

City of Bronte, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 16, 2020 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 was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Paul Gohman, and a quorum was established. In attendance: City Council Members: Lee Wommack, Steve Hines, Ron Cooper and Stormy Vaughn, Ricky Royall, Utility Director, Teresa Ballard, City Secretary and Sherry Bailey, Deputy City Secretary. Sanitation Rodriguez absent, City Attorney, Eileen M. Hayman was not requested to attend the meeting.

A. Proclamations and Presentations

Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Gohman
Prayer was led by Lee Wommack

B. Citizen Comments

Bryce Short, Corby Kelso, Zach Davidson and John Seales, all spoke to council to see what would be done to slow or to stop the criminal activity in Bronte from 9pm to 5am. We have 100 percent behind our deputies, sheriff and the community. We know there are limitations as far as budget, we want to see what we can do to move things in a different direction whether it be fund raisers, get neighborhood watch going, or hire someone to patrol those hours. Just pitching ideas that we could change to stop this. Need to be stricter. A ticket isn't going to solve the problem. I think we need to have a town hall meeting to discuss this crime in Bronte.

Regular Agenda

Community: Denise Galloway would like council to consider approving use of the depot parking lot to hold street dance for Hog and Turkey Festival Saturday, April 18, 2020. We are in the early stages and just wanted to get tentative approval from council.

Lee Wommack expressed concerns and questions against if you want to shut down highway 158, what time would you stop the music, and the closure of the side street for the residents not being able to come and go. Backup plan is at the fire department.

Lee Wommack made the motion to tentative approve the use of depot parking lot and surrounding area for Hog and Turkey Festival, seconded by Ron Cooper. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

Public Safety & Animal Services Reports: There is no one present from the Fire Department to give report. Denise Galloway commented the FD and RL FD worked on a fire near her property and she is glad they were able to stop the fire. It came within 8ft from her north side of the property.

Deputy Roberson reported December activities with two ordinance enforcement calls, two ordinance notifications from city hall, one written ordinance warning and three ordinance citations.

Citizens asked questions to Deputy Roberson on what they can do as concern citizens to keep the criminal activities down in Bronte. Recommendation to start neighborhood watch. Also have a town hall meeting and bring our community together and get a program going. Mayor Gohman will set up a town hall meeting.

Animal services caught eight cats, four skunks, one possum and three raccoons and two dogs. After 72 hrs. one cat was taken away, one dog went to a shelter and one was given a citation when dog was returned. Animal services have been making his presence known. An activity report will be sent to council twice a month for councils' information.

Economic Development Report and Cemetery Report: EDC 4B meets Thursday, January 23 at 5:30pm and EDC 4A meets at 7pm. Stormy Vaughan reports the cemetery committee met with a landscaper. The landscaper will draw up plans of what he recommends. Also, Tree Express look at the cemetery. There are 158 trees in the cemetery. We will give a quote by a daily rate. We might need to find a place to put the mulch. Also met regarding the archway and recommending filling in cattle guard rather than taking it out. The lions club would

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

like to put flags on all the veteran's graves. People are getting excited about the work being done in the cemetery.

Community: Depot Status Report: Ricky Royall recommendation is time to get a structural engineer to look at the depot. It needs attention. Maybe Concho Valley foundation repair could come out and look. Ron Cooper recommends finding grant.

Code Enforcement: Building permit committee reviewed application and site plan for Daryl Cook building new house and RV carport permanent building. House permit is approved. The RV cover needs to move 5' south and it will be approved. Sherry did speak with Mr. Cook regarding moving structure. Stormy Vaughn noticed that the RV covered structure site plan was sent into the City prior to the house site plans, and asked questions regarding such. She has concerns of what if they only build the RV cover and not ever build a house, what then? Mayor Gohman stated that a policy is in place to take care of that issue, with no permanent living in a RV and they only have a 6-month special permit.

Ron Cooper made the motion to approve building new house and moving the RV carport cover, seconded by Lee Wommack. Vote: 4-0, motion passed

Code Enforcement: Livestock permit: Permit Committee Ricky Royall and Lee Wommack inspected the permits listed below. Lee Wommack is abstaining from voting on all the permits since he drove around with Ricky on the investigation. A slide show of pictures taken of each property were shown to the Council.

Howard Baker: Chicken permit: Does not meet criteria. He has 40 guineas, 25 chickens, 6 turkey, etc. and the Chickens running all over the place. One neighbor doesn't have a problem with the fowl roaming everywhere.

Ron Cooper asked to save time, could we approve what Ricky has approved and he read off the list, but Stormy Vaughn has questions on some so they will be discussed individually. Vaughn asked Ricky if every permit application that he and Wommack approved meet all criteria of the Ordinance? No, they do not.

Ron Cooper wants to discuss the options of the permits that do not pass the permit criteria. What kinds for provisions are there? They could appeal to city council and they could get a special permit.

Council discussed the ordinance and how the Ordinance had been revised, amended and brainstormed repeatedly, now when we get to permit applications, does the Ordinance not matter? Vaughn stated that you cannot deny one permit and then accept another when an owner has the same criteria or has the same issue. It must be fair across the board. Every Council Member had input in the making of the Ordinance, it was voted in unanimously several times. Council discussed Special Use Permit shall be granted by the Council, the standard permit needs to be denied due to not meeting the criteria of the ordinance. Then an appeal could be requested, and Council could vote then. Discussion got intense and Vaughn asked for a recess.

Council recessed at 7:50pm and convinced at 7:56p and continued with meeting.

Howard Baker: Livestock permit: meets criteria. Steve Hines made the motion to deny chicken permit and approve livestock permit, seconded by Stormy Vaughn. Vote: 3-0 motion approved to deny chicken permit and approved livestock permit

Travis Black: Livestock Permit: Meets criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Ron Cooper. Vote: 3-0 motion passed to approve livestock permit

Dennie Braswell: Chicken permit: Inspection determined the chickens were in front of the property, to many chickens, and roams all over. Does not meet criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to reject chicken permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 2 against -1, Ron Cooper opposed. Motion passed to deny chicken permit

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

Dennie Braswell: Livestock permit: Meets criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 3-0 motion approved livestock permit

Kaleb Bannert: Livestock Permit: Meets criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Ron Cooper. Vote: 3-0 motion approved livestock permit

Thomas Corley: Chickens permit: Meets criteria. Steve Hines made the motion to approve chicken permit, seconded by Stormy Vaughn. Vote: 3-0 motion approve chicken permit

Thomas Corley: Livestock permit: Meets criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 3-0 motion approve livestock permit

Orlando DeLaGarza: Livestock permit: Stock show animal: Does not meet criteria. The shelter is too close to the neighbor and does not have at least 100 feet. Vaughn said that it is clean though. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to reject permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 2-1, Ron Cooper opposed. Motion passed to permit. Stormy Vaughn reminded council his permit is good for one year from which it was approved by council on May 16, 2019.

Juan Delarosa: Livestock permit: Does not meet criteria. Lack of acreage. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to reject permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 2-1, Ron Cooper opposed. Motion passed to deny livestock permit

Juan Delarosa: Chicken permit: Meets criteria. Chickens permit: Meets criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve chicken permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 3-0 motion approve chicken permit

Larry Dyess: Livestock permit: Does not meet criteria. Does not have the acreage. Steve Hines made the motion to deny livestock permit, seconded by Stormy Vaughn Vote: 2 against -1, Ron Cooper opposed. Motion passed to deny livestock permit

Callie Eubanks: Chickens permit: Does not meet criteria. Chickens running all over the place and not sanitary. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to reject chicken permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 2 against -1, Ron Cooper opposed. Motion passed to deny chicken permit

Andy Eubanks: Livestock permit: Meets criteria. Steve Hines made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Ron Cooper. Vote: 3-0 motion approve livestock permit

Lynn Follis: Livestock permit: Meets criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 3-0 motion approve livestock permit

David Glenn: Livestock permit: Meets criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 3-0 motion approve livestock permit

Jerome Hogan: Livestock permit: Does not meet criteria. Not sanitary and has piles of manure, too many horses in location. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to reject livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 2-1, Ron Cooper opposed. Motion passed to deny livestock permit

Tiffany Harendt: Chickens permit: Does not meet criteria. Too close to house next door to her property and to close to the cemetery. More chickens than the ordinance allows. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to reject chicken permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 2 against -1, Ron Cooper opposed. Motion passed to deny chicken permit

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

Jordan Johnson: Livestock permit: Does not meet criteria. Lack of acreage and not sanitary. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to reject livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 2-1, Ron Cooper opposed. Motion passed to deny livestock permit

Carolyn Knight: Chicken permit: Does not meet criteria. More chickens than the ordinance allows. Steve Hines made the motion to reject chicken permit, seconded by Stormy Vaughn. Vote: 2 against -1, Ron Cooper opposed. Motion passed to deny chicken permit

Terry Marrs: Livestock permit: Meets criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 3-0 motion approve livestock permit

RA Morris: N/A

David & Paula McWright: Livestock permit: Stock show animal. Meets criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 3-0 motion approve livestock permit

Kenneth Miller: Meets criteria. Steve Hines made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Stormy Vaughn. Vote: 3-0 motion approve livestock permit

Homer & Kathy Oliver: Livestock permit: Meets criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 3-0 motion approve livestock permit

Colin Pope: Livestock permit: Meets criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 3-0 motion approve livestock permit

Colin Pope: Chicken permit: Does not meet criteria. Chickens not confined. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to reject chicken permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 2 against -1, Ron Cooper opposed. Motion passed to deny chicken permit

Bethany Pritchard: Livestock permit: Meets criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 3-0 motion approve livestock permit

Bob Ragsdale: Livestock permit: Riley Coalson's running sheep on his place. Meets criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 3-0 motion approve livestock permit

Rocky Rawls: Livestock permit: Meets criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 3-0 motion approve livestock permit

Rocky Rawls: Chicken permit: Meets criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve chicken permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 3-0 motion approve chicken permit

Jonathan & Amy Reeves: Livestock permit: Show stock animal: Meets criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 3-0 motion approve livestock permit

Justin Saldana: Chicken permit: Does not meet criteria. Not confined. Steve Hines made the motion to reject chicken permit, seconded by Stormy Vaughn. Vote: 2 against -1, Ron Cooper opposed. Motion passed to deny chicken permit

Phillip & Katheryn Shaw: Livestock permit: Meets criteria. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 3-0 motion approve livestock permit

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

Phillip & Katheryn Shaw: Chicken permit: Does not meet criteria. More chickens than the ordinance allows. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve chicken permit with provision of getting rid of the four old hens, as application recommends if needed, seconded by Steven Hines. Vote: 2 against -1, Ron Cooper opposed. Motion passed to chicken permit with provisions.

Tim Siler: Livestock permit: Stock show animal. Meets criteria but it is not sanitary. Steve Hines made the motion to approve livestock permit if sanitary and with caution to keep clean, seconded by Stormy Vaughn. Vote: 3-0 motion approve livestock permit with caution to keep area clean

Ron Sims: Livestock permit: Meets criteria. Steve Hines made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Stormy Vaughn. Vote: 3-0 motion approve livestock permit

Dan Stone: Livestock permit: Ricky Royall recommends not using shelter by neighbor less than 100' from neighbor. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to deny livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 3, motion passed to deny livestock permit

James Vaughn: Livestock permit: Meets criteria. Ron Cooper made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 2-1 Stormy Vaughn abstain, motion approve livestock permit

Bruce & Stormy Vaughn: Livestock permit: Meets criteria. Ron Cooper made the motion to approve livestock permit, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 2-1 Stormy Vaughn abstain, motion approve livestock permit

City Secretary: Stormy Vaughn made the motion to authorize the mayor sign Notice of the 2020 General Election, seconded by Ron Cooper. Vote: 4-0 motion passed

Utilities: Notifications were emailed to six electricity brokers on Friday, January 10 to send proposals to city hall by Noon, Thursday, January 16. One proposal was submitted. Subcommittee's recommendation is with electricity broker TruEnergy, getting electricity with Direct Energy for 60 months, All-inclusive product at of 0.04307 or less. Lee Wommack made the motion to approve Direct Energy for 60 months at of 0.04307 or less, seconded by Stormy Vaughn. Vote: 4-0 motion passed.

Ordinance: Stormy Vaughn reported this is the second amended to the RV RV Park ordinance. During council discussing City found out that the RV park is run by Coke County but is in the city limits and the amendments will need to be readdressed. Ron Cooper made the motion to table amendment to RV RV Park ordinance to make the corrections, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 4-0 motion passed to table.

EDC Sales Tax Revenue Funding: Lee Wommack would like to see if the EMS and FD could get a percentage of the EDC sales tax revenue to help the EMS and FD operating costs. Lee Wommack made the motion to have City Secretary to contact comptroller's office to see if there is time to get this on the ballot for election and if so, have Mr. Russel Gallahan talk her through putting on the ballot for EDC Sales Tax Revenue Funding EMS, FD & possibly Cemetery was added as well, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 4 motion passed

Sanitation: Stormy Vaughn made the motion to have Quarterly Curbside Clean-up date any Monday in February, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 4-0 motion passed

City Secretary: City secretary wants to rescind the sanitation credit card approved and have cemetery credit card to keep accurate records when inmates for working at the cemetery for meals and other costs. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to rescind sanitation credit card and approve to have cemetery credit card, seconded by Ron Cooper. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

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

Public Safety: Wi-Fi at FD: City Secretary contacted West Central and they approved free Wi-Fi at the Fire Department at 413 W Main St. Information only.

Public Safety: Change back door of EMS vehicle: EMS would pay for all expenses if council would approve moving door in the back of the EMS Bay to open outward instead in inward. Ricky Royall and Paul Gohman both agreed that it would be better if the EMS would move the vehicle out of the way when they need to go through the door. Lee Wommack recommends taking off the door and new framework welded to the other side and the EMS will pay for the cost if council approves. Stormy made the motion to approve the EMS to pay for changing out the door, seconded by Ron Cooper. Vote: 4-0 motion passed

City Secretary: City secretary would like council's approval to get a quote for signage on the outside the city council chamber building identifying as City Council Chamber and Municipal Court Chamber. Also, a new city sign over city hall to match. Lee Wommack made the motion to approve city secretary get quote and proof of signage, seconded by Ron Cooper. Vote: 4, motion passed

Approve Minutes:

Council review minutes and December 19, 2019. Lee Wommack made motion to approve minutes, second by Ron Cooper. Vote: 4-0 motion passed

Approve Monthly Finance Reports: Council reviewed all monthly reports.

Aging Reports: Stormy Vaughn would like to see the list of bad debt on the monthly reports. The City recently collected bad debt of \$445.67 plus collection agency fees. Also, staff is working on collecting another bad debt. Stormy Vaughn made a motion to approve aging report, seconded by Lee Wommack. Vote: 4-0 motion passed

General Fund Reports: Stormy Vaughn reminded staff to get copy of the Fire department's insurance part to send them the insurance invoice so they can get the money from the forestry to reimburse the city. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve general fund reports, seconded by Lee Wommack. Vote: 4-0 motion passed

Water Fund Reports: Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve water fund reports, seconded by Lee Wommack. Vote: 4-0 motion passed

Sewer Fund Reports: Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve sewer fund reports, seconded by Lee Wommack. Vote: 4-0 motion passed

Sanitation Fund Reports: While our internal auditors were reviewing our files, they noticed I wasn't reporting sales tax correct and our financial consultant agreed with their findings. I am paying our sanitation sales tax with the billing numbers when we should be paying from the revenue collected. Moving forward, sales tax will be paid on revenue collected. Reports will not match the general ledger. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve sanitation fund reports, seconded by Lee Wommack. Vote: 4-0 motion passed

Cemetery Reports: Ron Vaughn made the motion to approve cemetery fund reports, seconded by Lee Wommack. Vote: 4-0 motion passed

Other Reports: Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve other fund reports, seconded by Steve Hines. Vote: 4-0 motion passed

Discuss – On-going:

Mayors Report: Paul Gohman slideshow presentation showing council land city owns. While identifying land, we talked with the Cowboy Church to let them know the city owns a strip of land. They did not know they

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

didn't have the whole block. The city has a strip next to their property and if we could swap that would give the city a whole block for housing. Need the plats for all the property. Overview this section has septic. We need a lift station. We would apply for a block grant. That would open a whole lot of opportunities.

Utility Director Report: Nothing to report

City Secretary Report: TMRS city contribution effective January 1, 2020 increased employee retirement match by the City from the present 13.15% to 13.33% for 2020 calendar year. I will need to amend budget to reflect this change.

Still cross training and working on identifying city owned properties.

We are taking applications for mayor and two council member positions until February 14, 2020.


Municipal Court is Tuesday, January 28 at 5:30pm and there are seven on the docket.

Request for future agenda items:

Lee Wommack would like to discuss act range finder for code enforcement

Stormy Vaughn reported talking to San Angelo provided how Galilee was able to work with the City to build homes, more to come.

Adjourn: No further business meeting adjourned at 10:29pm.


Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa Ballard, City Secretary

