

City of Bronte, Texas
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 21, 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.

6:30 P.M. City Council Convened - City Council Chambers, 114 S Washington Street, Bronte, Texas

Present: Paul Gohman, Mayor
David Bedford, Mayor Pro Tem,
Lee Wommack, Councilman
Santiago Rodriguez, Councilman
Steve Hines, Councilman
Stormy Vaughn, Councilman

Ricky Royall, Utilities Director
Teresa Ballard, City Secretary
Sherry Bailey, Deputy City Secretary

Absent:
Eileen M. Hayman, City Attorney

A. Proclamations and Presentations

- A.1. Pledges of Allegiance
- A.2. Prayer was led by David Bedford,

B. 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, regarding any item posted on the City Council agenda. Council may take comments from citizens on this matter. Citizens are allowed three minutes for comments.

No citizen comments

C. Discuss – Community: - Special Speaker NRCS-CD, Erin Oleksiuk, Erin is the District Technician for Coke County SWCD – Presentation on Flood Control in Bronte. All the structures have some type of erosion. Stormy Vaughn asked if the city could get a grant. Erin will check to see if the city could ask for a grant and report back to city hall. Mayor Gohman reported we have a disaster plan in and have gone over it. The Fire Department will be involved in the plan. Stormy Vaughan has looked at the budget but does not see a line item. Are we going put something in the budget? Mayor Gohman said we will have to look at it. Stormy Vaughn also mentioned may be getting with Coke County and the water district to discuss what the city needs to put in the budget.

The disaster plan is in the office at City Hall
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Regular Agenda

1. a. **Discuss – Public Safety: Fire Department Report**
Martin DeLaGarza reported no fires this month but with the vegetation from the rain, the fires will be coming. Hoping to have the restrooms ready for the Bronte Turkey & Hog Festival first weekend of April.

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b. **Discuss – Public Safety: Sheriff's Enforcement Report**
Deputy Neal gave report to Teresa Ballard to report January as follows:

- Calls for ordinance enforcement: 4
- Officer ordinance notifications from city hall: 3
- Ordinance warnings issued: 3 verbal 0 written
- Ordinance citation issued: 0

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c. **Discuss – Animal Services: Animal Report**
City Secretary reported the following:

- Skunks – 0
- Possums – 2
- Cats - 5
- Raccoons – 4
- Dogs – 4 surrendered to Brownwood
FYI – FY18 sent 21 animals to Brownwood; so far FY19 we have sent 16
FYI – Brownwood is not accepting animals currently. We will need to call to get prior approval before taking any animals. We will investigate other places to take animals. If we must euthanize them, the Vet in winters will euthanize starting at \$30 for drugs and disposal, more if an animal is aggressive. I need help from the community.
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- d. **Discuss – Economic Development:** EDC Report from EDC Representative
There is no representative for update, they are all the meeting discussing Turkey and Hog hunt

2. **Discuss/Act – Code Enforcement: Permits**

- Arnold Carper; 214 S Franklin; RV – Permanent;
Mr. Carper is asking council to reconsider approving RV permanent permit. Council asked Mr. Carper several questions. The ordinance is there for the safety of the citizens.
Stormy Vaughn made a motion not to approve the permit, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed to deny permit.
- Ross Robertson; 201 E McCauley; Metal Shop; Permanent
Stormy Vaughn made a motion to approve metal shop, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed to approve
- Allen Spradin; 108 N Woods; Fence
David Bedford made a motion to approve fence, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed to approve
- Jerome Hogan; 815 E Main; Sea Container with roof between two Sea Containers
Santiago Rodriguez made a motion to approve roof and sea containers, seconded by Lee Wommack.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed to approve
- Tomas Jowers; 112 S Woods; Fence
David Bedford made a motion to approve fence, seconded by Lee Wommack.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed to approve
- Donna Hall; 121 W Main; Review 6-month approved Temporary/Permanent Permit issued August 16, 2018.
Teresa Ballard spoke to Donna Hall and she reported storage building will be removed in a couple of months.
Santiago Rodriguez made a motion to approve for two months, seconded by Steve Hines.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed to approved for a couple of months
- Odis McDonnell; Diane Irwin; 803 SE Railroad; RV – Temporary – approx. 2 yrs.
- Odis McDonnell; Diane Irwin; 803 SE Railroad; RV – Permanent
Diane Irwin asked council to make an exception to the RV ordinance for 2 RV's for sleeping quarters to be located on the property with the house. Council stated the ordinance is there for the safety of the citizens.
Stormy Vaughn made a motion to deny both permits, seconded Steve Hines.
Vote: 5-0 motion to deny permit

- **Debbie Moore; Peddler Permit - Mobile Vendor Permit Application**
Teresa Ballard reported that Debbie Moore was not able to appear due to illness. She will attend next month's meeting.
Stormy Vaughn made a motion to table permit, seconded by David Bedford.
Vote: 5-0 motion to table permit

- **Cody McClure; Coke County Cowboy Church; 210 W Main St. - Storage Building**
Cody McClure; Coke County Cowboy Church; 210 W Main St. - Cook Shack

Mark was present to answer any questions from council.

Ricky Royall reported on the cook shack with the tarp and the existing Fire Ordinances regarding tents, canopies, can only be there for 180 days in a calendar year. Council discussed a few compromises in order to comply with ordinances. Mark will take recommendations back to the church, and present new site plan to city hall.

Stormy Vaughn made a motion to table until new site plan presented to council, seconded by David Bedford.

Vote: 5-0 motion to table until new site plan presented

3. Discuss/Act – Animal Services: Livestock Permits

None to report

4. Discuss/Act – Community Development: Depot – Update on Depot

Nothing to report

5. Discuss/Act – Economic Development: Update on land behind the Depot

Nothing to report

6. Discuss/Act – Economic Development: Authorize Mayor to execute Revert of property located at:

The East Half (E/2) of Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10) and all of lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) in Block Thirty-four (34) of the Original Town of Bronte, Coke County, Texas (R6489)

Stormy Vaughn made a motion to authorize Mayor to execute paperwork, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.

Vote: 5-0 motion passed

7. Discuss/Act – Economic Development: - Consider approval EDC4A and EDC4B board members that have expired January 2019 for another two-year term ending January/2021. Steve Hines would not like to extend term. Linda Scott, Reese Braswell, Brenda Hines and Katie Cooper Ramirez would like to stay for the next term.

Lee Wommack recommends change the bylaws making terms from 2 year from 4-year term. It will be an agenda item next month.

David Bedford made a motion to approve Linda Scott, Reese Braswell, Brenda Hines and Katie Cooper Ramirez for another two-year term, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.

Vote: 5-0 motion passed

8. Discuss/Act – Community Development: - Consider/Approve Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a 2019/2020 Texas Community Development Block Grant Application.

Stormy Vaughn made a motion to approve submission of TxCDBG application, seconded by Steve Hines.

Vote: 5-0 motion passed

9. Discuss/Act – Community Development: - Consider approval Engineering Contract for 2019/2020 TxCDBG Application Project.

City Secretary opened sealed package and distributed bid packet to council members.

Stormy Vaughn made motion to approve Jacob & Martin bid, seconded by David Bedford.

Vote: 5-0 motion passed

10. **Discuss/Act – City Secretary:** Consider the removal of Pat Martindale and Susan Graves signatures from the Bronte Cemetery Association banking accounts.
Santiago Rodriguez made a motion to remove Pat Martindale and Susan Graves signatures from the Cemetery bank accounts, seconded by David Bedford.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed
11. **Discuss/Act – City Secretary:** Consider the removal of Crystal Blevins signatures from all City of Bronte banking accounts.
Lee Wommack made a motion to remove Crystal Blevins signature from all City of Bronte banking accounts, seconded by David Bedford.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed
12. **Discuss/Act- Coke Central Appraisal District:** Consider approving Coke County Appraisal District excess Bronte funds of \$134.92 from the 2018 budget to be placed in the “Future Assets” Fund for Coke Central Appraisal District.
David Bedford made a motion to approve Bronte funds to stay with Coke Central Appraisal District, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed
13. **Discuss/Act – Public Safety:** - Consider Intergovernmental Contract between Coke County and the City of Bronte.
Stormy Vaughn made a motion to approve Intergovernmental contract with Coke County and the City of Bronte, seconded by Lee Wommack.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed
14. **Discuss/Act – Utilities:** -Consider City of Robert Lee revised rate and terms of the First Amendment to the Water Supply Contract with Robert Lee.
Council discussed City of Robert Lee’s proposal. After a lengthy discussion, there are two options –
1) go with the amendment and rate Bronte has presented or
2) accept the proposal from Robert Lee’s negotiation with a lower overage rate and wait until October as the effective date. The original contract states Robert Lee cannot go over the 200K gallons of water a day. Bronte’s proposal was to charge an overage rate, only on any excess of water over the 200k of water a day, calculated on a monthly basis.
Stormy Vaughn made a motion deny City of Robert Lee revised rate and terms and keep with our amendment, seconded by David Bedford.
Vote: 4-1, Lee Wommack abstained, motion passed
15. **Discuss/Act – Utilities: - Update -** Consider amending container information on Sanitation Ordinance 18-05 to Section F -Collection Charges to charge the current rate deliver and pickup fee of 2y, 4y, 6y and 8y containers shall be charged \$45 for delivery and \$45 for pickup.
Stormy Vaughn made a motion to charge the current rate for deliver and pickup fee at the current rate in the ordinance effectively immediately, seconded by David Bedford.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed
16. **Discuss/Act – Utilities: - Update -** Consider amending container information on Sanitation Ordinance 18-05 to Section I. Convenience Center with a Gate Fee at Convenient Center.
Steve Hines made motion to accept new gate fee for citizens at Convenient Center effective in 30 days, seconded by David Bedford.
Ricky Royall asked if there could be exception to nursing homes, schools, and churches. David Bedford recommends having them contact city hall to get voucher and turn in at gate.
David Bedford amended motion to add the exception and get voucher at city hall, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.
Ricky Royall also asked if fees could start when signs are posted, and city hall does advertising.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed

- 17. Discuss/Act – Utilities: - Update - Consider Curb Side Service - Possible dates are April 8, 15, 22 or 29th, 2019.**
David Bedford made a motion to have Curb Side Service on April 15, 2019, seconded by Lee Wommack.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed
- 18. Discuss/Act – Utilities: - Update - Consider Curb Side Rate of \$175/hr. – estimated at 6 hours**
Stormy Vaughn made a motion to approve estimated cost of Curbside rate, seconded by David Bedford.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed
- 19. Discuss/Act – Streets: Consider accepting quotes from Jake Dodds Construction or Matt Moore for the Bronte Street Drainage Project.**
Stormy Vaughn made a motion to accept Jake Dodds Construction bid option A, seconded by David Bedford.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed
- 20. Discuss/Act – City Hall: Consider Water Service Credit ordinance/agreement with Bronte Volunteer FD/EMS staff. City created draft of guidelines for water service credit.**
Lee Wommack and council added verbiage to guidelines and made changes to document. Teresa Ballard will email changes for review and will be discussed at next council meeting.
No action taken
- 21. Discuss/Act – Cemetery: Update Cemetery Maintenance**
Meeting with Mr. Howard Baker’s regarding his proposal with a mentioned portion of cemetery property. Mayor Gohman, Stormy Vaughn and Ricky Royall met with Mr. Baker. The meeting went well. Mr. Baker will pursue his options to try to obtain the property.
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- 22. Discuss/Act – Cemetery: Update Cemetery Maintenance – Committee**
Mayor Gohman wants to get a committee to look at all the things that need to be address at the cemetery. Bring packet to council, then will prioritize all the issues. Mayor Gohman asked if a citizen would be willing to be on committee. Brenda Hines will volunteer to be on committee. She will recruit a few more citizens. Ms. Hines wants council to be aware that the grass burrs need to be addressed. Ricky Royall will call and get weed control quote.
Stormy Vaughn made a motion to accept Brenda Hines to lead Cemetery Maintenance Committee, seconded by David Bedford.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed
- 23. Discuss/Act – Ordinance: 2000 International Residential Building Code #345**
Consider amending/archiving Ordinance #345 and adopting 2018 International Residential Building Code Ordinance 19-01.
Ricky Royall needs a couple more code books to be able to update ordinances.
TABLED
- 24. Discuss/Act – Ordinance: Dangerous Building Ordinance #368**
Consider amending/archiving Dangerous Building Ordinance #368 and adopting new Dangerous Building Ordinance #19-02.
TABLED
- 25. Discuss/Act – Ordinance: Consider amending Peddler Permit ordinance #310**
Council will review Peddler Permit Application and send changes to city secretary. Stormy Vaughn stated that the City Attorney should be involved with this ordinance.
Lee Wommack made a motion to table ordinance #310, seconded by Stormy Vaughn.
Vote: 5-0 motion to table

26. **Discuss/Act – Ordinance:** Considering amending RV/RV Park Ordinance 18-09 Section 3 Licenses – removing (i) Locations from the ordinance.
Stormy Vaughn made a motion to delete (i) locations from ordinance 18-09 effective immediately, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed
27. **Discuss/Act – Zoning:** Update, on-going Zoning. Mayor Gohman discussed zoning with council. Need to get our objectives. Mayor Gohman will set up working meeting up with Steve Hines and Stormy Vaughn in the next few weeks to work on scope of work. Stormy Vaughn has zoning templates in WORD, and they can be adopted according to our needs.
No action taken, discussion only
28. **Discuss/Act – City Hall: Adopting Policy Controlling Approval Process for Purchases of \$100.00**
Mayor Gohman distributed spreadsheet for council to look over. Anything non – routine will be indicated, when it's an emergency, it will be noted on the spread sheet. This is a working draft please review.
Discussion only, no action taken

Consent Agenda – Are items considered to be routine or have been previously discussed, and can be approved in one motion, unless a Council Member asked for separate consideration of an item.

- Discuss/Act – Minutes:**
29. January 17, 2019
There are typos, Teresa Ballard will correct errors and send back to council for review.
Lee Wommack made a motion to approve minutes with minor corrections, seconded by David Bedford.
Vote: 5-0 motion passed
- Discuss/Act – Finance:**
30. Bills Paid – January
31. State of Revenue and Expenditures - October – January
32. Balance Sheet – October – January
33. Bank Reconciliations Report – Teresa Ballard stated all accounts are reconciled but waiting on Auditors.
Lee Wommack made a motion consent agenda items 29-33 with clarifications, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez.
Vote: 3-2, Steve Hines & Stormy Vaughn voted NO, motion passed
34. **Discuss – Mayors Report: Goals and projects**
Mayor Gohman reports trying to fix the roads and getting help from the county they are still buried fixing their county roads from all the rain. One of the options, one to bring in the road base and then bring in the maintainer to get it out. If we could get the road base in, then all they would need to find is a couple of extra hours to bring the maintainer over. We have the option to using one of their dump trucks and operated by us and we would pay the fuel. It takes five loads to do a block. Then asked if they could bring the maintainer over it. That would not impact the budget much. This is an option to get it going now.
- Mayor Gohman reports that Stormy Vaughn emailed me and wanted to bring up some safety issues with sea containers. They are made to be air tight. If someone uses for storage and puts a lawn mower, weed eater, anything with gasoline (even 1 liter of gasoline) gas fumes build up. Then you have a structure fire right next to a sea container, you have a giant bomb in someone's back yard. Studies have shown the containers to explode and injure fire fighters and citizens. It's an issue I haven't thought of. It's an issue we need to look at, it's a safety issue for the fire department and a safety issue for people. I don't think you can regulate what people put in them, but we need to make sure it's ventilated. Mayor suggested to look and see what other cities are doing and see if they are ordinances on it, then go back through and require citizens to retrofit their stuff to be ventilated as a safety issue.

The engineers have requested to come and talk to us about options for our water plant. We need to do maintenance, but we want to do smart maintenance. They will at next meeting, and they will show us what the options are.

City Secretary Report –

At next council meeting I will cancel the election

Stormy Vaughn asked if we will be charged for voting equipment. I will find out if the county will still be invoicing the city.

Utility Director Report –

Ricky reports the inmates are scheduled to be here starting in April for their six-month cycle.

Request for future agenda items

Adjourn: No further business meeting adjourned at 9:42pm.


Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST



Teresa Ballard, City Secretary