

# Bronte City Council meeting minutes told

The Bronte City Council met in regular session on Thursday, November 15, 2018, at 6:30 pm at Bronte City Hall.

Those in attendance included Mayor Paul Gohman, Councilman Stormy Vaughn, Councilman Lee Wommack, Councilman Santiago Rodriguez, Utilities Director Ricky Royall, and City Secretary Teresa Ballard. Those absent included City Attorney Eileen M. Hayman, Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford, Councilman Steve Hines, and Deputy City Secretary Sherry Bailey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance and prayer was offered by Mayor Paul Gohman.

There were no citizen comments.

Discussion was held regarding approving Christmas in Olde Bronte to hold festivities on the grounds at the depot and surrounding area. Discussion was also held considering taking action authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for temporary closure of State right-of-ways for the Christmas in Olde Bronte parade. The Council discussed changing the parade route to stay off of the main highways for safety purposes only. The parade route could go down Washington Street to avoid highways for safety. The Sheriff's Office agreed. This should be a safer, easier route to control the parade. Last year, some got lost in the route and it was not clear. Lee Wommack made a motion to approve Christmas in Old Bronte festivities and the change in the parade route. The motion, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez, passed with a vote of 3 - 0.

Lee Wommack asked for an update on Howard Baker and the cemetery land. Mayor Gohman replied that there was none at this time. Stormy Vaughn made a motion to approve the October 18 minutes and was seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.

Stormy Vaughn questioned the Balance Sheet - Water from September 30 and October 30 in the Revenue Section. It states \$508k labeled "Due from Trash" and it should say "Water Debt Fund". There is a need to rename the item 02.02.110 on the Balance Sheet. Also, on said September and October Balance Sheets per this line item, it is the same exact amount shown from one month to the other. The report was run November 9 for this Council meeting. Stormy questioned that the funds had not increased in this line item for September, October, and through November 9. She also asked if Robert Lee had paid

their water bill. Discussion was had between Teresa, Ricky, and Stormy. Teresa Ballard reported when changing from 02.02.443 to 02.02.554, it did not carry over to the new code. Teresa will research further and send the council an updated report. The budget report for water year end September 30 and October 1 should be straight since year end was already sent to the auditors. Discussion was had regarding the item labeled "Water Revenue" on the Revenue report and "Water Debt" on the Revenue report and how 50/50 split to cover expenses. Stormy Vaughn states consistency in reporting is necessary. The new fiscal year that started October 1, should be set in stone on how the rest of the reporting for the year should be done. Lee Wommack asked why the "Insurance" column doesn't match. Teresa Ballard explains that measures have been taken to correct the problem in the future.

As far as approving the previous month's reports that weren't reconciled, the auditors gave the Mayor the choice to approve individual months or the final month (being the last report of September 30 of the fiscal year). The Mayor chose the final year end reports to be approved since it captures all twelve months of data.

Lee Wommack made a motion to approve the following items: Balance Sheet - September YTD FY18; Revenues and Expenditures - September YTD FY18; Bills Paid - October - Council approve report and check register; Balance Sheet - October. He was seconded by Santiago Rodriguez and the motion passed with a vote of 2 - 1 (Stormy Vaughn voted against).

### Fire Department Report

Ray Barnett reported a slow month. A citizen reported bees coming in to the house via the vent-a-hood. The fire department contacted Bryan Swecker. The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department held two



**Oops!** The area experienced some wet and slippery road conditions on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Due to said conditions, this pickup wound up on the guardrail of the bridge that spans Oak Creek Lake. There were no injuries, however the driver was cited for violations.

fundraisers, a fund run and a washer pitching contest at Brontetoberfest. The firefighters attended training in San Angelo by Teek. Ten sets of bunker gear have come in and the electrical to the new station is being worked on.

### Sheriff's Enforcement Report

Calls for ordinance enforcement - 5  
Officer ordinance notifications from city hall - 0  
Ordinance warnings issued - 0 verbal, 0 written  
Ordinance citations issued - 0

### Animal Services Report

Cats - 13  
Opossum - 2  
Raccoons - 2  
Surrendered cats - 12  
There were no livestock permits to discuss or take action on.

Follow up discussion was held on a building permit applied for by Lynn Pate originally on 2/9/18 at 202 S. Franklin for a storage building. The Council tabled discussion at the October meeting. The Council discussed that Lynn will be tearing down the walls of the building. He will need extra time due to health issues.

The following applications for

building permits were discussed: Herbert Hoover, 323 N. Randall, garage; John Burdett, 410 Key, storage building; Conrad Plummer, 515 W. Main, storage; Mica Carper, 202 SW Railroad, carport. The council discussed with Ricky Royall and the only item that posed an issue was that the poles for the carport on Railroad were placed in the right-of-way. The resident will move the poles back to be in compliance. Santiago Rodriguez made a motion to approve all permits as discussed and was seconded by Stormy Vaughn. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.

### EDC Report

Marlene Vaughn, EDC representative, reported that a new sign has been ordered to help promote the prison property. All business owners have been sent information/application "Store Front" grant applications and one application has been completed. Members are working on location placement for poles for big banners. Discussion was held to consider approval of Gwen Dyess as an EDC 4B board member. Lee Wommack made a motion to approve and was seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.

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