

City of Bronte Regular City Council Meeting Minutes August 21, 2025

Mayor Paul Gohman called the regular city council meeting on August 21, 2025, to order at 5:29 p.m. and a quorum was established. In attendance were Mayor Pro Tern Mike Bailey, City Council Members David Scott, Hendrik VanDerMerwe, and Everett Bedford. Zach Davidson was absent. Staff present were Rickey Royall, Tara Robinson. Teresa Ballard is absent.

Mayor Paul Gohman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Pro Tem Mike Bailey led the invocation.

Monthly Reports for July

Fire Department Report

4 Fires

1 Assist EMS with a fall

1 Meeting with nine members present.

Economic Development

Depot – West side of windows have been either repaired or replaced.

Animal/Ordinance

Two instances of dogs running loose but trapper was not to locate the animals.

1 Dog picked up and in jail but found a home.

1 Aggressive dog at a residence while trapper is getting the animal the owner pulled up and Trapper explained the ordinance to the owner (Mike's Tire)

9 Traps were set for cats. 3 Relocated to Ranch, 1 Released (Domestic), 1 Destroyed.

2 Traps were removed for being tampered with.

Code Enforcement

- Contacted a business to clean up behind the building and has been done.
- A dog was located at a residence with no water; The dog was removed from residence.
- Contacted peddlers in town, made contact and he was with the missionaries that were in town. Contacted about a fruit stand up with no permit. They had moved locations and could not locate. Contacted him about a person.
- Transient occupying a boarded-up house that does not belong to him, he was moving through town. Anthony took him to Ballinger.
- Contacted residence about junk vehicles and tires piled up. Still has not been resolved.
- Municipal Report there were no citations or No warnings issued.

Permits

2 Shed's

1 Fence

Regular Agenda

Discuss/Act - Consent Agenda 1 - 8 - Consider approving financials and previous minutes:

1. Aging Report
2. July Balance Sheet
3. July Revenue and Expenditures
4. June 12, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes
5. June 24, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
6. July 10, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes
7. July 17, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
8. August 7, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes

David Scott made the motion to approve consent agenda for financials and previous minutes as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Bailey seconded the motion. 4/0 motion carried.

9. **Discuss/Act – Housing:** Consider approving Commissioners for the 2025 – 2027 to Housing Authority of the City of Bronte as follows:

Cynthia Robinson; Janet Wommack; Stacy McGinnis

Everett Bedford made a motion to approve commissioners as presented. David Scott seconded the motion. 4/0 motion carried.

10. **Discuss/Act – Finance: Water:** Consider approving Robert Lee Rate Increase effective December 1, 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Bailey made a motion to approve Robert Lee Rate as presented. Hendrik VanDerMerwe seconded the motion. 4/0 motion carried.

11. **Discuss/Act – Permit:** Consider approving permit for Michael & Danielle Crane to place a new manufactured home at 622 NE Railroad St.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Bailey made a motion to approve the permit as presented. David Scott seconded the motion. 4/0 motion carried.

12. **Discuss/Act – Sanitation:** Consider having all sanitation services picked up in Bronte every Friday. (moving Tuesday services to Friday)

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Mayor Gohman presented options to council. Council discussed and did not approve either option. David Scott made the motion to leave all sanitation service pickups the same, Everett Bedford seconded the motion. 4/0 carried.

13. **Discuss/Act – Community:** Consider hosting Culpepper & Merriweather Circus March 30, 2026.

David Scott made a motion to approve as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Bailey seconded the motion. 4/0 motion carried.

14. **Discuss/Act – Finance: Budget:** Why are Church Sewer rates the same as Commercial rates vs Residential rates.

David Scott discussed why Churches are consider commercial? Ricky and other council members waded in on this topic. Council members discussed the reasoning behind churches vs commercial sewer rates. There was no action taken.

15. **Discuss/Act – Finance: Budget:** Consider approving the proposed FY25-26 Operating Budget with property tax changes as presented.

Everett Bedford made a motion to approve the proposed operating budget as presented with the one cent per \$100 tax increase. David Scott seconded the motion.

Vote: Roll call; Everett-Yes; Mike-Yes, David-Yes, Hendrik – Yes. Motion carried.

16. **Discuss/Act – Finance:** Consider special city council meeting date to hold public hearing on proposed FY25-26 operating budget and property tax rate.

The PH and special city council meeting will be September 4, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

With no further business, Mayor Gohman adjourned the city council meeting at 6:21 pm.


Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Teresa Ballard, City Secretary

