

The City Council of the City of Bronte, Texas met in regular session Thursday, August 20, 2020 via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. An audio recording can be requested through the Public Information Act through City Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Paul Gohman, and a quorum was established. In attendance were by ZOOM is as follows: Mayor Paul Gohman, council members, Lee Wommack, Steve Hines, Ron Cooper, and Stormy Vaughn, Santiago Rodriguez arrived at 6:35pm. Financial consultant Everett Bedford, Utilities Director Ricky Royall, and City Secretary Teresa Ballard.

A. Proclamations and Presentations

Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Gohman

Prayer was led by Paul Gohman

B. Citizen Comments

There were no written comments sent in by deadline date via Zoom

Monthly Reports

Public Safety & Animal Services Reports: Teresa Ballard reported July deputies reported six ordinance enforcement calls, three ordinance notifications from city hall, four verbal warnings and one written citation given. Animal services caught two possums, one feral cat, one raccoon and eight skunks. Municipal court received one summon.

Fire Department Report: Santiago Rodriguez reported VFD went on fire south of Bronte with other volunteer fire departments assisting. Also, worked an accident near Ft. Chadbourne.

Economic Development, Cemetery and Community Report: EDC 4B board approved the 2020-2021 budget. Nothing to report from the cemetery committee and depot.

Building; Livestock; Fowl Committee Report: Ricky Royall reported permit committee approved fence and new addition to building at the B&K property.

Regular Agenda

Code Enforcement: Permits: Committee rejected permit according to the RV ordinance can only be parked at owner's residence. Shear Haven is commercial but Ms. Hall lives there as well. Donna Hall was in attendance by Zoom and asked for a variance to park RV behind property. Ms. Hall purchased to use at trade shows. Ms. Hall answered questions from council. Ron Cooper made the motion to approve variance to store RV behind property, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez, Vote: 3-2; Stormy Vaughn and Steve Hines voted against. Motion passed to approve variance for RV parked at Shear Haven.

Financial Monthly Reports: Everett Bedford presented financials for March, April, and May financials along with July aging, account payables, and payroll reports. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve consent financial agenda items, seconded by Lee Wommack. Vote: 5-0, motion approved.

Code Enforcement: Permits: Lee Wommack wants to make sure the permit committee will exist of Utilities Director, the mayor or one council member being a part of the permit committee when inspecting all permits. Manufactured Housing permits will still only be approved by council. Lee Wommack made the motion to approve permit committee, seconded by Stormy Vaughn. Vote: 5-0, motion passed.

Community: Council discussed considering citizens request to have a Fall City Wide Garage Sale. If the CDC, Governor or Judge have emergency orders in place then City Council will not sponsor or promote but citizens can plan to have it if there are no restrictions from the governor or judge. Citizens will need to organize and advertise on their own for Fall City Wide Garage Sale. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to deny sponsoring city wide fall garage sale but allowing citizens to plan the garage sale but with restriction from governor and judge, seconded by Ron Cooper. Vote: 5-0, motion to deny city sponsoring fall city wide garage sale.

Property: Council discussed property ID 6596 for sale by owner. City doesn't have a use for this property. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to reject offer, seconded by Lee Wommack. Vote: 5-0, motion passed to reject offer.

Animal Services: Matt Basquez has taken a leave of absence. Mayor Gohman and Ricky Royall met with Damian Roberson and he has agreed to help out temporarily until Matt Basquez comes back to work. Ricky Royall will check with Ken Coalson to work the convenience center as well. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to have Matt Basquez position be filled temporarily by city personnel and Damian Roberson as dog catcher, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 5-0, motion passed.

Election: Consider City Secretary calling for General Election for November 3, 2020. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve city secretary calling for general election for November 3, seconded by Lee Wommack. Vote: 5-0, motion passed.

Finance: Utility Late Fees: Council discussed continuing waving late fees next month. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to stop waving late fees, seconded by Lee Wommack. Vote: 5-0, motion passed to stop waving late fees.

Finance: Accounting Software: Mayor Gohman discussed having accounting software be "in the cloud" so staff could work remotely using TDEM funding. City will get prior approval from TDEM before purchasing. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve remote access if TDEM funding is approved, seconded by Lee Wommack. Vote: 5-0, motion passed.

Public Safety: Emergency Declaration: Mayor reported our COVID cases are zero. Will be opening city hall back up Monday, August 24. Mayor's recommendation is to let the emergency declaration expire we are still until the state and county declaration. Santiago Rodriguez made the motion to let the emergency declaration expire, seconded by Lee Wommack. Vote: 5-0, motion passed

1. Ordinances: Municipal Judge reviewed final changes to ordinances 344 Fireworks; 14-12 Burning Outside; 19-06 Cargo; 18-01 Public Nuisance; 19-16 Livestock Fowl; 19-02 Golf Cart; 14-15 Animal Control; 18-11 Junked Vehicle; 14-15 Noise; 351 Firearm. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to accept consent agenda approving all ordinances listed above, seconded by Ron Cooper. Vote: 5-0, motion passed and will post notification in newspaper.

Minutes: Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve consent agenda Regular City Council Meeting, July 16, 2020 and Special City Council Meeting, August 5, 2020, seconded by Lee Wommack. Vote: 5-0, motion passed

Mayors Report: With COVID going on our sales tax is staying consistent. We will be scheduling workshops in person at council chambers. We are working on germ shields for everyone. We will also be looking at face shields.

Utility Director Report: We received products to start patching pot holes.

City Secretary Report: Working on getting caught back up since I was out with COVID and working on budget workshop dates

Request for future agenda items:

Lee Wommack would like to get livestock permit on next regular city council agenda. It is in violation with our city ordinance.

Stormy Vaughn would like to report findings from the TMRS benefits meeting on next agenda.

Adjourn: No further business meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa Ballard, City Secretary