

**City of Bronte, Texas  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 26, 2021**

**The City Council of the City of Bronte, Texas met in regular session Monday, April 26, 2021 in 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 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Paul Gohman, and a quorum was established. In attendance were Mayor Pro Tem Santiago Rodriguez, Council Members Ron Cooper, Gwen Dyess and Kinley Pritchard. Stormy Vaughn was absent. Staff members present Teresa Ballard, Tina Smith, and Ricky Royall.

Mayor Paul Gohman led with the Pledge of Allegiance Kinley Pritchard led prayer.

There were no citizen comments.

### Monthly Reports

#### Public Safety and Animal Services Reports:

There was no Fire Department representative at meeting to give report.

Deputy Brandon Neal reported Seven calls for service, five from City Hall, one written warning and one citation. Municipal Court Report one written warning and one citation both issued for dogs at large.

Animal Report was one dog, fifteen feral cats and one domestic cat, three raccoons, and three skunks. One dog and one domestic cat released.

Economic Development: 4B board reviewed three store front grants. Zack' Smokehouse was amended from original amount due to increase cost. Bralyn Barker store front grant approved as presented. Bronte Guns and Tackle application was incomplete and tabled. 4A board accepted contractor Cecilio Rodrigo's bid to put up street signs. Both EDC's board approved funds of \$14,666.67 to help with the expenses of restoring the community pool.

Cemetery Committee: Committee met on April 6<sup>th</sup> and discussed maintenance at the cemetery. Next meeting is April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Depot: No report

Permit: - There were six total permits approved in March. One special use fowl permit approved, and one livestock permit rejected.

Permits: Consider approving Livestock / Fowl Permit(s):

Council discussed special use permit for Johnny Reyes and Kay Mixon due to not enough acreage. Council would like to look at the properties. Ron Cooper made the motion to table special waivers for livestock permit to Johnny Reyes and Kay Mixon due to acreage, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. Vote: 4-0, tabled

Permits: RV & Cargo Containers:

Ricky Royall discussed with council that this is where the house caught fire during the storm. Mark Gonzales answered questions from council. He needs to have a place to stay while working on remodeling the home. Kinley Pritchard made the motion approve for a six-month temporary RV permit at 428 N State, seconded by Gwen Dyess. Vote: 4-0 motion approved.

Gwen Dyess sold house and explained to council the reason for needing to live in their RV while remodeling home at 718 SE Railroad. Santiago-Rodriguez made the motion to a 6-month temporary RV on property, seconded by Kinley Pritchard Vote: 3-0 Gwen Dyess abstained motion approved.

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Gwen Dyess explained to council the need for a 6-month temporary cargo container on property to renovate house for Larry & Gwen Dyess at 810 S State. Santiago-Rodriguez made the motion to seconded by Kinley Pritchard. 3-0 Gwen Dyess abstained motion approved.

Finance: Sewer Lease:

Santiago Rodriguez commented that the leased area is looking great with all the cleanup he has done. Ricky Royall discussed with council Riley Coalson Sewer Lease. Council all agreed that it looks good. Mayor tabled lease payment agreement to be discussed later.

Future depot plans:

Citizen Clabe Webb asked council what is planned for the Depot. Mr. Webb is a Mason and seen other lodges closed. What he would like to see is this building bring in some revenue or benefit the City in some way. He knows it is a Historical building Mayor Gohman asked if someone would like to try to get a committee together to work on this building and thanked Mr. Webb for his comments. Clabe Webb asked permission to make telephone calls on behalf of Bronte from the council. Mayor Gohman gave him permission at this time to go ahead with the phone calls to get funding and get bids on the cost to restore and update progress at next meeting. Ricky Royall added that there is a Veterans committee and Brenda Hines is a part of that Veterans committee.

Finance:

Mayor Paul Gohman made a recommendation to send back to Taylor Telecom to allow only ten feet easement on the Oak Creek property from fence line. Gwen Dyess made the motion to allow only ten feet easement, seconded by Santiago-Rodriguez. Vote: 4-0, motion approved. Ricky Royall will contact Taylor Telecom to resubmit proposal.

Community: Santiago-Rodriguez made the motion to approve Housing Authority Board members Susan DeLaGarza, Cynthia Robinson, and Janet Womack for term expiring May 31, 2023, seconded by Ron Cooper. Vote:4-0, motion approved. Gwen Dyess would like to see a few more handicap apartments. Council can make a request to their board and add as a future agenda item to discuss further.

Election: Santiago-Rodriguez made the motion to approve an interlocal contract between City and Bronte Independent School District for the 2021 election services, seconded by Gwen Dyess. Vote:4-0, motion approved

Grant: Mayor Gohman went over the USDA grant with one comment from citizen "go for it" at public hearing held at 5:30 p.m. today, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve grant resolution 21-04 USDA Grant project of \$35K to purchase backhoe for improving essential community facilities, seconded by Santiago-Rodriguez. Vote: 4-0, motion approved.

Property: Ms. Harendt has lumber and collapsed storage building needs to be taken off still. Ms. Harendt received help from stepdad as well as Stormy and Bruce Vaughn. She expressed many thanks, for all their help during this move. Council asked if Ms. Harendt could finish cleaning up parcel 6480 property as soon as possible. No action taken.

Finance: Council discussed cost of monthly Curbside and Convenience Center. We cannot afford to keep both open. Executive branch recommends to close convenience center and take brush and iron only. Santiago-Rodriguez made the motion to approve to close convenience center only having it open for brush and iron and continue with curbside, seconded by Ron Cooper. Vote:4-0, motion approved.

Cemetery: Ricky Royall spoke to Tree Express they have us on the list and will be doing the work in the next few weeks as weather permits. No action taken.

Ordinance: Kinley Pritchard made the motion to approve amended Ordinance 21-01 Cargo. Shipping, and Sea Container, seconded by Gwen Dyess, vote 4-0, motion approved: Ordinance 21-01 effective after notice in the newspaper on May 7, 2021.

Finance: Teresa Ballard discussed the need to amend 2020-2021 budget for municipal purposes respecting the General, Water, Sewer and Sanitation Fund to transfer budget expenses. Santiago-Rodriguez made the motion to approve Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget for municipal purposes respecting the General, Water, Sewer and Sanitation Fund to transfer budget expenses, seconded by Kinley Pritchard Vote:4-0 motion approved.

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Finance: Financial consultant Everett Bedford brought to councils' attention it appears Eckert auditors did not adjust receivables from the yearly audit. He plans on looking at it again at the end of this month and if in fact receivables were not adjusted then we will make adjusting enters. Accounts payable is possibly off at year end. Mr. Bedford recommends putting out bids for new auditors. We should change auditors every 3 years anyway. We will notify Eckert if in fact it is an error on their part.

Consent Agenda Discuss/Act- Minutes and Monthly Finance Reports Items 14-21:

Santiago Rodriguez pointed out on water fund checks paid for March. The first two show not available. \$315.42 was written to Faubion and Robert Lee's transfer to water debt fund of \$8643.64. Ron Cooper made the motion to approve consent agenda items 14-21, for March 18, 2021, regular city council meeting minutes, March aging report, February Balance Sheet and Revenue and Expenditures; March finance reports as follows: bills paid, check register, bank reconciliation for General, Water, Sewer, Sanitation and Cemetery funds, seconded by Santiago-Rodriguez Vote: 4-0, motion approved.

Discuss – On-going:

Mayors Report: We will have a presentation on the water treatment plant next month. There is a lot of work still to be done in the coming weeks.

Utility Director: Nothing else to report on.

City Secretary: General Election is May the 1<sup>st</sup> at First Baptist Church. Early voting ends April 27, at City Hall. Special City Council meeting for is May 12<sup>th</sup> to canvas and Swear in new council.

Request for future agenda items: More handicap apartments at the housing authority, consider changing auditors, consider repairs to the roof on the pump house at the water plant.

Mayor Paul Gohman thanked all the outgoing council members for all their work done on council. There was no further business and council adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

  
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Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Teresa Ballard, City Secretary

