

**City of Bronte, Texas**  
**Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 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:      David Bedford, Mayor Pro Tem                      Crystal L. Blevins, City Secretary  
                 Paul Gohman, Council Member                      Ricky Royall, Utilities Director  
                 Santiago Rodriguez, Council Member                      Eileen M. Hayman, City Attorney  
                 Wade Stautzenberger, Council Member  
                 Stormy Vaughn, Council Member

Absent:        Gerald Sandusky, Mayor

**1. Proclamations and Presentations**

1.1. Pledges of Allegiance were given by those in Council Chambers.

1.2. Prayer by Council Member Paul Gohman.

**2. 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 this matter.**

No discussion

**3. Minutes**

3.1. January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 City Council Meeting

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to approve of the January 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried; Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford abstained

**4. Regular Agenda**

4.1. **6:30 p.m. Public Hearing – Finance:** Hold a public hearing to file an application with the United States Department of Agriculture, rural Development for financial assistance for Community Facilities for the purchase of a City pickup.

No discussion.

- 4.2. **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 in the 51st Judicial District Court, Coke County, Texas; filed December 19, 2017.

Council exited for executive session at 6:32 p.m.

Council returned from executive session at 7:10 p.m.

- 4.3. **Discuss/Act – Finance:**

- Monthly Report

Motion by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez to approve of the monthly report, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- Bills Paid

Council Member Santiago Rodriguez requests utilities to specify location of where utilities are being used. City staff will include description where utilities are being provided for future reference.

Council Member Stormy Vaughn discussed a list of CDs and was wondering where interest is located on the Revenues and Expenditure report.

Motion by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez to approve of the bills paid, seconded by Council Member Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- Revenues and Expenditures

Motion by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez to approve of the February revenues and expenditures report minus the January revenues and expenditures report, the January revenues and expenditures report will be provided, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

**4.4. Discuss – Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Report**

6 – Service Calls, included call from City of Bronte, Sheriff's office, and calls to individual officers.

2 – Verbal warning issued

0 – Written warnings issued

1 – Citation issued

1 – Yard Complaint

1 – Vehicle Complaint

Discussion only

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

Fire Chief Martin DeLaGarza presented the Fire Department Report

- Volunteers have installed roof on the new Fire Department Building
- Susan Williams is writing a grant
- The Fire Department received an \$8,000.00 grant from the Forest Service for training purposes.
- Funds are needed for the installation of spray form for the interior of the new building.
- Training for cadets will be provided in San Angelo, Texas in the rescuing of citizens from vehicles.

**4.6. Discuss/Act – Public Safety: Consider and take action transferring certificate of title of 1992 GMC Fire Truck to Bronte Volunteer Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Martin DeLaGarza requests certificate of title for a 1992 GMC Fire Truck "Booster" to be transferred to the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department. The certificate is currently under the City of Bronte.

Motion by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger to approve of transferring the certificate title of the 1992 GMC Fire Truck to the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

**4.7. Discuss/Act – Public Safety: Consider and take action to fund repair expenses on equipment maintained by the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Martin DeLaGarze requests the City of Bronte help repair expenses on a 1992 GMC Fire Truck. Clutch needs to be readjusted. Estimate for expenses in the amount \$1,600 for repairs and labor.

The City has future expenses that needed to be funded, backhoe, mowers, shredder, etc. Funds were allocated to the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department at

the beginning of the fiscal year in the amount of \$6,000.00 from the City. Council requests the Fire Department use the funds the City previously transferred.

Funds have currently been used to fix the following:

- pump went out
- equipment
- hoses

Motion by Council Member Paul Gohman to table the request for fund repairs on the 1992 GMC Fire Truck near the end of the fiscal year, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

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

3 Dogs  
18 Cats  
2 Possum  
3 Skunks

City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins presented the Animal Services Report.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

**4.9. Discuss – Animal Services: Livestock Permits**  
Howard Baker – 324 Briarwood; coats, horses, mules, fowl  
Lynn & Kaci Follis – 315 W. George; longhorn and goats  
Bethany Pritchard – 708 Meadow Lane; miniature donkey

Livestock permits are a continuation from the previous calendar year.

City Secretary failed to list agenda item as an action item. Livestock permits will be included on the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 agenda as a discussion and action item.

**4.10. Discuss – Code Enforcement: Building Permits**  
Jim Ferguson – 314 Key Street; patio cover

City Secretary failed to list agenda item as an action item. Building permits will be included on the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 agenda as a discussion and action item.

**4.11. Discuss/Act – Streets: Consider and take action for street maintenance within Bronte city limits.**

Utilities Director Ricky Royall had visited with three companies to discuss the blading of the streets. None of them are interested in submitting a bid for the

project. The cost to blade the streets would be expensive but there wouldn't be a lot of dirt removed. Estimate to blade the streets would be \$300.00 per hour.

County can charge FEMA rates instead of charging per hour. They are willing to trade service for other services.

Priority locations:

- South Washington Street
- Across from football field
- West Jackson Avenue

Creek north of Bronte affects the flow of water south of town.

Suggestion to use terrace to provide a ditch on County property.

Water flows down Oliver Street towards the creek but was blocked when laundry mat was transformed into a house. Ditch is not a right-of-way. Suggestion was made to talk to property owner to reopen the ditch.

Suggestion was made to continue to find someone to provide service. Request to contact Reese & Albert for quote.

County Commissioner offered to allow City of Bronte to use their grader. The City is unable to find someone to operate the County maintainer. County previously requested a current or former County employee to operate machinery.

Matt Moore has agreed to perform task per hour. Utilities Director will discuss with Matt requesting quote to repair priority locations.

Utilities Director requests permission from City Council to handle the streets issue as he sees fit.

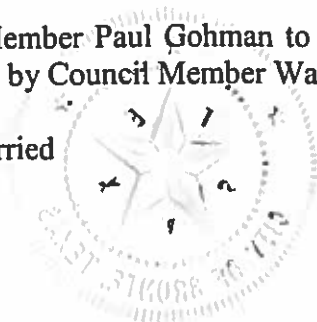
Motion by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez to give Utilities Director Ricky Royall permission to perform whatever task is necessary up to the amount \$8,000.00 for the maintenance of streets, seconded by Council Member Paul Gohman.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

4.12. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider and take action to apply for a HOME Reservation.

Motion by Council Member Paul Gohman to approve of applying for a HOME Reservation, seconded by Council Member Wade Stautzenberger

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried



- 4.13. **Discuss/ Act – City Secretary:** Remove/Add signators to the City of Bronte’s safety deposit box, all certificate of deposits and all other City of Bronte funds.

First National Bank in Bronte, Texas has received the City of Bronte’s authorized signator list, but it listed only the General, Water, Sewer and Sanitation Fund. City Secretary requests council to approve of any and all funds, CDs, safety deposit box, etc to be updated.

City Secretary requests Deputy City Secretary Marian Gohman, Mayor Pro Tem Misti Bedford and Council Member George Tomes be removed as signators from all of the City of Bronte’s bank accounts, CDs, deposit box, etc., and add Mayor Gerald Sandusky, Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford, Council Member Stormy Vaughn and City Secretary Crystal L. Blevins.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.14. **Discuss/Act – City Council:** Consider moving the April 19<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting to another date within April.

Council Member Stormy Vaughn has schedule conflict for the April 19<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting and would like to see if other members would consider changing the meeting date in April.

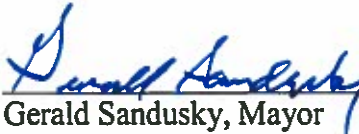
Motion by Council Member Paul Gohman rejected the request and asked that we keep the date as scheduled on April 19<sup>th</sup> for the City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

- 4.15. **Adjourn:**

Motion by Council Member Stormy Vaughn to adjourn meeting at 8:17 pm, seconded by Council Member Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion carried

  
Gerald Sandusky, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Crystal L. Blevins, City Secretary

