

**City of Bronte, Texas  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 19, 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 Pro Tem Gwen Dyess Council Members, RA Morris, Zach Davidson, and Clabe F. Webb. Council member Kinley Pritchard was absent being quarantined for Covid-19. Staff members present Teresa Ballard, Tina Smith, and Ricky Royall.

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

There were no comments

**Monthly Reports**

Fire Department Report: No one was present to report.

Sheriff's Enforcement Report: No one was present to report.

Animal Control Report: Tim Smith reported picked up one dog until owner was found. While driving and observing saw dog loose and met with owner, explained the ordinance. Also, met with Tim Siler and will only set traps at the school when called upon.

Municipal Court Report: Teresa Ballard reported one citation for dog at large and one warning for no fowl permit in the month of July.

Economic Development Report: Teresa Ballard reported both boards met on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The boards are working on their FY21-22 budget.

Cemetery Committee Report: Teresa Ballard reported that the committee hasn't met since last month.

Depot Report: Clabe F. Webb reported the Masonic's would like to have all items anything related to Masonic's. There is desk, filing cabinets and chairs that he is unsure of and would like mayor or city council's decision on those items.

Permit Report: Ricky Royall reported approving permit for generator, and one was solar. No Fowl or Livestock permit issued in the month of July.

**Regular Agenda**

Ordinance: Manufacture Home: Mr. Steve Polen, with Century Mobile Homes, was unable to attend meeting. The subcommittee members Clabe F Webb, Kinley Pritchard, and Mayor Gohman gave their recommendation to council to not change ordinance. Council discussed pro and con's to amending the ordinance. Council made the decision to table for lack of motion.

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Finance: Annual Audit: Financial Consultant Everett Bedford discussed reasons for changing auditors with council. Council discussed the four applications. Clabe F. Webb made the motion to hire Fullerton & Associates, PLLC, to conduct annual FY20-21 City of Bronte audit, seconded by Zach Davidson. Vote: 4/0 motion passed.

Permit: Appeal Fowl Permit: Ms. Lisa Lobbes was not in attendance at council meeting to answer questions that the council might have had. Council discussed the appeal letter submitted by Lisa Lobbes that the inspection team denied. RA Morris made the motion to deny appeal for special use permit to Lisa Lobbes, seconded by Gwen Dyess. Vote: 4/0 motion passed to deny.

Fire Department: BVFD would like to use tank truck to fill up citizens pools by BVFD volunteers. TMLRIP responded that there would be no coverage for the volunteer firefighters because they are not acting in the course and scope of work. Council discussed the liability insurance and Gwen Dyess made the motion to deny use of Fire Department volunteers filling up citizens pools, seconded by RA Morris. Vote: 4/0 motion Denied.

Finance: Financial Institution: Consider authorizing city secretary to close Bronte Pipeline Line checking account and move funds to the water debt fund saving account. Zach Davidson made the motion to approve city secretary to close City of Bronte Pipeline Line checking account and move the funds to the water debt fund saving account, seconded by Clabe F. Webb. Vote: 4/0 motion passed.

Finance: Human Resources: Consider approving City Secretary to advertise for part-time labor position and set up subcommittee for help with the interviews process. Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve city secretary to advertise for part-time labor position in the local newspaper and social media, seconded by RA Morris. Vote: 4/0 motion passed.

Finance: Water: Consider approving Robert Lee Rate Increase effective December 1, 2021 Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve increase per the Water Supply Contract effective December 1, 2021, seconded by RA Morris. Vote: 4/0 motion passed.

Finance: FY21-22 Budget workshop & Proposed Tax Rate  
Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve the proposed One Cent per \$100 Tax increase of \$3,384 for FY21-22 Tax Rate, seconded by Clabe F. Webb. Vote: 4/0, motion passed.

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

Minutes:

Clabe F. Webb made the motion to approve, June 7, June 17, July 15, July 19, and August 2, 2021, minutes seconded by Gwen Dyess. Vote: 4/0, motion passed.

Financials:

Clabe F. Webb made the motion to approved March, April and May 2021 financials and aging report seconded by Zach Davidson. Vote: 4/0, motion passed.

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**Discuss – On-going.**

Mayors Report: Sales Tax Revenue is still looking good. The road repairs around Stripes have been completed along with the triangle between the restaurants. EDC 4A helped with the cost of this project. The old prison property was shown and could have data center business. They would need high speed internet. We should be hearing back from USDA regarding the water plant. Our census is now 1049. USDA looks at medium household income and it might hurt us but more to come from USDA.

Utility Director Report: The backhoe is in San Angelo but waiting on additional elements before delivering to city. After this winter storm TCEQ is implementing prepare emergency preparedness plan that demonstrates the utility's ability to provide water per senate bill 3 that passed recently. Deadline of November 1 is submitting contact information; March 2,2022 submit plan; by July 1, 2022, implement the approved plan. We don't know what the cost will be so just a heads up we will amend the budget next year. He will be getting road base to be put down in the Cemetery with the help of the county to help spreading the road base. Bug Express will be out September 1<sup>st</sup> to respray at the Cemetery as per the agreement.

City Secretary Report: The ability to pay by credit card for the utility bills has the Epay button has been posted on the city's website. Notifications will be on the back of the water bills and posted on social media. The Night drop is working very well.

Request for future agenda items: None currently.

There was not further business and council adjourned at 7:41 pm.

  
Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Teresa Ballard, City Secretary