

**The City Council of the City of Bronte, Texas met in regular session Thursday, November 18, 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 5:27 p.m. and a quorum was established. In attendance were Mayor Gohman, Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess, Council Members RA Morris, Zach Davidson and Clabe F. Webb, Kinley Pritchard was absent. Staff members present Teresa Ballard, Tina Smith, and Ricky Royall.

Mayor Paul Gohman led with the Pledge of Allegiance and led the council in prayer.

Mayor Gohman recognized the Bronte I.S.D. Longhorn Band Director Riley Irwin, and members of the band as follows: Colton Bilyeu, Caron Boyd, Dalton Burdett, Jessica Carlile, Holden Davis, Juan DeLaGarza, Jadyen Garren, Bernica Hancock, Nikkole Harendt, Ember Hernandez, Grace Jernigan, Jacob Jowers, Jadan Martinez, Kylan McCreery, Warren Middleton, Jaxon Morris, Rean Mullings, Zoey Neal, Taylor Penner, Gabby Quezada, Sebastian Quezada, Russell Sallee, Victoria Shaffer, Hannah Sullivan and Morgan Sullivan for competing at the Concho Classic Marching Festival and for their outstanding accomplishments this year.

There were no citizen comments.

#### **Monthly Reports:**

Fire Department: Chief Kolby Lee announced that he was able to get rid of one of the vehicles off the fleet that was not being used and is working on a couple more to be removed. He thanked the city staff for helping get the donation letter out to the city water customers. Donations have been coming in. He announced they are working on funds to get a new apparatus within the next two years.

Sheriff: Deputy Robertson reported seven calls for ordinance enforcement, plus three officer ordinance notifications from City Hall. There were three verbal warnings on ordinance issues and two citations issued.

Animal Control: Tim Smith could not attend council, but Teresa Ballard sent his report via email to council.

Municipal Court: Teresa Ballard reported in the month of October there were three citations issued and two warnings issued. One citizen received two citations for dogs at large and for not having animals registered with the city, and a warning for proof of rabies vaccination. Another citizen was issued citation for failure to register animals with City Hall and one warning for failure to vaccinate animals.

EDC: Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess reported B Board met and discussed a Loan Forgiveness Grant Application from Mike's Tire Shop to put in a Self-operated Car Wash. The board denied the application at this time. Downtown lighting is being put up for the holidays. A Town Hall meeting to discuss the future of Bronte went very well.

Depot: Clabe F. Webb will be meeting with two other Masonic's to get assorted items. Working on 501c as well.

Cemetery: Brenda Hines was not able to attend council, so Tina Smith reported in her absence. The last cleanup for 2021 was held Oct. 23, 2021. Much thanks to our Volunteers: Bill & Missy Pittman, Linda Agent, Christina & Juan Tapia, Bruce & Stormy Vaughn, Ricky Royal, Ken Coalson, David & Donna Scott, Merritt Scott, and Steve & Brenda Hines. Sid Eubanks cleaned his plots that day and we appreciate him. We trimmed the mesquites on the west side by the houses, trimmed

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up six cedars, one huge Tasajillo, mowed and weed eaten in all of Section IV (4). We find out every time we work, that it's impossible to work where gravel or Rocks cover the plots. Also, that no more cedar trees should be allowed in our Cemetery. Much thanks to the City for bringing the shredder, their equipment and all the poly carts. The Vaughn's treated the Volunteers, who could come, to a Fish Fry meal at the Golf clubhouse afterwards.

Permit: Ricky Royall reported for the month of October We had four permits approved. One cargo container, two extensions of living in RV & one Awning.

### **Regular Agenda**

Public Safety: Mayor Gohman discussed with council this is our annual agreement with Coke County Sherriff Department and Code Enforcement Duties. Zach Davidson made the motion to approve FY21-22 agreement as presented, second by Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess. Vote: 4/0

Public Safety: Mayor Gohman discussed with council this is our annual agreement for FY21-22 Interlocal Contract between City of Bronte and Bronte Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve FY21-22 agreement as presented, second by RA Morris. Vote: 4/0

Appraisal Board: Mayor Gohman discussed the importance of having representation from Bronte to be on the appraisal board. Consider and vote for nominees on the ballot for 2022-2023 Coke County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. RA Morris made the motion give sixty votes to Ryan Webb and thirty votes to Paul Williams, second by Zach Davidson. Vote: 4/0

Water Well Lease: Ricky Royall presented to council the renewal of Goodman Lease and Water Supply Agreement effective January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2031. Clabe F. Webb made the motion to approve Goodman Lease and Water Supply Agreement as presented, second by RA Morris. Vote: 4/0

Water Plant Engineering Study: This is part of the cost for the water treatment plant & supply improvements study. USDA wants to know in advance that we will agree to pay for some of the surveys like the Archaeological study of \$35,000 up front but only if we decide to accept USDA's proposal. The rest of the surveys would be rolled into the grant process. When USDA gives the city the final proposal agreement and if we agree to the proposal that is when we must pay for the archaeological study up front. Consider Resolution 21-10 approving the mayor to sign agreement to reallocate the engineering cost for the environmental report fee being included in the "Basic Services" lump sum fee. Clabe F. Webb made the motion to table at this time, second by Zach Davidson. Vote: 4/0

Executive Session: City Council entered executive session at 6:23 p.m. and out of executive session at 6:50 p.m.

Human Resources: Mayor Gohman presented applications to council for the hiring of a part-time helper. Zach Davidson made the motion to hire Michael Crain for the part-time helper position, seconded by RA Morris. Vote: 4/0

Annexing: Clabe F. Webb discussed with council the importance of annexing. To find ways of increasing revenue by annexing. Mayor Gohman recommended to have a subcommittee formed with Mayor Gohman, Clabe F. Webb and Ricky Royall will be on the subcommittee.

Consent Agenda Discuss/Act- Minutes and Monthly Finance Reports Items

Minutes: Council minutes for October 21, 2021, had corrections and were not approved at this time.



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Financials: Monthly Aging Report and MVBA Collection Quarterly Report was presented to council. Teresa Ballard emailed council the September and October financials as preliminaries. All financial reports will be preliminaries until the auditors give us the adjusting entries to close out FY21-22. Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve financials as presented, second by RA Morris. Vote: 4/0

#### Informational Reports

Mayor Gohman announced that the Town Hall meeting went well. A meeting is set up on November 30, 2021, with the Sheriff's Department Ordinance officers to clarify the duties of ordinance violations. He also has requested a meeting with Drew Darby regarding the unfunded generator mandate. Texas Midwest Community Network presented The City of Bronte as a winner for the TMCN Road Trip Texas Award. The company FOUND will create a short video of what makes Bronte unique to Texas road trip travelers.

Ricky Royall will post in area newspapers to accept Sealed Bids on 300D backhoe. Continuing working on the CBDG Project.

Teresa Ballard reported auditors will be on site December 13 – 15, 2021. EDC boards will be meeting on December 13, 2021, at the Blue Goose. City Hall received check from BVFD in the amount of \$742.62 reimbursing the city from grant received from the Forestry Service. BVFD has re-applied for the grant this year as well. All properties in Bronte were sold at the Sheriff sale.

There is no request for future agenda items from council. With no further business mayor Gohman adjourned council meeting at 7:36 p.m.

ATTEST:   
Teresa Ballard, City Secretary

  
Paul Gohman, Mayor

