

**City of Bronte, Texas**  
**Special City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 5, 2019 6:30 P.M.**

**The City Council of the City of Bronte, Texas met in special session in City Council Chambers, City Hall, and 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. and a quorum was established. In attendance: Paul Gohman, Mayor; City Council Members: Lee Wommack, Steve Hines, Ron Cooper, Stormy Vaughn and Ricky Royall, Utility Director, Teresa Ballard, City Secretary. City Attorney, Eileen M. Hayman was not requested to attend the meeting. Santiago Rodriguez was present at 6:36pm.

**Proclamations and Presentations**

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer was led by Paul Gohman

Public Safety: Consider approving quote from Texas Communications for Bronte Volunteer Fire Department.

Ron Cooper made a motion to approve BVFD request to pay radios from Texas Communications for \$2,598.00, seconded by Lee Wommack.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

Utilities - Finance: Consider approving per & ER USDA RFQ committee's recommendation Jacob Martin for Water System agreement. There are 2 parts in this Contract to consider. (Section 1) The Study: The study includes all of the treatment from the intake at the lake and wells, to the storage at the lake, the pipeline, everything in the water treatment plant, ground storage, and the distribution system - all the way to the tap. Consider approving Attachment B, Compensation for this section shall be for a turnkey lump sum amount of \$25,000. (Section 2) Locating Additional Water Sources: (Open-ended project). Consider Schedule of Rates in Attachment C, with a *not to exceed* amount of \$15,000. Mayor suggest to adding "*No work shall be performed for Section 2 without an additional written request being made by the City.*"

Ricky Royall reported we are not eligible to apply for another grant for a study with USDA until 2021 because we received a grant for generic study in 2016. The pipeline grant has been awarded to the top five, but we should be in the second phase when they award the grant.

Utilities- Finance: Consider authorizing the Mayor to execute Resolution approval for Engineering Services Water Study. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to authorize the Mayor to execute resolution to work with Jacob and Martin on the water study, compensation for Section 1 in the amount of \$25,000, compensation Section 2 not to exceed the amount of \$15,000 and Section 2 must go through Council for any decisions, seconded by Lee Wommack.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

Utilities – Water –Stormy Vaughn shared with council how the city calculated the overage rate and bill for Robert Lee. September Billing to City of Robert Lee Overage doesn't look correct. The meter was read correctly by Ricky Royall; however, the actual Bill that was mailed to the City of Robert Lee regarding the overage charge was incorrect. It was agreed that Bronte will read all meters being Robert Lee, Lake Water and Well Water on the same day each month and the number of days in a monthly billing cycle should be consistent moving forward. Bronte will invoice Robert Lee a detail invoice moving forward with a read date or number of days in the cycle. In the last bill to Robert Lee, the overage was billed incorrectly and since Robert Lee has a new ordinance regarding this overage rate, we need to give credit to them since they have already billed their customers based on the incorrect rate in the bill. City will credit \$700 to Robert Lee.

Utilities - Water: Consider City of Robert Lee Water Rate increase of 12%. Historical 2011-2015 increase was 12%, and there has been no increase since January 1, 2016. Moving forward we will review on an annual basis increase 3%.

Utilities - Water: Consider a resolution authorizing the Mayor to amend the City of Robert Lee Water Use Rates. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to increase the water use rate of 12%, researching to be sure legally we can increase 12%, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

Ordinance: Consider approval new Golf Cart/off highway vehicle ordinance 19-02 with Attorneys recommendations. Sheriff McCutchen expressed concerns to council if you pass this ordinance and his deputies have been instructed to give tickets regarding this issue. State law says golf cart can go to and from golf course only. He would like to see council to drop this ordinance. Council will education citizens by posting in the newspaper or on Facebook. Stormy Vaughn will write education document.

Stormy Vaughn made the motion to take no action, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 4-1, Ron Cooper abstained, motion passed to take no action

Ordinance: Consider approving Solicitors Ordinance 19-08. On mobile vendor section 8 item e location of mobile food vendors. Council needs to decide with version to put in ordinance. Council recommends changing wording 50 feet from the property line.

Santiago Rodriguez made the motion to approve Solicitors Ordinance with changes, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed with changes

Community: Discuss disposition of city properties. Consider either demo house or put restrictions on bid to bring house up to international residential building code within a reasonable time to the city property at 202 N Jefferson.

Stormy Vaughn made the motion to tear down house then put property up for bid, seconded by Ron Cooper.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

City staff will contact Restoring Bronte Foundation asking for help tearing down house.

Municipal Court: Consider resignation of Judge Jackie Walker due to health issues.

Ron Cooper made the motion to accept Judge Walker's resignation, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

Municipal Court: Consider options for Municipal Court Judge. City has several great candidates with law enforcement experience, Russell Johnson and Keith Fletcher. They would need to go to training for be certified as a municipal Judge. Also, Municipal Judge Allen Gilbert of San Angelo is already certified as a municipal Judge and available right away.

Stormy Vaughn made a motion to accept Judge Allen Gilbert as Municipal Judge, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed.

City staff will notify Judge Allen Gilbert and send agreement for his review any signature.

Meeting Minutes: August 15, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting & August 22, 2019 Special City Council Meeting.

Stormy Vaughn made motion to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

Finance: Consider Adopted 2020 Tax Rate. There is no discussion.

Santiago Rodriguez made a motion to adopt FY2019-2020 Tax Rate, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 5-0, motion passed

City staff will post in newspaper

Finance: Consider finalizing Budget FY2019-2020. Changes are in yellow that was approved from last work session.

Council approved to move \$10,000 from water revenue to the general fund to cover \$8,200 for streets to and add \$1800 to contract services for municipal judge.

With no further business, council adjourn at 8:52pm.

  
Paul Gohman, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Teresa Ballard, City Secretary