

The City Council of the City of Bronte, Texas met in regular session Thursday, September 16, 2021, City Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 S. Washington Street, Bronte, Texas. An audio recording can be requested through the Public Information Act through City Hall.

Mayor Paul Gohman called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 5:29 p.m. and a quorum was established. In attendance were Mayor Gohman, Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess Council Members, RA Morris, Zach Davidson, Clabe F. Webb, and Kinley Pritchard. Staff members present Teresa Ballard, Tina Smith, and Ricky Royall.

Mayor Paul Gohman led with the Pledge of Allegiance and Kinley Pritchard led the prayer.

Monthly Reports

Fire Department: Teresa Ballard announced the new Fire Department Board as of 09/13/2021, Kolby Lee Chief, Kinlee Hoyt Asst. Chief, Josh Eubanks Captain, Natasha Sullivan President, Riley Coalson Treasurer, Cody Pritchard Lieutenant, Aaron Cervenka Lieutenant, Jim Stewart Secretary.

Sheriff: Deputy Neal reported July and August that they had four calls in July and five calls for service in August, two verbal warnings and no citations.

Animal Control: ACO Tim Smith reported nine calls for service reference animal complaints. The calls range from loose dogs to a skunk complaint. The city housed two dogs during this period and both dogs were adopted out. We have destroyed no animals during this reporting period. The Nuisance skunk was investigated, and the skunk had left the area prior to trapping. He requested the city to purchase two "spray proof skunk traps," which have been ordered. He stated that these types of traps prevent complaints in populated areas.

Municipal: Teresa Ballard reported no warning or citation issued in the month of August.

EDC: Brenda Hines reported they met this week and adopted our 2021-2022 operating budget, little going on with storefront grants. Discussed Loan forgiveness Grant Terms for Zach's Smoke Shack. Someone looking at prison for purchase. Subcommittee met on September 15 to discuss director of operations for BEDC job opening.

Cemetery: Brenda Hines reported they had a meeting on September 14, 2021, and set a volunteer clean up date for October 2, 2021 at 8am and will focus on a small area on the NW area to do clean up. Excited to have new people come to meeting.

Depot: Clabe F. Webb reported that he has contacted the Grand Lodge and sent out photos to see if any of the lodges are interested in the items in the Depot. Clabe F. Webb delivered a file cabinet to a lodge in Odessa. Information was given about pictures, and he will contact the historical society to get further information on what to do with them. He reported that the next step will be to get someone to come in and clean.

Permit: Ricky Royall reported one solar panel approved and one permit rejected.

Regular Agenda

Cemetery: Mayor discussed with council the possible need to charge more for the plots and that we only have about ten plots available to sell. We may need to look at more land. Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess asked about the two acres of the Pea patch, Mayor responded with that sewer line

run down the middle. Ricky mentioned that city may be able to close North and South roads to create more plots. No action taken.

EDC 4A&4B: Kinley Pritchard made the motion to approve the budget fiscal year 2021-2022 for 4A and 4B as presented, Clabe F. Webb seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 motion approved.

Minutes: Teresa Ballard reported a correction on Depot: that all items related to masonic. Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve the August 2, August 19, and September 7 minutes, Clabe F. Webb seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 motion approved.

Financials: Clabe F. Webb made the motion to approve the June 2021 financials and the August Aging Report 2021, Kinley Pritchard seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 motion approved.

Discuss – On-going.

Mayors Report: Mayor stated we have a state mandate to purchase three generators, with the cost of \$500,000.00 with unfunded funds. The government mandated this after the storms from last winter. We are looking into that with the State. The State declared a disaster from last 2020 which included our county. We will be looking into grants and FEMA funding. The water plant is still ongoing, no current news on that. Deed paperwork to Pea patch is moving forward.

Utility Director Report: Ricky Royall reported that we received the 35,000 to apply for the funding of the backhoe. Working on the American Rescue funding to move forward with the waterline projects.

City Secretary Report: Teresa Ballard reported the letter of engagement for Fullerton CPA is ready for mayor's signature. Announced that la Esperanza Clinic will be coming to Bronte monthly starting this month, just be aware if citizens ask you about this. They will be set up at the Church of Christ and ask for you to make appointments if possible (will accept insurance and non-insurance). City staff helped the Fire Department with getting a donation letter to all citizens. There is still time if you would like to nominate someone for the appraisal board. Also, she announced utility e-payments up and running.

There was no further business and mayor adjourned council meeting at 6:10 pm.


Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa Ballard, City Secretary