

City of Bronte, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 16, 2020 6:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Bronte, Texas met in regular session 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 via Zoom Video Conference at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Paul Gohman, and a quorum was established. In attendance by Zoom were City Council Members: Lee Wommack, Ron Cooper, Stormy Vaughn, Santiago Rodriguez, Steve Hines, and Mayor Paul Gohman. Also, in attendance by ZOOM is Ricky Royall, Utilities Director and Teresa Ballard, City Secretary.

Proclamations and Presentations

Prayer was led by Mayor Paul Gohman.

Citizen Comments

There were no written comments sent in by deadline date. Some citizens participated in the meeting via Zoom.

Regular Agenda

Finance: Mayor Gohman read the Ordinance to amend FY19-20 Budget for municipal purposes. Budget amendment for Sanitation Fund Sales Tax. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve the Budget Amendment FY19-20 for Sanitation Fund Sales Tax, seconded by Ron Cooper. Mayor Gohman took a rollcall vote. Motion passed.

Public Safety: Mayor Gohman reported Emergency Declaration by the Mayor ended at midnight April 15. His recommendation is to extend the declaration. Santiago Rodriguez made the motion to extend the declaration from April 16 through May 21, seconded by Stormy Vaughn. Mayor Gohman took a rollcall vote. Motion passed.

Election: Mayor Gohman read the Resolution to postpone the 2020 general election from May 2, 2020 until November 3, 2020. The reason for postponing the general election was two factors: (1) being the governor's declaration and (2) the county was ordering new voting machines and needed an answer, so the decision was made to postpone the election. Ron Cooper made the motion to postpone 2020 general election to November 3, 2020, seconded by Stormy Vaughn. Mayor Gohman took a rollcall vote. Motion passed

Finance: Mayor Gohman discussed with council waiving utility late fees and disconnects for the duration of COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. Ron Cooper made the motion to waive utility late fees and disconnects through the duration of COVID-19, seconded by Stormy Vaughn. Mayor Gohman took a rollcall vote. Motion passed

Sanitation: Mayor Gohman addressed concerns of Matt Basquez working the Convenient Center recommends closing the Convenient Center for the duration to COVID-19

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Council discussed options. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to close the convenient center for the duration to COVID-19, seconded by Steve Hines. Roll call vote: Motion passed.

Consent Approve Minutes:

Council reviewed minutes, Lee Wommack made the motion to approve the Town Hall Meeting, February 4, 2020; Special Council Meeting, February 11, 2020; Regular Council Meeting, February 20, 2020 and Special City Council Meeting, March 23, 2020, minutes, seconded by Stormy Vaughn. Mayor Gohman took a rollcall vote: Motion passed

Discuss – On-going

Mayor Report: We are looking at possibly offering an incentive for people that pay their bill on time. I think there is some possible legal issues there. I have a conference call with the Governor Abbott tomorrow. Task force are being formed to get simplicity and some normalcy. I am hoping we will be back to somewhat normal by the May meeting. Mayor addressed Lee Wommack concerns regarding livestock permit issues, but we will get to all of the backlog business and pending items. I think we will have a better idea of what our financial situation looks like with the city. I know our sales taxes are way down and know that people will not be able to pay their bill, but in the next 30 days, I think will know more of where we stand.

Adjourn at 7:02 p.m.



Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa Ballard, City Secretary