

**City of Bronte, Texas**  
**Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, June 20, 2019 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  
Santiago Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem  
Lee Wommack, Councilman  
Ron Cooper, Councilman  
Steve Hines, Councilman  
Stormy Vaughn, Councilman

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

Absent: Eileen M. Hayman, City Attorney

**A. Proclamations and Presentations**

**A.1. Pledges of Allegiance**

**A.2. Prayer was led by Lee Wommack**

**B. 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, regarding any item posted on the City Council agenda. Council may take comments from citizens on this matter. Citizens are allowed three minutes for comments.

1. Marie Taylor addressed loose animals. I would like to raise awareness of loose dogs and feral cats. I don't know if citizens are aware but after 72 hours of holding dogs that are not claimed they get euthanized. I would like to see if we could get more time if a dog is not claimed, then maybe see if someone would foster the dog before it gets euthanized. I think fining the owner on a first or second offence is back firing. I would also like to see if we have a spade, nuttier and rabies vaccines clinic maybe once a year.
2. Ginger Williams has several lots in Bronte and a retirement home in Bronte. The downtown business looks good and park. What doesn't look good is the entrance to the cemetery. My cemetery plots are by the gate. I took a picture from my four plots and the RV, shed and what knot. I hate for the city to pay for a fence to cover the view. As a concerned citizen and taxpayer of Bronte, I would like to see the entrance of the cemetery could look as nice as the refurbished park or the newly painted building downtown. I like going to cemeteries but when it's your time to bury somebody and they are blaring music and dogs are barking. I have filed a formal complaint stating all the facts. I would hope city council and members of the community could take this and look at it from the perspective of the loved ones in the cemetery.
3. Lynn Kinnaird addressed the flooding problems for a long time back 5 years ago. I went to the commissioners why did you stop blading the curbs. They told me the state did it. I contacted the state and they came out and graded the streets. I am asking that it be addressed. I am glad to find out that the city is blading the streets to help with drainage.

**Regular Agenda**

1. **Discuss – Community:** Ken Martin with Jacob & Martin Spoke to council regarding Project for Water System Improvements for Bronte Water Plant. TCEQ wants to make sure you can meet the demands for usage on a peak day and your peaks days have exceeded the 85% capacity of the plant that its rated for TCEQ. What TECQ says you must start planning to make improvements to the treatment plant. There are several agencies to get grant money from. The USDA has the most grant money the city is eligible for. The bad news it takes a long time to go through their process. USDA wants you to get all the environment clearance before they will fund the project. However, USDA will pay you the

cost of the engineering report and environmental once they close. It takes about a year to complete to satisfy USDA. It will be the following fiscal year October 1, 2020 for funding for water treatment plant improvements. In addition to water plant improvements I have meant with Mayor and Ricky about looking at additional sources of water that can be put into this. Any additional ground water possibilities. TECQ will be asking you to make plans for expanding the plant. Our proposal to the city will take you through that process of getting the money from UDSA. Council asked that the City Attorney review the water study contract. The contract is a lot of money and the Council would like her opinion.

Discuss only.

**1a. Discuss/Act – Finance:** Consider authorizing the Mayor to execute Resolution 19-06 approving Professional Services with Jacob & Martin.

Council discussed

Stormy asked auditors about a discrepancy in EDC 4A reported to the Comptroller's office. This needs to be corrected. Stormy will provide documentation for correcting.

Lee Wommack made motion to approve Mayor to execute resolution 19-06 after attorney approves the agreement, seconded by Ron Cooper.

Vote: 5-0 motion passed, once funding has been determined.

**1b. Discuss/Act – Finance:** Consider authorizing the Mayor to use EDC 4A for funding the Feasibility Study.

Ron Cooper made motion to table until attorney approves R&M agreement, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 5-0 motion passed, Tabled until next council meeting

**2. Discuss – Utilities:** Monty Montgomery, Senior Account Executive, gave presentation from EMEX Electricity Usage Reverse Auction.

Discuss only

**2a. Discuss/Act – Utilities:** - Consider authorizing the Mayor to execute a Resolution 19-07 approving EMEX for Electricity Usage Reverse Auction  
Our contract ends April 2020

Stormy made motion to table Electricity Usage Reverse Auction until next council meeting, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 5-0 motion passed, Tabled until next council meeting

**3a. Discuss – Public Safety:** Fire Department Report

Santiago Rodriguez reported FD went on one house fire in town, grass fire south of town. If you have notice little red car on side of FD building was being used for training.

**3b. Discuss – Public Safety:** Sheriff's Enforcement Report

**Deputy Damian Roberson reported as follows**

Zero calls for ordinance enforcement

One officer ordinance notification from city hall

One verbal and One written ordinance warning issued

Zero ordinance citations issued.

Discuss only



Santiago Rodriguez asked if the deputy is called out for loose dog, can a citation be mailed if you know who the owner is. Mr. Roberson will verify and report back to City Hall.

**3c. Discuss – Animal Services: Animal Report**

Cats – 4  
Skunks – 1  
Raccoon – 1  
Possum – 4  
Two dogs euthanize (one was fostered out from the vet office)  
Two dogs were fostered out

Discuss only

**4. Discuss/Act – Animal Services: Livestock Permits - New  
Pending Livestock Permits**

4a. Update status - Armandina Sanchez; 734 S. Jefferson; sheep, horses

City Secretary reported she has removed livestock and closed out violation. City staff will continue working on the public nuisance violation.

Information only to council.

**5. Discuss/Act – Code Enforcement: Permits**

5a. Ricky Royall; 923 W Jackson; Permanent add on building

Lee Wommack made a motion to approve add on building, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez  
Vote: 5-0, motion passed

5b. Gerardo Tapia; NE Railroad; Permanent new building

Santiago Rodriguez made a motion to approve new building, seconded by Lee Wommack  
Vote: 5-0, motion passed

**Pending Building Permits**

5c. Update status - Coke County Cowboy Church; Cook Shack

City Secretary reported missed their deadline, city hall has contacted deputies to proceed with notice of violation.

Damian Roberson reported will be mailing a citation to the Church.

5d. Update status - Richard Caraway; 410 Sweetwater Rd

City Secretary reported the fence has been put up around the premises but missed deadline. City Hall filed with municipal court and caused # has been issued. Judge has fined Mr. Caraway and gave them an addition 30 days to get the property cleaned up.

Information only to council

**6. Discuss/Act – Economic Development: On-going EDC Report**

Brenda Hines reported EDC approving a Forgiveness Loan to Larry's Automotive.

**7. Discuss/Act – Cemetery: On-going Cemetery Committee Report**

Brenda Hines reports just waiting to hear from city hall to what the bid for spraying of weeds is.

Committee member, Stormy Vaughn asked we are the permanent trustee? Do we have an ordinance that we can collect money for sale of plots? In order to get a grant, we need an ordinance. Discussed who's responsible for maintenance inside the curb. Does the city fix headstones and any sinking graves that area of easement? Ricky Royall reported not fixing the headstones, but city does fill in sinking of graves.

Stormy Vaughn will give the information that has found to city hall.

Information only

**8. Discuss/Act – Economic Development Depot: On-going Depot Status Report**

Ricky Royall reported he has someone that will be looking at the cemetery fence and the Mortar at the depot.

**9. Discuss/Act – Economic Development: On-going Update on land behind the Depot**

Nothing to report

**10. Discuss/Act – City Council: Consider a Resolution 19-08 amending the Commissioners Job Description and Duties 2019-2020.**

Stormy Vaughn made motion to accept resolution 19-08, seconded by Ron Cooper.

Vote: 5-0 motion passed

**11. Discuss/Act – City Council: Appoint Council Members as Commissioners 2019-2020.**

Information only

**12. Discuss/Act – Finance: Consider approval of new Lease Contract for Copier/fax machine bids**  
City Hall's copier lease contract is up June 30, 2019. Xerox and CTWP has submitted bid for copier.

Santiago Rodriguez made motion to approve new copier/fax machine lease with CTWP, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

**13. Discuss/Act – Cemetery – Consider and act approving construction bids for cemetery wall bids**

Ricky Royall reported two bids outs but no have been received at city hall.

**14. Discuss/Act – Cemetery – Consider and act approving weed spraying bids**  
3C Lawn & Landscape and Bugs Express has submitted bids for spraying weeds at the cemetery.

Stormy Vaughn made motion to approve Bug Express Services for \$1900 for initial services, and \$1200 quarterly and Bug Express will guarantee all services between treatments, seconded by Ron Cooper.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

**15. Discuss/Act – Community: Consider and act on next Curbside Service Pickup Date**

Council discussed possible date of July 15 first choice and July 29 second choice.

Stormy Vaughn made motion to approved next curbside service, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

**16. Discuss/Act – Community: - Consider how to help citizens with disposing of limbs on their property.**

Ricky Royall would like council to consider taking limbs to the convenience center when it's open.

Try this for several months. Customers will still need to comply with rules for inside city customers.

Steve Hines made a motion to have limbs be accepted for free for the inside city customers at the convenience center when it's open effective July 6, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed.

**17. Discuss/Act – City Secretary:** Consider and act approving of the City Secretary to submit delinquent accounts to collections.

Stormy Vaughn made motion for approval of City Secretary to submit delinquent accounts to collections, seconded by Steve Hines

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

**18. Discuss/Act - City Secretary:** Consider authorizing the City Secretary to declare records beyond the required retention period to be destroyed in compliance with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the Local Government Records Act.

Stormy Vaughn made motion for approval of City Secretary to declare records beyond the required retention period to be destroyed in compliance with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the Local Government Records Act, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

**19. Discuss/Act – Municipal Court:** – Robert Lee – Consider Bronte City Secretary act as interim as municipal deputy clerk for Robert Lee until their clerk get certified.

Lee Wommack made a motion to decline Bronte City Secretary to act as interim as municipal deputy clerk for Robert Lee, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed to decline

Council recessed at 9:20pm for break.

Council reconvened at 9:30pm to proceed with city council meeting.

**20. Discuss/Act – Ordinance – Consider Sea Container/Shipping/Cargo Ordinance**

Santiago Rodriguez talked with fire academy and reviewed the City of San Angelo container ordinance.

Stormy Vaughn presented a new sea container/shipping/cargo ordinance for council to review.

Santiago Rodriguez suggested when citizens come to get permit also include a handout with what you should and should not put in containers.

Santiago Rodriguez will come up with an education handout

Council discussed and will add more detail information to ordinance.

Mayor Gohman suggested we take the edits and send out for comments by next week and at next council meeting maybe we can approve it.

Lee Wommack made a motion to table sea container/shipping/cargo ordinance to add more detail information, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed to table

**21. Discuss/Act – Ordinance - Peddler and Mobile Food Vendor permit:** Consider city secretary to submit Peddler and Mobile Food Vendor permit to attorney for approval.

Stormy Vaughn made a motion to send peddler and mobile food vendor permit to the attorney for approval and ask if we can regulate where and when they can set up, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed after attorney has reviewed



**22. Discuss/Act – Ordinance- Door to Door Solicitation:** Consider amending current ordinance.

Stormy Vaughn would like to see a list of no solicitation from citizens. They can sign up at city hall. Stormy Vaughn would like to get background checks on the solicitors as well. See if the deputies do this. If there is a fee for the background check and how long of period, we need to add it to the permit fee.

Stormy Vaughn made a motion to table to gather more information, seconded by Ron Cooper.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed to table

**23. Discuss/Act – Ordinance – Manufactured Home – Consider amending the current ordinance.**

Stormy Vaughn discussed changes in the HUD requirements.

After lengthy discussion council agreed to table for now and keep working on it.

Stormy Vaughn made a motion to table manufactured home ordinance for more work to be done, seconded by Ron Cooper.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed to table

**24. Discuss/Act – Ordinance - Animal Ordinance – Update Consider amending the current Animal Ordinance.**

Stormy Vaughn read new legislative regulations regarding chickens.

Council discussed and agreed to table for now and keep working on it.

Stormy Vaughn made a motion to table animal ordinance to make more changes, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed to table

**25. Discuss/Act – Ordinance – Golf Cart/Off highway vehicles:** Consider Golf Cart/off highway vehicle new ordinance.

Steve Hines would like council to consider Golf Cart/off highway vehicle new ordinance. Examples were given to council for review. He would like to adopt City of Blackwell's ordinance, and add headlights and can only drive from sunup to sundown.

Council wants to add driver needs to have a license to drive. They can only have as many people that it has seats for.

You can use state regulations and need to have a license and only have as many people it is designed for.

Stormy Vaughn pulled the TML requirements.

Ron Cooper made a motion to table Golf Cart/Off highway vehicles for more review, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed to table

**Minutes/Finance:**

**26. May 16, 2019 Regular Council Minutes**

**27. Bills Paid**

Stormy Vaughn noticed the May drafts on the spreadsheet doesn't match what is on the bill paid report.

City Secretary will review and send correction notice by email to council.

Stormy Vaughn noticed the cemetery charges for feeding inmates weren't the same total in reimbursing general fund.

City Secretary will review and report back to council by email

28. Balance Sheet

29. Aging Report - May

30. Bank Reconciliation – Not available  
Teresa Ballard is working on new cash control module

31. Revenue and Expenditures – May

31b. Preliminary Revenue and Expenditures June 1 – June 18 not in packet

Lee Wommack recommends holding all financials for approval after auditors have made their adjustments.

Motion could not be made due to not listed at actionable items

Stormy reviewed May's minutes and saw where the vote was 2-3 motion failed for all minutes and financials. Also, we didn't approve of giving City Secretary access to open previous months to reconcile and make corrections from October to present.

Santiago Rodriguez report items 26-31b can't be voted on. Not listed as discuss/act.

Information only

**Discuss – On-going**

**a. Mayors Report: Goals and projects**

- Will be going to UDSA rep to get exact criteria to see what we are at are we being penalized for having low water rates.
- Start looking at budgeting and budget workshop

**b. Utility Director Report**

- Have been talking to American Sales in Angelo and them on working on a price for spray rig to spray the streets.

Dobbs will also be giving us to price for spraying the streets. County is taking some of the dirt that they are putting the piles on a designated city property.

**c. City Secretary Report**

- Nothing to report

**d. Request for future agenda items**

- Need to think about budget workshop

**Adjourn:** No further business meeting adjourned at 10:51pm

  
Paul Gohman, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Teresa Ballard, City Secretary

