

Mayor Paul Gohman called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. September 23, 2024

Mayor Paul Gohman called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. September 23, 2024, and established a quorum. In attendance were Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Bailey, Clabe F. Webb, David Scott, RA Morris, Zach Davidson, Ricky Royall, Teresa Ballard, and Tara Robinson.

Mayor Paul Gohman led with the pledge of allegiance and council member Mike Bailey led the prayer.

There were no public comments.

### **August Monthly Reports**

#### **Fire Department**

FD assisted with two fires and had six volunteers at each incident.

Had meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> with four volunteers in attendance. Another meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> with fourteen volunteers attending.

FD approved two new volunteers.

FD received the Insurance Services Office (ISO) survey to complete. The city has some areas to complete on the survey.

#### **Economic Development Report**

Both boards met and worked on next year's operating budget and discussed future events and training.

#### **Depot Report**

Nothing to report.

#### **Animal Report/Ordinance/Municipal Report**

August reports were emailed to council members.

#### **Ordinance / Municipal Report**

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#### **Permit Report**

Approved two permits, one carport and one sea container.

### **Regular Agenda**

1. Consider archiving Drought Contingency Plan ordinances 330;333;339 and Water Conservation Plan Resolution 285.

Mayor Gohman explained that the current drought contingency plan and water conservation plan are being replaced with a new resolution combining both plans by the Texas Water Development Board. David Scott made a motion to archive the two plans as presented, Mike Bailey seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0 motion carried.

2. Consider authorizing Mayor on behalf of City of Bronte to execute the Resolution 24-10 Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan for The City of Bronte to Promote Responsible Conversation and Use of Water.

Zach Davidson made a motion to authorize the mayor to execute resolution 24-10 presented; Clabe F. Webb seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0 motion carried.

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3. Consider approving Economic Development Corporation 4A proposed Fiscal Year 24 – 25 Operating Budget.

Zach Davidson made a motion to approve as presented, David Scott seconded the motion. Vote: 4/1 Clabe F. Webb vote no with no specified reason. motion carried.

4. Consider approving Economic Development Corporation 4B proposed Fiscal Year 24 – 25 Operating Budget.

Zach Davidson made a motion to approve as presented, RA Morris seconded the motion. Vote: 4/1 Clabe F. Webb vote no with no specified reason, motion carried.

5. Consider authorizing the mayor to execute the FY24-25 Interlocal contract between City of Bronte and The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Bailey made a motion to authorize the mayor to execute the FY 24-25 Interlocal contract as presented, Clabe F. Webb seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0 motion carried.

6. Consider changing the Regular City Council meeting time.

Clabe F. Webb discussed with council members whether moving the meeting time from 5:30 pm to a later time would work better for everyone.

Clabe F. Webb made a motion to move the meeting time from 5:30 pm to 6:30pm moving forward, RA Morris seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0 motion carried.

7. Consider Water Plant Pilot Study Vendor Selection:

The city must select a pilot study vendor. The city council may either.

- select the vendor at the next city council meeting after a presentation by Jacob & Martin Engineering,
- or the city council can vote to authorize the utility director to make that decision.

The city council has discussed the two options. If the council goes with option one there would be all sorts of questions so it makes sense to have Ricky review all the data and make the decision about what would work in the best interest of the city. Ricky said there are variables to be considered, one for instance operational differences, not just the cost. We need to review the engineer's analysis.

Clabe F. Webb made a motion to authorize the city utility director to make the decision to choose which vendor to go with; Zach Davidson seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0 motion carried.

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### Informational Reports

#### Mayor

Mayor Gohman is working on a hazard migration plan with the county. We are a player in this project.

There are eight graves that have collapsed after the recent earthquakes in the area. This happened before the rain that we have recently received. Once the ground dries out the city workers will add more dirt to the collapsed graves.

#### Utility Director –

Ricky Royall reported the tie ends will be done today to phase II of the Humble pipeline project. In a few weeks we will start on Phase III.

#### City Secretary

Teresa Ballard reported that Tara Robinson and I have attending meetings for Bronteoberfest and Christmas in Olde Bronte. Tara has been soliciting items for Christmas in Olde Bronte. If you have connections with school, we are trying to get the sports teams or any families to have a float in this year's night parade.

I was able to get four corn hole sets made and donated to the volunteer fire department and Torri Wallace with finish them by staining them for Bronteoberfest.

Continuing working with Ms. Gentry, getting items for Salt of the Earth Food Ministry food pantry.

The upcoming events that are coming are Bronteoberfest is October 19<sup>th</sup> and Christmas in Olde Bronte is December 14<sup>th</sup>.

TMCN Training opportunities – September 25<sup>th</sup> in Abilene and September 26<sup>th</sup> in Early. Getting ready to close out this year and start the new year on October 1<sup>st</sup>.


#### City Council

Mayor Gohman asked if there were any future agenda items. Clabe F. Webb asked why does it say, "no discussion"? Mayor Gohman answered because it is a violation of the open meetings act. If you want to suggest something to be on the agenda that is ok, but you cannot discuss it at that time. That is what causes the violation of the open meeting act. You can also call city hall to be placed on the agenda.

Mayor Gohman adjourned the meeting at 7:06pm.

ATTEST:

  
Teresa Ballard, City Secretary

  
Paul Gohman, Mayor

