

City of Bronte, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 17, 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. An audio recording can be requested through the Public Information Act through City Hall.

The meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Paul Gohman, and a quorum was established. In attendance: Santiago Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem; All City Council Members: Lee Wommack, Steve Hines, Ron Cooper and Stormy Vaughn; Ricky Royall, Utility Director, Teresa Ballard, City Secretary. City Attorney, Eileen M. Hayman was not requested to attend the meeting.

A. Proclamations and Presentations

Pledge of Allegiance
Prayer was led by Lee Wommack

B. Citizen Comments – There was no citizen comments

Regular Agenda

There is no report from Fire Department

Deputy Roberson gave the Sheriff's Enforcement report no animal calls this month of September.

City Secretary gave the Animal Report being animal services caught 4 cats, 3 raccoons, 3 possums and 2 skunks.

Brenda Hines reported EDC 4B has welcome signs coming into town. Bronteoberfest banner is hanging across the highway.

Monthly Cemetery Committee: Brenda Hines and Marlene Vaughn have been working has been organizing cemetery files.

Volunteer clean-up at the cemetery is Saturday October 26 from 8am to noon.

Depot: Ricky Royall spoke with a roofer and the only way to fix the roof is to take all the tiles off and start over. It will be very time consuming. Stormy Vaughn suggested getting a grant or RBF possible donating to cemetery and historical project if they can write off. Might talk to RBF or the Chamber could help. City secretary will type notes from when the group met to discuss what to do with the depot. Stormy Vaughn will work on Cemetery Ordinance.

Code Enforcement: Daryl & Resie Cook contacted city hall to cancel council considering temporary permit for RV while building house at 220 N Lombard.

Tabled

Utilities: Council reviewed seven brokers' electricity provider's proposals. Stormy Vaughn recommends going with a five year contract and narrow to a couple of providers then ask them of their best price. Ricky Royall reports the city has an AEP representative maybe I can ask our representative could explain what the charges mean, also consider resolution authorizing the mayor to sign contract with new contract rate.

Stormy Vaughan made the motion to table and have Ricky Royall to contact AEP ask about the nodule pass through comparison to all-inclusive and Hudson energy and the details for 60 months, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 5-0, motion tabled to get more information

Community: Amber Pedigo with the United States Census Bureau discussed census centennial count is coming up in 2020. We have two huge components, Federal funding that will last for ten years and Congressional District Representation that will also last for ten years based off of population. There is now four ways to response, online, by mail, telephone and in door to door. We are hoping to hire locally. They can apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs or pick up at flyer at city hall. April 1, 2020 will be the actual census date runs through July.

City can post on website, marquee and Facebook. Also, would like to organize a complete count committee to help build awareness, educate about the importance for the community to participate.

Ordinance: Consider approving Golf Cart ordinance – Lee Wommack presented golf cart ordinance but in a different version. Council discussed and Stormy Vaughn read the version from the attorney. Ordinance was passed at July 18, 2019 council meeting with attorney's approval. Lee Wommack concern is it needs to state you need liability insurance. Mayor Gohman requested for a motion to publish the Golf Cart ordinance that had already been passed.

Ron Cooper made motion to approve the Golf Cart Vehicle Ordinance, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 3-2, motion passed; Santiago Rodriguez and Lee Wommack voted No.

Finance: Consider approving ordinance 19-14 amending Fiscal Year 2018-2019 adopted operating budget for municipal purposes for Transfer of Revenue and Expenditures. City Secretary needs to increase FD and EMS and Cemetery budget. Lee Wommack made the motion to approve ordinance amending FY18-19 operating budget for municipal purposes for transfer of revenue and expenditures, seconded by Ron Cooper.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

Contract: Consider approving new UniFirst Customer Service Agreement and a resolution to authorize the mayor to sign services agreement with Unifirst.

Lee Wommack made the motion to approve the service agreement and approve a resolution to authorize the mayor to sign services agreement with Unifirst, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

Lee Wommack amended the motion to add and approve a resolution to authorize the mayor to sign services agreement with Unifirst, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

Minutes from September 19 and 23 were reviewed by council with a few typos to the minutes.

Lee Wommack made the motion to approve September 19 and September 23 minutes, sectioned by Ron Cooper.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

Finance: Bills Paid, Lee Wommack discussed the attorney's bill is high. He thinks we are paying too much money to our attorney. We spent \$2800 was for ordinances. When we talk to the TML attorney to get an answer they still say go through our city attorney.

Lee Wommack made the motion to approve bills paid, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

Balance Sheet – City Secretary reported met with Mr. Bedford and the credits for Medicare and SS are over payments to general ledger. Council asked why we keep overpaying. My figures were incorrect but are now correct. Lee Wommack made the motion to approve balance sheet, seconded by Ron Cooper.

Vote: 4-1, motion passed, Stormy Vaughn no vote

Aging Report – Council discussed

Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve Aging Report, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

Bank Reconciliation – Steve Hines asked about balances go up and down.

Steve Hines made the motion to approve Bank Reconciliations, seconded by Ron Cooper.

Vote: 3-2, motion passed, Stormy Vaughn and Santiago Rodriguez abstained

Outstanding check that have not cleared

Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve Outstanding checks, seconded by Ron Cooper

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

Revenue and Expenditures - Stormy Vaughn asked the RL water revenue and debt payment doesn't look right. Sales tax revenue and the EDC revenue isn't correct for year to date. Mayor's recommendation if council has a question regarding financials have corrections made within a week of the council meeting.

Stormy Vaughan made the motion to table Revenue and Expenditures, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: table until City Secretary makes corrections.

Deposit List by Funds – Stormy Vaughn said this report helps when you are looking at your balance sheet to see if your deposits are matching up.

Stormy Vaughan made the motion to accept the Deposit List by Funds, seconded by Ron Cooper.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

Consider Approval of FY2018-2019 Correction and Reconciling of Fund Accounts. Tabled until corrections have been fixed. Ron Cooper made the motion to table until corrections have been fixed, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 5-0, table until City Secretary makes corrections.


Discuss – On-going

- a. Mayors Report: Goals and projects – Have been working on goals and objectives with all our employees. All have agreed and have come up with some very good solutions. On the utility side, Ken will be taking on getting more responsibilities and that will free up Ricky. Ricky will be managing Ken and will be working on the plant expansion that will be the liaison. On the secretarial side we will be working on manual that outlines all the standard operations to the city. Will be working on a manual in Asyst. Deputy City Secretary will be crossed-trained in everything. Will send out goals when all signatures have been collected. In the end of the year we will be in much better shape. Street cleaning, we have some hiccups. The roads on the northwest side of town are getting better and better. Livestock ordinance we are working to that.
- b. Utility Director Report: Ricky Royall reported the blue house on Jefferson St. is done. Will place on the agenda next month to start the process of getting it back on the tax roll. We have a couple of applications for the part-time helper. I would like to keep it open for another week and maybe we will get some more applications. Our time is up on the sweeper but would like to keep for one more week. Bug Express has hired someone with the qualifications just waiting on class. Since May the Convenience Center gate fee revenue is \$825.00. Cemetery has been mowed. Volunteer clean-up day is October 26th from 8am – Noon.
- c. City Secretary Report: Brought to my attention that we tabled Mr. Bedford's agreement and he has been signed I am working Waste Services bid.
- d. Request for future agenda items:
 - Property at 202 N Jefferson
 - Curfew ordinance needs to be addressed
 - Livestock ordinance discussion
 - Mr. Bedford's agreement
 - Coke County Sheriff contact needs to be done before animal and livestock ordinance is final

Adjourn: Council adjourn at 9:13pm


Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa Ballard, City Secretary

