

**City of Bronte, Texas  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 15, 2021**

**The City Council of the City of Bronte, Texas met in regular session Thursday, July 15, 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 5:30 p.m. and a quorum was established. In attendance were Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess Council Members, RA Morris, Zach Davidson, and Clabe F. Webb. Council member Kinley Pritchard was absent. Staff members present Teresa Ballard, Tina Smith, and Ricky Royall.

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

Bronte citizen Ms. Marie Taylor addressed the council to thank the new council members for taking time away from their families to support the City of Bronte. She also expressed how thankful she is for our city workers for what they do, they go beyond for this community.

Monthly Reports - June

Fire Department: Chief Martin DeLaGarza announced they had a couple of runs this month. He was excited to announce that we have enough breathing apparatus for eight fire fighters now. We have finished with training; and have arranged to have the vehicle picked up as soon as possible. Chief would like to be on the August agenda for council to consider if the fire department staff could fill private pools with the fire truck. With the understanding that only the department staff is delivering the water and the water is paid in advance. Citizen asked, "didn't we accept donations in the past for that"? Reported that four staff are going to be attending house fire training.

Sheriff: Deputy Neal reported that they had two calls for service.

Municipal: Teresa Ballard reported we had no warning or citation in June for dog at large.

Animal Control: Teresa Ballard reported eight feral cats, six raccoons, twelve skunks and one dog.

EDC: Brenda Hines reported that they reviewed all current grant recipients and comply at this time. Subcommittee will have a recommendation at the August meeting. We also voted to sponsor Bronte Oktoberfest. We discussed hiring a director of operations for EDC and set a salary. Deadline to have application to city hall is July 26, 2021, by 4pm. An ad has been placed in the newspaper for Economic Development Director and on city Facebook, Bronte Bulletin Board and EDC Facebook page. 4B amended current budget and working on next fiscal year's budget. Both EDC boards met on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and 6pm.

Cemetery: Brenda Hines reported having volunteers at the cemetery cleanup and thanked the volunteers. She expressed the need for more volunteers to spread the word around the community. Stormy Vaughn handed out a wish list from the cemetery committee and asked for \$60,000-\$80,000 for the restoration of the cemetery property. Council member Clabe F. Webb made a statement that it is the owner's responsibility to maintain their plot site. He said that the whole wish list scares him and that the list is overwhelming. He suggested that we may need to break the list down. David Scott said that yes, he agrees that we need to prioritize the list and get estimates for the repairs. Can EDC help with the repair cost to the cemetery? She said that this is going to be a lengthy process. The city has recently received donations in the about of \$270 from three individuals.

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Depot: No report this month.

Permit Ricky Royall reported (3) building permits approved. One chicken coop, one carport, one fence and there were no rejected permits.

**Regular Agenda**

Property: Update cemetery property trade and “Petition”/complaint against Bronte family. Stormy Vaughn explained how the trade took place. It was like property for like property.

Permit(s): Update on special use fowl permit – Dianne Jackson spoke regarding the permit, she explained that she brought in the letter from her brother. Council explained that there is just not enough area for the goat without the proper fencing. Ms. Jackson was asked if she installed a fence, she said no and did not plan to do so. Zack Davidson stated then we are back at square one since she refused to put a fence around the whole area block which was discussed at the last month’s meeting. Ms. Jackson walked out of the meeting. Appeal is still in the state of denied.

Ordinance: Update Manufacturing House Ordinance 19-03: Sub-committee met but nothing to report at this time.

Grant: Update on American Rescue Plan: Teresa Ballard reported that we sent out seven emails with a responding deadline date it. Ad was also put in the local newspaper.

Water: Consider renewal of Burwick Lease Ricky Royall reported that Mr. Burwick is willing to renew as is with no changes. He stated that this lease is in the middle of our aqua fur there are no wells at this time, but if not renewed it could affect the city in the future. Clabe F Webb asked if the verbiage of Rod could be changed to sixteen feet six inches which is equal. Clabe F Webb asked if the term could be longer. Ricky Royall said he told him that he would renew with the exact same terms. Zach Davidson made the motion to renew the lease with no changes, seconded by RA Morris Vote 4/0 motion passed.

Finance: Utility Billing Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess made the motion to send to collections, 90 days closed accounts, seconded by Clabe F. Webb Vote 4/0 motion passed.

Finance: Mayor Pro-Tem Gwen Dyess made the motion to amend FY20-21 budget for municipal purpose as presented, seconded by Clabe F. Webb vote 4/0 motion passed.

Executive Session: The City Council announce time going into executive session at 7:20pm returned from executive session at 7:33pm. Zach Davidson made the motion to hire Tim Smith for Animal Control Official a 6-month contract starting July 19, 2021, to December 31, 2021, seconded by RA Morris vote 4/0 motion passed.

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

Minutes – June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Minutes were incomplete and tabled at this time. No action taken.

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Financials: Mayor Pro-Tem Gwen Dyess made a motion to accept the financial statements, seconded by Zach Davison vote 4/0 motion passed.

**Discuss – On-going.**

Mayors Report: Budget work session for Monday July 19, 2021, at 5:30pm.

Utility Director Report: Ken Coalson will be going to training next week. Highway department contractor came to look at streets around Stripes convenience store to give us an estimate to patch and repair streets.

City Secretary Report: City Hall's locked container will be moved to the outside of the cemetery fence. Key will be checked out to only the cemetery committee members for cleanup projects.

Clabe F. Webb attended the TMCN seminar.

Zach Davidson asked how to eliminate blind spots within our city limits. Ricky replied that it is the owner's responsibility per city ordinance to keep roadways clear to prevent blind spots. Have citizens report the blind spots areas to City Hall and city staff will contact the property owners to trim and/or cleanup the area.

Request for future agenda items:

- Fire Department request filling private pools with fire truck
- Cemetery wish list

Council adjourned at 7:51 pm

  
Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Teresa Ballard, City Secretary

