all documents have been submit to the auditors. Auditors will be on site the week of December 28th. I have been attending virtual municipal court training and have public investments training, December 1st and 2nd.

Future Business: Gwen Dyess would like to revisit Ordinance 19-06: Cargo Shipping and Sea Container

There was no further business and council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa Ballard, City Secretary