

City of Bronte Regular City Council Meeting Minutes June 24, 2025

Mayor Paul Gohman called the regular city council meeting on June 24, 2025, to order at 5:29 p.m. and a quorum was established. In attendance were Mayor Pro Tern Mike Bailey, City Council Members David Scott, Hendrik VanDerMerwe, and Everett Bedford. Zach Davidson was absent. Staff present Teresa Ballard and Tara Robinson. Ricky Royall was absent.

Mayor Paul Gohman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Pro Tem Mike Bailey led the invocation.

Citizens' Comments:

Agenda #1 Jeanna Lee; Jackie Corley

Agenda #2 Dale Gardner with AEL; David Perkins with CWS and Joe Spano with Republic Services.

Agenda #3 Atmos representatives Rochel Blakemore and Molly Tuck

Monthly Reports

Fire Department Report

1 Meeting with nine members present. One run to be on standby. One lift assist.

Economic Development

Working on FY26 operating budget. B board is visiting all merchants to see if EDC could help them with their business. The board members recently attended conference presented by Downtown Texas in Brownwood. It was highly informative.

Depot

The historical board paid for the power washing the front porch of the depot. Getting a bid to work on the west windows. Have had several open houses and are accepting donations to help with renovations. They are also looking for grants to help with renovations.

Animal Report

Trapper –

- Loose dog at the Stripes; dog captured by a residence and was housed till owner could be located. The owner was from Robert Lee.
- Loose dog captured and returned to owner-Twice.
- Two loose dogs out, unable to locate. He drove by the owner's residence, and the dogs were back in the back yard.

Code Enforcement

- Inoperable vehicle has fixed and now in compliance with ordinance.
- Located some animals in pens with no covered area for shade and water not with animals. Spoke with residence owner about it.
- Spoke to a residence about a fallen fence and got put back up.
- Spoke to residence about appliances sitting outside, they are gone now.
- Residence owner was told about must have permit for Sea Container and it has been filed.
- Discussed animal registration with a residence.
- Spoke with grocery store about all the items piled behind the store and they would get taken care of. There will be a follow-up.
- City staff have sent letters for mowing and junk piling up at residence.

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Municipal Court

There were no warnings or citations issued for May.

Permits

Approved 7 Permits in the month of May consisting of: 1 Storage Building, 1 Waterfall, 1 Sea Container, 1 Deck, 1 Tiny House and 2 Fences

Regular Agenda

1. Streets: Street condition on Price Street - Jackie Corley

Mayor Paul Gohman opened the floor for public comments to agenda item #1.

Jeanna Lee is in attendance to support her friend Jackie Corley.

Jackie Corley lives on Price and Pecan Street. The streets are in bad shape and would like to see the streets redone.

David Scott reported the center of the street is there but not the sides.

Mayor Gohman reported the city was going to do some verge fixes. That is the edges of the street.

Ms. Corley replied to it has been repaired in the past but does not hold up and would like it replaced.

Mayor Gohman explained it would cost approximately 45K to repair your street and 90K to do both streets.

Mayor Gohman reported we are planning to do a city-wide street assessment of all the streets to prioritize. It is the most equitable way. We will look at all the options.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Bailey reported this was brought up in February and Ricky Royall got quotes of 90K. We are going into budget cycle, and we will look at all the streets. A large-scale paving project like this will require some type of bond election.

2. Sanitation: Consider sealed RFPs for Solid Waste Collection, Removal and Disposal Services received.

Mayor Gohman reported three RFPs have been sent received. City secretary Teresa Ballard opened the seal proposals as follows: AEL, County Waste Services and Republic Services.

Mayor Gohman asked council to look over all the proposals and ask the representatives questions.

Mayor Gohman reported at a glance the proposals go beyond the rate sheet. We could go into executive session if council would like to. City council will enter Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code: Section 551- – Contract at 6:02 p.m.

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Mayor Gohman reconvened into Open Session at 6:10 p.m. and considered actions, if any, of items discussed in executive session.

2a. Sanitation: Consider awarding RFP for Solid Waste Collection, Removal and Disposal Services.

Everett Bedford made the motion to table at this time so council can absorb all the information from the proposals. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Gohman reported to the representatives that we are going to try to address this within the next week and will reconvene with a special meeting.

3. Franchise: Consider authorizing mayor on the behalf of City of Bronte to sign franchise agreement renewal with Atmos Energy, ordinance 25-03.

Atmos representatives Rochel Blakemore and Molly Turk are present to answer any questions. The city asked Atmos to take out all of section F of the ordinance and Atmos complied with the request.

Everett Bedford made the motion to accept the franchise agreement as presented; Mayor Pro Tem Mike Bailey seconded the motion. 4/0 motion carried.

4. Housing: Consider approving Commissioners for the 2025 – 2027 to Housing Authority of the City of Bronte as follows:

Cynthia Robinson; Janet Wommack; ~~Vanessa Carlile~~

City secretary Teresa Ballard reported that Vanessa Carlile has decided to withdraw her commission.

Mayor Gohman table agenda item until position has been filled.

5. TML Tx Health: Consider authorizing Mayor on behalf of City of Bronte to sign renewal Tx Health Benefits Pool for FY25-26

Everett Bedford made the motion to approve FY 26 Health benefits as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Bailey seconded the motion. 4/0 motion carried.

6. TMRS: Consider authorizing Mayor on behalf of City of Bronte to sign renewal 2026 rate for Texas Municipal Retirement System

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Bailey made the motion to approve TMRS 2026 renewal rate as presented. David Scott seconded the motion. motion carried.

7. Audit Services: Consider authorizing mayor on the behalf of City of Bronte to sign Letter of Engagement for the FY25 audit with Merritt, McLane & Hamby, P.C.

Everett Bedford made the motion to authorize mayor to sign letter of engagement with Merritt, McLane, and Hamby. David Scott seconded the motion. motion carried.

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- 8. Community:** Consider approving fireworks display & celebration sponsored by the Bronte Health & Rehab Auxiliary Board on July 4, 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Bailey made the motion to approve fireworks display at the Bronte Health & Rehab Center as presented. Everett Bedford seconded the motion. motion carried.

- 9. Financial:** Consider Resolution 25-06 approving Mayor Gohman Coke County Tax Assessor-Collector Gina Williams to calculate City of Bronte Tax Rates for 2025.

David Scott made the motion to approve resolution 25-06 as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Bailey seconded the motion. motion carried.

- 10. Financial:** Consider what to do with the interest at Keystone Bank on the CD's maturing on July 3, 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Bailey made the motion to renewal the CD's expiring on July 3, 2025, for six months at 4%. David Scott seconded the motion. motion carried.

Consent Agenda 11 – 15 Consider approving minutes and financials:

11. Regular City Council Minutes May 15, 2025.

12. Special Budget Workshop June 12, 2025

13. Aging Report

14. May Balance Sheet

15. May Revenue and Expenditures

David Scott made the motion to approve previous minutes and financial reports are presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Bailey seconded the motion. motion carried.

Informational Reports

Mayor is working on investment CDs.


City Secretary - Tara's - has been trained in looking for grants at the library database.

City Council – Mayor Pro Tem asked since the Depot is being renovated and be used for events, should the helicopter pad be moved. The plan is to move the helicopter pad to the back side of the depot.

Everett Bedford asked our much liability insurance does the city have. Teresa will send that information out.

With no further business Mayor Gohman adjourned the city council meeting at 6:49 pm.

ATTEST:


Teresa Ballard, City Secretary


Paul Gohman, Mayor

