

The City Council of the City of Bronte, Texas met in regular session Thursday, October 21, 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 Gohman, Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess Council Members, RA Morris, Zach Davidson, Clabe F. Webb, and Kinley Pritchard. Staff members present Teresa Ballard, Tina Smith, and Ricky Royall.

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

The mayor announce that the Bronte I.S.D. Longhorn Band members were unavailable tonight to be recognize for their accomplishments. We will set a later date and time.

Citizen Comments:

Stormy Vaughn spoke about the cemetery. Stormy Vaughn addressed Mayor Gohman, Teresa Ballard and Ricky Royall. Can the cemetery committee use the city equipment? Ricky Royall responded that he did not see a problem if it was someone that knows how to operate heavy equipment. Teresa Ballard will verify with TMLRISP they will be covered under liability insurance; Stormy Vaughn replied that we have twenty-five volunteers covered. Teresa Ballard will also verify coverage under the volunteer liability insurance. Stormy Vaughn then spoke that there was no allowance for food. That it was a line item for Inmates and was not allowed to be used on the honor students. She addresses to reallocate budget items.

Monthly Reports:

Fire Department: No Report.

Sheriff: Deputy Neal reported there were nine calls for service, five were from City Hall. One verbal warning, one written warning and two citations issued.

Animal Control: ACO Tim Smith reported ten calls for service. Sheriff reports were put on file, and ACO also has submitted reports to city hall. On September 25, 2021, two dogs were out loose and one out of the two was aggressive. We contacted owner and she was able to get that dog back in yard without incident. ACO is getting our kennels certified he will be continuing to work on this till next council.

Municipal Court: Teresa Ballard reported two citations and one was a dog bite.

EDC: Susan Williams reported coming back with "light the town campaign" with lighting down main street building and working on getting lights for the big metal Christmas tree pole. Clabe F. Webb asked if a banner could be put up on the west side of Hwy 277. It was stated that it was difficult to get done in the past, also we had to get permission from private citizens to put the poles on their property. She reported that Bronteoberfest was a remarkable success.

Depot: Clabe F. Webb reported that he has contacted the Historical society and met at the Depot to discuss what can and cannot be done. Estimates will be turned in to City Hall for the restoration on the Depot. Susan Williams and Brenda Hines spoke that they can help and feels that grant

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money should be available for this building. Clabe F. Webb stated that we must have a purpose statement for what the building will be used for.

Cemetery: Brenda Hines reported there would be a cleanup this weekend Saturday October 23rd from 8 am to 11 a.m. Thank you city for the road base it looks great. The BISD newly installed honors society will be asking the city if the cemetery could be their project for community involvement.

Permit: Ricky Royall reported three permits. Galilee has new construction building a new house, one adding a greenhouse and a new slab for an awning.

Regular Agenda

Appeal Building Permit: Marty Boyd is wanting to clean up the property and explained that a cargo container will be brand new and the same color of the existing building. Ricky Royall explained to council the ordinance says the container must be beside or behind the building and the offsets. Clabe F. Webb made the motion to approve permit, second by RA Morris. Vote 5/0

RV Permit: Mark Gonzales spoke that they are working on the house and are asking for additional six-months. Clabe F. Webb asked if pictures of the progress can be placed in their file. Kinley Pritchard made a motion to extend the permit for other six-months with the pictures of progress, second by RA Morris. Vote 5/0

RV Permit: Gwen and Larry Dyess are asking for an additional six-month with the same stipulation of pictures of progress. RA Morris made the motion and second by Clabe F. Webb. Gwen Dyess recused from vote. Vote 4/0

Community: Ms. Michelle Penner was unable to attend council. Mayor Gohman read to council her concerns and is asking council to consider placing some type of barrier around the curve on Oliver Street. Clabe F. Webb met with Ms. Penner and referred her to TxDot or Coke County. Council discussed and there was nothing that the city can do. No action taken.

Sanitation: Nathan Bearden spoke to council asking if the city would consider amending the ordinance to allow contractors while under construction or remodeling work is being done not to charge for trash. Ricky Royall recommends adding verbiage to the section of the ordinance that when contractor is applying for the water application, they can specify which service they will be using during the construction. Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve permit, seconded by RA Morris. Vote 5/0

Cemetery: Invoice- David Scott was not present but Clabe F. Webb spoke to him and said he would like to gift his work and expense to the city. Mayor Gohman discussed with council that the cemetery committee ought to be able to do what they want with the budget and then submitting to city. Mayor Gohman also recommends the committee to look at getting their own 501C. \$9100.00 for road base was out of FY20-22 budget. The county was to help but was unable at the time, so Webb Construction spread and pack the road base. Clabe F. Webb asked to change

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the wording from feeding inmates to feeding volunteers. Ricky Royal did confirm that fence line in back can be removed. Brenda Hines asked to think about since the back area could not be used to bury people if it could be used as a cremation area.

Aggressive Animals: Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess discussed aggressive animals in our community. We need get stricter with the citizens that have aggressive dogs. We need to produce a solution that no one have vicious dogs in town. We have had two kids bitten by dogs recently. Also, when a non-provoked dog attacks someone, it should be labeled as an aggressive dog. Section seven of the ordinance discusses animal behavior. Clabe F. Webb was approached by a citizen asking if snares can be placed on private property. Council discussed with the citizens in the audience and with the ACO. ACO Tim Smith reported to council and citizens refer them to the game warden. Mayor Gohman will set up a meeting with the code enforcement officials the importance of this issue and Teresa Ballard will discuss with Municipal Judge Gilbert if fees could have a deadline of paying for the fine. Discuss only.

Ordinance: Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess discussed there are several properties up for auction at the Sheriff's sale. Once again asking if manufactured homes can be placed within the city limits. She feels that we are missing families that can only afford these homes. Kinley Pritchard stated that these manufacturer homes are hard to insure and that these are hard to resale. RA Morris recommends holding a Town Hall meeting and get input from the community. Discussion only.

Community: Kinley Pritchard made the motion to approve Resolution 21-09; RBF Christmas Parade route and festivities on City Property, second by RA Morris Vote 5/0

City Offices: Teresa Ballard asking council to consider approving City 2022 Holiday Schedule. Webb made the motion to approve the City Offices 2022 Holiday schedule with changing December 23, 2022, correction, second by Kinley Pritchard. Vote 5/0

Budget: Teresa Ballard asking council to consider amending FY20-21 Budget increasing line items in expenses. Clabe F. Webb made the motion to approve amending FY20-21 Budget, second by Kinley Pritchard. Vote 5/0

Minutes & Financials:

Pro Tem Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve September 16, 2021, with the corrections, second by Clabe F. Webb. Vote 5/0.

Clabe F. Webb asked what the percentage is that EDC gets from sales tax revenue. Teresa Ballard reported they both get ¼ of a percent.

Kinley Pritchard made the motion to approve July and August financials as presented, second by Clabe F. Webb. Vote 5/0

Mayors Report: Mayor Gohman about the state has mandated (3) generators be purchased after this past winter storm. This is an un-funded mandate. This is a hidden tax that the state has put on the multiplicities. We will wait and see if the state produces money to help with these purchases. There will be webinars and training coming up regarding emergency plan. The city is looking for grant money to help. The city is working on grant money as well for the water plant.

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Also, if we can get the cemetery committee to get a 501C that would open more opportunities for them.

Utility Report: Ricky Royall reported would like to get more road base at the Cemetery. Plan to advertise in November to sell the backhoe and open bids in December. Thursday October 30, 2021 we will be opening bids for the TxCDBG pipeline water line project. The cost of the original bid was 275K and construction part was \$205K and the new estimate is \$465K for construction only.

Secretary Report: Teresa Ballard is gathering documents ready for the audit. She also addressed the council to ask if we could collaborate with Cow Dog fostering with a citizen to be a fostering family in the interim till we get a forever home for this dog we have in our custody at this time. Council agreed to allow this family to work as a foster family under the Cow Dog rescue.

Request for future agenda items: Clabe F. Webb request to purpose annexation on the next agenda.

There was no further business and mayor adjourned council meeting at 7:40pm.


Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa Ballard, City Secretary

