City of Bronte, Texas Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Thursday June 21, 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

Lee Wommack, Councilman Santiago Rodriguez, Councilman

Steve Hines, Councilman Stormy Vaughn, Councilman Ricky Royall, Utilities Director Teresa Ballard, City Secretary John Mark Hooge, TML Attorney

Absent:

Eileen M. Hayman, City Attorney (Phone in at Executive Session only)
David Bedford, Mayor Pro Tem

1. Proclamations and Presentations

- 1.1. Pledges of Allegiance were given by those in Council Chambers
- 1.2. Prayer by, Mayor 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. Citizens are allowed three minutes for comments.
 - Pat Martindale said thanks to Ricky, Ken and guys for the patching on streets.
 - Marlene Vaughn said hope we have a good meeting tonight and also thank you for getting our streets up and going and showing the citizens the council is working on it.
 - Paul Williams said he is here to help with anything we can, but only when it is legal and ethically.
 - Susan Williams EDC gave council a vague overview of what the EDC will be discussing in July. Possible bringing on board a spoke person for the EDC. Going forward if we don't bring jobs to Bronte we won't have a reason to meet. We have got to have a very sharp economic development focus.
 - Margaret Charlesworth wanted to also say thank you for the street patching.

Stormy Vaughn addressed public comments. We either need written, transparent minutes or by speaker's name that they made a comment, and then add there is an audio recording available for public record. We need to be consistent.

Stormy Vaughn could not address public citizen comments from Pat Martindale at May 17, 2018 council meeting until now. Ms. Martindale has been misinformed on several items and audio recording are available:

- At the August 17, 2017 council meeting- topic fire department where Coke County would no longer give the City of Bronte \$6K funds to be used for the FD because the City of Bronte misused \$17K of the Coke County money. It was brought up when the FD asked the City for money to fix regulators and other equipment. There was no money in the FD account. Mr. Paul Williams asked for an audit and after the audit, the money was put in the FD account the next day. The county would pay 6K directly to the FD and the city would now pay 6K directly to the FD. All funds that the City held for the FD would be transferred, and City would pay for all utilities and insurance. Stormy Vaughn did agree with Pat Martindale that the City should help with equipment repairs. Therefore, Stormy Vaughn will ask the city while working on next year's budget to pay for FD equipment. Santiago Rodriguez added that the original county funds were not allocated appropriately to the FD fund.
- Stormy Vaughn then informed Citizens of another point brought up last meeting by Ms. Martindale being several boards that were stacked and that I was on a power trip to get people off the ECD (Economic Development) Board. In July 2017, Stormy spoke to Crystal Blevins and Crystal Blevins reported there was \$30-50K of EDC money for the streets. Stormy Vaughn spoke to Fran Sonnenberg about funds to get streets repaired. Fran said she could get the information but would have to ask Gerald Sandusky if she could give Stormy that information. At that time, it wasn't about a power trip to get all the people off the EDC; it was to find the money for the streets.
- On August 8, 2017, Stormy Vaughn, not receiving any information, then emailed Fran Sonnenberg regarding money for the streets, and a list of who was on the board. On September 14, 2017, Stormy Vaughn gets a reply email and no information about the funds was given. On September 20, 2017, I went to the EDC meeting and asked if there was money for the streets and they replied there was 30K for the streets. Stormy asked if that was all the money since no work had really been done on the streets, no tally of the money was given. They told me it was used for water well. I got on the Comptroller's office website and pulled public information that informed me that 175K was transferred from EDC Board 4A funds to 4B funds and then to the City of Bronte, and you can't do that. October 17, 2017 city council meeting, this was an item on the agenda, but only a "discussion item" and no "action" could be taken. You can listen to the audio of the meeting and see what all I had said at that meeting. On November 16, 2017 council meeting, I made the motion for the Mayor to be removed from the EDC as president and director, and we also advertised for members to serve on the

EDC. Anybody that applied got on the EDC Board. So, I don't know how I could stack the board.

• Santiago Rodriguez added again that the city and county give 6K each to the FD.

3. Minutes

3.1. May 17, 2018 City Council Meeting

Motion by Lee Wommack to approve May 17 minutes with Stormy Vaughn amending the motion to make audio recordings available for public record, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

3.2. May 18, 2018 Special City Council Meeting

3.3. June 7, 2018 Special Council Meeting

Paul Gohman made a motion to combine May 18 and June 7 minutes together for approval.

Motion by Stormy Vaughn to approve May 18 and June 7 minutes, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

4. Regular Agenda

4.1. Discuss/Act – Finance:

Monthly Report

Stormy Vaughn recommends to bringing back Strategic Business Solutions to straighten up the financial reports. Reports are not matching.

Steve Hines asks about the water debt payment fund. Is it normal to have 466K in the fund? Teresa Ballard explained 60% of Robert Lee's water usage is set aside in this fund. Ricky Royall explained the fund was set up so when the time comes to re-do the plant the money will be there. Stormy Vaughn the water debt funds were also used to purchase the 90 acres Oak Creek Lake \$117K. Ricky added It is there to for water utilities, water wells for the water treatment system. Questioned was raised of who accesses the money? Council has to approve money used out of this fund.

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve Monthly Report, seconded by Stormy Vaughn with the recommendation to bring back Strategic Solutions to help on all financial reports. Could be a software issue.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

Bills Paid

Motion by Stormy Vaughn to approve Bills Paid with repetitive recommendation to bring back Strategic Business Solutions, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

- Revenues and Expenditures
 - May

Motion by: Lee Wommack to approve May Revenues and Expenditures, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

June

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve June Revenue and Expenditures, seconded by Lee Wommack.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

4.2. Discuss - Public Safety: Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Martin DeLaGarza reports receiving a grant for \$19,000 from the San Angelo foundation and thank you for a great grant writer. The foaming will start on June 23 on the new building now and next will be electrical. The framing of the office will be started soon as well. Also, the fire department will be going with the ambulance on every call. Once the building is complete, Martin will work with Paul Williams to construct water tank/rain barrel to collect rain water.

Discussion only, no action taken

4.3. **Discuss – Public Safety:** Code Enforcement Report No deputies present.

Discussion only, no action taken

4.4. Discuss – Animal Services: Animal Report

May

3 Dogs

15 Cats

4 Raccoons

1 Possum

11 Skunks

Teresa Ballard presented the Animal Services Report.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

4.5. Discuss/Act – Animal Services: Livestock Permits Paul Gohman passed out ordinance regarding livestock to Council. Lynn & Kaci Follis – 315 W George; longhorns and goats

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve livestock permit, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

Jordan & Ariel Johnson – 320 E Main; cows and horses

Motion by Lee Wommack to approve with amendment limit of three livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

Colin Pope – 404 Kickapoo – goats

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve livestock permit, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

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

Michael Bailey – 224 N Randall; patio cover and storage room

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve building permit, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

Ronald Eubanks – 508 N State; awning

Motion by Lee Wommack to approve building permit, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

Jim Ferguson – 324 Key; storage building

Motion by Lee Wommack to approve building permit, seconded by Santiago.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

Donna Hall – 121 W Main; storage building

Motion by Stormy Vaughn to approve building permit, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

Marilyn Bivins – 123 W Main St. – Fence on east side of carport

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve building permit, seconded by Lee Wommack.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

4.7. Discuss/Act – Code Enforcement: Nuisance Ordinance #14-10
Consider and taken action amending Public Nuisance Ordinance #14-10;
declaring specified conditions as nuisances and unlawful; establishing a policy for
the abatement of nuisances; providing for the enforcement of the provisions for
this ordinance; providing a penalty clause; providing for severability and
repealing clauses; providing for an effective date.

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve Nuisance Ordinance #14-10, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

4.8. Discuss/Act – Public Safety: Agreement with Coke County Sheriff Department Consider amending agreement with Coke County Sheriff Department for Law Enforcement Services

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve agreement with Coke County Sheriff Department, seconded by Lee Wommack.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

4.9. Discuss/Act – Municipal Court: – Municipal Judge
Consider agreement between the City of Bronte and Jackie Walker.

Motion by Lee Wommack to approve agreement with Judge Walker, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

4.10 Discuss/Act – Deputy City Secretary: Applications
Discuss and Consider the Mayor to accept applications, interview and hire the
Deputy City Secretary. Appoint Councilman(s) to interview applicants.
Steve Hines and Lee Wommack will help Paul Gohman with the interview process.

Motion by Stormy Vaughn to approve mayor to interview and hire deputy city secretary, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

4.11. Discuss/Act – Finance Ordinance 2nd Reading:

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 Stormy Vaughn to approve the Finance Ordinance 2nd reading, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

- 4.12. Discuss/Act Finance: Consider services for electronic payment for utility billing.
 - Aptean Asyst ePay for PayPal
 - Hamer Enterprises eNetpay©
 Recommendation to go with Hamer Enterprises.

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to table until attorney looks at Hammer Enterprises contract, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion to table

4.13. **Discuss/Act – Economic Development:** Consider contract with city secretary, Teresa Ballard for services with the Bronte EDC.

Paul Gohman explained if we don't accept this contract we violate EDC 4A & 4B Bylaws. The City Secretary is the registered agent.

Stormy Vaughn reported the registered is just that "the registered agent". My understanding Andra as the EDC corresponds with the comptroller's office, does the minutes and agendas and the city doesn't pay the EDC secretary for EDC. I think it needs to go to the EDC board to decide if they want to the city secretary on the board. If they want redo their bylaws that are for them to deal with. Teresa Ballard read the Texas State Law - local government code 505.056 stating the city secretary is the registered agent.

Paul Gohman recommends to accept it as it is no so we are not forcing them to be in violation of their bylaws. Then look further in to it another to way to do this.

Steve Hines asked if there is any kind of performance review on this because people ask we pay \$300 month out of the EDC fund what are we getting for it, and Steve's reply is "I have no idea".

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve contract with city secretary Teresa Ballard for services with the Bronte 4B EDC, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

4.14. Discuss/Act – Economic Development: Consider approving bid packet sale of 1.3 acre of tract one, block 59 1/2, section one, railroad addition to the City of Bronte, Coke County, Texas.
Attorney prepared bid packet.

Stormy Vaughn would like to confirm "DEED WITHOUT WARRANTY". Stormy Vaughn recommends having the City offer a title policy/construction binder and "SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED". No one will want to buy the land and build on it without a warranty.

Motion by Stormy Vaughn to approve of bid packet and "Deed without Warranty" only if attorney approves of bid packet the way it is, then I approve, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez on contingent with attorney's approval.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried on contingent with attorney's approval.

- 4.15. **Discuss/Act Housing Authority:** Consider appointing a Commissioner to the Bronte Housing Authority for a two year term.
 - Margaret Charlesworth
 - Jennifer Addona

Motion by Santiago Rodriquez to approve mayor to appoint commissioner, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

Mayor, Paul Gohman appoints Margaret Charlesworth commissioner to the Bronte Housing Authority for a two year term.

4.16. Discuss/Act – Streets: Ordinance 1st Reading: Consider an ordinance amending Ordinance #392 prohibiting commercial vehicle having a gross motor vehicle weight on excess of 10,000 pounds to travel along specified city streets: authorizing public works director to post appropriate signage: declaring a penalty for violation of the ordinance: and containing a severability clause Adding Parkwood and Driftwood to the route.

Motion by Lee Wommack to approve Streets Ordinance 1st reading, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

4.17. Discuss/Act – City Council: Consider a resolution amending the Commissioners Job Description and Duties.

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve resolution amending the commissioner's job description and duties, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

4.18. Discuss/Act - City Council: Appoint Council members as Commissioners.

Motion by Santiago Rodriguez to approve appointing Council members as commissioners, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

4.19. 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.

Motion by Stormy Vaughn_to approve going into executive session to discuss litigation styled as Ronny Loyd vs. City of Bronte, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4 to 0 Motion carried

Council exited for executive session at 6:38 p.m.

Council returned from executive session at 7:28 p.m.

Paul Gohman reported no action on 4.19

4.20. Discuss – Mayors Report: Goals and projects

City Secretary Report

Teresa Ballard reports getting ready for budget/workshop next month

Utility Director Report

Ricky will be picking up new truck tomorrow.

Request for future agenda items

Recommendation from Citizen Pat Martindale to have a day to get rid of TV's, computers, etc. See CVCOG — E-Waste Program.

4.21. Adjourn:

There was no further business adjourn at 9:08 P.M.

Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Ballard, City Secretary