

**City of Bronte, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday August 16, 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
David Bedford, Mayor Pro Tem,
Lee Wommack, Councilman
Santiago Rodriguez, Councilman
Steve Hines, Councilman
Stormy Vaughn, Councilman

Ricky Royall, Utilities Director
Teresa Ballard, City Secretary
Sherry Bailey, Deputy City Secretary
John Mark Hogg, TML Attorney

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, Councilman David Bedford
2. **Executive Session – City Council:** The City Council may enter into Executive Session under Gov’t Code §551.071, Consultation with Attorney, to discuss pending litigation styled as Ronny Loyd vs. City of Bronte; CV1704676.

Council exited for executive session at 6:32 p.m.
Council returned from executive session at 7:08 p.m.
Mayor Gohman report no action from the executive session.

3. **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. (Note: Audio recordings of all open session meetings can be requested)

Paul Knight – Regarding Lease deal with Loyd. No transparency and no discussion in public. Addressing the Mayor, Mr. Knight asked about the promise of transparency. Attorney Hogg answered Mr. Knight by saying the executive session was to update the Council on the active litigation against the City. All discussions are attorney/client privilege and discussion in public could give away his strategic defense and he advised the Council not to discuss in Public about the case. Knight asked how Councilmember Lee Wommack is able to go into executive session since he represented Ronny Loyd previously? Conflict of Interest? Lee Wommack commented and said he is not representing Loyd. Attorney Hogg stated that no public comment can be made since no agenda item of discussion/action was on the agenda.

Marlene Vaughn - I have a comment about a house on the corner of Barclay and SW Railroad St. Felma Evans house is going to be put up for sale and the lot next door is ridiculous. It needs to be cleaned up or something done to it. I do not know who the owners are but possibly you can get this from the court

house in Robert Lee. It hasn't been touched, it is an eye sore. Mr. Knight said Rob Trussel possibly owns it.

4. **Discuss – Public Safety: Fire Department Report**

Chief DeLaGarza presented the report. Three more applicants have asked to join the VFD since the house fire. Materials are being bought to start the offices inside the station. This new station is not just for the VFD but for the community; the community is welcome to use it, including. Chief DeLaGarza received a call from a retired fire fighter from Kansas and offered free training. Training will be in September. Additional training will be done for our younger fire fighters in San Angelo for 2 days in October, and then second part of training for fire fighters will be done in November. It is exciting. We received a grant for bunker gear for 10 fire fighters and received \$4k from United Way for wild land gear to fight grass fires. Spray foam insulation is doing great and is a life saver. Added thank you to the community for the overwhelming support.

Mayor Gohman commented how the fire department has evolved over the last several years, amazing and accomplishing so much, with a community of this size such is a miracle and he gave his appreciation.

Citizen Bruce Vaughn commented that the VFD did an excellent job on the house fire. Got there quick, it could have easily spread. We are a small town and we got to do what we got to do to save the community and save the people. Attendance of citizens clapped.

Discussion only, no action taken

5. **Discuss – Public Safety: Code Enforcement Report**

Teresa Ballard presented July Report as follows:

Calls for ordinance enforcement: 5

Officer ordinance notifications from city hall: 2

Ordinance warning issued: 5 verbal - no written

Ordinance citation issued: None

Discussion only, no action taken

6. **Discuss – Animal Services: Animal Report**

3 Cats

1 Skunk

Teresa Ballard presented the Animal Services Report.

Mayor Gohman reported somewhat of an issue, when citizens surrender a dog it costs the City a lot of money to take animals to Brownwood. Teresa Ballard reported the cost is \$25 to surrender a dog and mileage is \$100.

Mayor Gohman reports we are looking at our procedures.

Discussion only, no action taken

7. **Discuss/Act – Animal Services: Livestock Permits**

No Permits this month

8. **Discuss/Act – Code Enforcement: Building Permits**

- Re-submit - Donna Hall – 121 W Main; Small storage building

Ricky Royall reported to council that we discussed this last month, and now she has moved the little, small building to the other side by the carport and away from the other building where it was sitting at. Ricky sees no issues. Stormy asked if this was a permanent permit or 6 months for a portable building? Yes, this is for a permanent permit.

Discussion from Stormy with concerns about how many people are going to start moving into their business? So, say we have all the living quarters or portable building behind businesses on Main Street when we are trying to re-do Main Street, say everyone decides to live in the businesses on Main Street, what do we do for business? Do we have a business district and a residential district? Ricky Royall reports the only district we have is the fire zone area in downtown, and that anyone can have a business in town anywhere they want to, and anyone can just about live where ever they want to. Stormy Vaughn reports if we don't have anything in place she would like to see this permit as not a permanent permit but for only 6 months until we can look into this further. I don't want this to turn into a loft project when we are trying to get businesses down there. It is okay to help someone get on their feet, but don't see this as a permanent thing.

Santiago Rodriguez reports San Angelo has an ordinance that so many buildings per square footage per property. Is this something could look into it?

Mayor Gohman said yes, we could look into it.

Stormy says that the square footage back in the back of the building is not very big in the first place and if we let Donna do it, then we will have to let all the other do it. That is my concern.

Ricky Royall's recommendation to do a six month permit and relook at it then. Right now, there is no ordinance to keep someone living in their business. In a fire zone they have to abide by certain things but it doesn't keep them from living there.

Lee Wommack says it isn't a bad looking building. Stormy says that if you give to one, you have to give to another and say the next one isn't as nice as Donna's.

Stormy Vaughn recommends a temporary permit for a portable building for 6 months.

Motion by Stormy Vaughn to make it a six month permit on the small storage building at 121 W Main with seconded by David Bedford.

Approved for 6 months only. Resubmit in 6 months.

Vote: 5-0 motion carried for temporary permit.

- Kendall Denton – 310 Kickapoo Rd; House Permit
Ricky Royall report no issues for new house being built

Motion by Stormy Vaughn to approve Building new house at 310 Kickapoo, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 5-0 motion carried

- Amber Robertson – 201 E McCaulley; Pergola in back yard
Ricky Royall reports no issues

Vote: 5-0 motion carried

Motion made by Santiago Rodriguez to approve Pergola at 201 W McCaulley, seconded by David Bedford.

Vote: 5-0 motion carried

~~Consent Agenda – Are items considered to be routine or have been previously discussed, and can be approved in one motion, unless a Council Member asked for separate consideration of an item.~~

Teresa Ballard would like council to consider approving individual line items and/or tabling items #10, 11, 13 & 14, due to new information received from meeting with Pam Venable, Business Solution last night.

9. **Minutes –**

July 19, 2018 City Council Meeting

Item # 4 strike Jim

Motion made by Santiago Rodriguez to approve July 19th minutes striking Jim from item #4, seconded by David Bedford.

Vote: 5-0 motion carried

10. **Regular Agenda – Consent Agenda**

Discuss/Act – Finance:

Balance Sheet

10. July

Discussion by Santiago Rodriguez questioning one item, are we off on social security? Teresa will check into payroll and bring it back to the table.

Teresa Ballard recommendation to table. Ms. Ballard explains to council the problems with reconciling in the past and working on solution with Strategic Business Solutions.

11. August

Teresa Ballard said just July, that is the only one that is finished. Ms. Ballard recommendation to table.

12. Bills Paid

Discussion Stormy Vaughn likes seeing payables before mailing out account's payables.

Motion made by Stormy Vaughn to approve bills paid, seconded by Lee Wommack.

Vote: 5-0 motion carried

Revenues and Expenditures

13. July

14. August

Recommendation to table for July and August.

Motion by Stormy Vaughn to table items 10, 11, 13 & 14, second by David Bedford.

Vote: 5-0 motion carried to table items 10, 11, 13 & 14.

15. **Discuss – Economic Development: EDC Report**

Susan Williams, president of EDC 4B updating council

- Half percent sales tax dollars being used to retain job and create jobs
- Prison property - Can we market in the Permian basin area? The county commissioner wanted a written detail plan. Report from realtor - buyers ask, "Where is Bronte", and their response, is oh that about 100 miles from where I need to be. Second, a buyer needs full industrial development set aside and economic incentive.

EDC now has a low interest account set up for loaning to a business.

- Website – working on revamping going cost is \$1500. Would like to have a working group. Do we have a city logo? More to come.
- Business district – EDC monitoring businesses that have received grant money. Something to think while you are pondering how to handle people living in our business district.

Discussion only, no action taken

16. **Discuss/Act – Finance Ordinance 2nd 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.

Motion by David Bedford made a motion to approve the Finance Ordinance 2nd reading Exhibit B, seconded by Lee Wommack.

Vote: 5-0 motion carried

17. **Discuss – Mayors Report: Goals and projects**
Mayor Gohman reports load limit signs are up as of today. Got permission to trim trees south bound 277 in front the signs more visible. There is still talk about lighting up that intersection at 277 and 158. Street patch – and with the rain we had to use inmates mow, now it is pot holes and keep plugging along.

- Landfill – Mayor passed around possible suggest landfill for demoing homes site map. The site is over 5 acres, it is next to the road, but it has a lock gate.

City Secretary Report –

- Discuss next Budget Workshop –

Teresa Ballard will send out dates to choose next workshop date.

- TMCCP (Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program) –
Records Management Seminar Training Summary

Teresa Ballard gave a summary of what I had learned regarding what is a record, retention of records, received numerous of resource information on where to go for answers. What happens in a disaster to all our records, archiving, and Social Media records was a big focus of the seminar.

Utility Director Report

Ricky Royall reports still working on patching.

Request for future agenda items

18. **Adjourn:**

There was no further business adjourn at 8:12 P.M.


Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa Ballard, City Secretary

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice to ensure transparency and accountability.

2. The second part of the document outlines the specific procedures for recording transactions. It details the steps involved in entering data into the accounting system, including the use of standardized codes and descriptions to facilitate data analysis and reporting.

3. The third part of the document addresses the issue of data security and access control. It describes the measures implemented to protect sensitive financial information from unauthorized access, including the use of secure networks and strict user authentication protocols.

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