

their 200k gallons, that the city is limited for growth.

Mayor Gohman states that the 200k gallon provision is a safety net and is there for a reason. The discussion was that Robert Lee had been going over their allotted 200k gallons per day without being charged anything extra. Stormy Vaughn asked if the contract should be amended and allow the "valve to be open" at a small rate (\$.30/1000) of if the City of Bronte charges a "fine" with a steeper charge for any water usage over 200k. A City of Bronte customer pays \$8.00 per 1000 gallons up to 3000 gallons as a "base rate" of \$24.00 but the City of Robert Lee is charged \$2.50/1000 gallons for lake water and their base rate consists of 200k gallons per day. If the limit is 200k gallons per day, then make it where Robert Lee doesn't want to go over the 200k gallons per day, and if they do, they have to pay said "fine" rate for going over. Mayor Gohman states that the City of Robert Lee isn't like a citizen who decides to water their lawn, they are a municipality and it's their citizens deciding on doing this. Stormy states that cities all over the United States regulate their citizen's water consumption. If the City of Bronte charges a small rate, overage of \$.30/1000 gallons, the City isn't making any money and she questioned why wouldn't Robert Lee's usage be more than 200k gallons per day. Stormy's conclusion was that there needs to be a charge for Robert Lee's over usage of their limit of 200k gallons per day, which the City of Bronte has not. Lee Womack considered sending a letter to Robert Lee advising them of their overage, warning them that they have gone over their allotment by 105 days and that the City of Bronte can either throttle their usage or increase their rate. Ricky Royall tells the Council that Bronte has a meter and Robert Lee has a meter and it is read daily. Santiago Rodriguez states that Robert Lee sells water to Coke County Rural Water and questioned if that is part of their contract. It was answered that is is not. Robert Lee is selling their water allotment to Rural Water and it comes from their allotment. Stormy Vaughn states that Robert Lee then sells their water to Rural Water at Robert Lee's rate as a wholesale water company, just like Bronte sells to Robert Lee. Mayor Gohman states that what Robert Lee does with their water is Robert Lee's business. Stormy states that Robert Lee is selling water and making money and that the City of Bronte is selling water with no cap rate. She said that the City of Bronte is in the business to sell water and as far as a warning, the Mayor of Robert Lee should have already received the warning (since the Robert Lee Mayor attending the first meeting of this discussion when it was on the table a couple of months ago). Ricky and Teresa state that Robert Lee has the same opportunity to

read their meters daily as Bronte does. Lee Womack states that he still thinks that they need a written warning. Stormy states that this change would not go into effect for 90 days (per the contract) when the rate is changed, if the Council decides to change the rate. She also said this discussion is completely different in this meeting as to last month's meeting and it is not known how the discussion will be at the next meeting. The City Attorney has been contacted regarding this and she suggested that an amendment be drawn up to make it legal. Stormy Vaughn pulled several examples of amendments and can write up a draft amendment and letter and then send them to the attorney in order to save the attorney's fee. But she needs direction from the Council on what the amendment will say. Stormy Vaughn warns that if the City of Bronte says that Robert Lee can go over their 200k gallons per day allotment and a small rate for overage is charged, that they can use as much water as they want. She questioned what would happen when the conditions change for Bronte and the 200k gallons per day limit cannot be changed. She said the the Council should put a lot of thought into this. Lee Womack recommends looking at one year's worth of data and table this discussion until the next meeting. Lee Womack made a motion to table this discussion until the next council meeting and was seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.

Discussion was held regarding the consideration of an Interlocal Agreement between City of Bronte and Bronte Volunteer Fire Department. Stormy Vaughn presented revised verbiage of the new contract with BVFD reviewed by council members. Item D hasn't been approved by the City Council, but it also states it needs prior approval before repairs can be done. Stormy Vaughn made a motion for a

resolution for the mayor to sign the interlocal agreement with the City of Bronte and the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department. The motion, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez, passed with a vote of 3 - 0.

Consideration was given regarding revising the following ordinances currently in place:

Curfew - The council discussed the changes made by the attorney and the council approves of the changes. Stormy Vaughn made a motion to approve the curfew and place the first public hearing on December 20. The motion, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez, passed with a vote of 3-0.

RV/RV Park - Lee Womack headed the discussion reviewing the ordinance. There is a need to see what other cities have as an RV Park ordinance. Stormy Vaughn samples other cities and will have Teresa Ballard send to council members for review. The Council's recommendation is to have an RV ordinance and an RV Park ordinance. The Mayor recommends to keep working on the ordinance and no action was taken.

Junk Vehicle - The Council discussed the ordinance. Lee Womack would like to see in section 6.0 replace he with the judge; section 9.0 replace Texas Highway Department with Department of Motor Vehicles. Lee Womack made a motion to table the junk vehicle ordinance and Chapter 396 until more information is collected and he was seconded by Stormy Vaughn. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.

Chapter 396 - Auto Wrecker/ Salvage Yards: Lee Womack asked if the property on North Highway 277 pays taxes. Also, that property is not within the 50' of right of way of 277 and 35" of the residential property line. He is in violation and something needs to be done. His permit was for a repair shop. Stormy Vaughn spoke to TML and reports that if they have a commercial business, they should have a business license.

If you have a business out of your home, you should have a certificate of occupancy. The transportation code would be in effect. TML also said that if he moves it back and makes a smaller yard, then the city's nuisance ordinance would come in (ex. no junk, etc). Lee Womack said if this is a junk/salvage yard, then the city is in violation allowing it and the highway department needs to come in and look at him. If stuff leaded into the stream next to his business, the EPA could be involved.

Stormy Vaughn asked TML about the city yard with the "scrap metal" and it is defined as junk in junk yard in the transporation code. She is looking into public road and that could be lots of places. Mayor Gohman recommends deciding if he is commercial or private, then move forward and notify him accordingly.

Lee Womack asked who would want to be on the Board of Appeals. Stormy Vaughn read who makes up the board from San Angelo. Ricky Royall explained to the Council "the board of appeals and board of adjustments" are one board and the secretary is the city secretary. Members must live in the city limits.

Ordinance #247 item B - Building Standards Committee consists of 1) Fire Marshall, 2) Member of the City Council, 3) Citizen at large from within the city limits of the City of Bronte. Santiago Rodriguez made a motion to have Ricky Royall (Fire Marshall), Santiago Rodriguez (City Council), and Bob Bailey (Citizen) to serve on

the board of appeals. Stormy Vaughn seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0.

Mayor Gohman led discussion regarding how to help citizens with disposing of materials on their property since Public Nuisance Ordinance 18-01 has been in place. The City has a chipper. The Council discussed getting help from the churches to get the word out. If citizens could bring the materials to the road, then a truck and trailer with volunteers can load and move to the next house. There is a need to think more about this and get more ideas. Mayor Gohman will talk to church pastors. Lee Womack made a motion to add this to the December council meeting agenda and invite Restoring Bronte Foundation. The motion, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez, passed with a vote of 3 - 0.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Gohman started the meeting with video presentation of the history of the city water system. The UCRA gives Bronte an allotment of 672 acre feet of water, which is 219 million gallons per year. Bronte can pump 149,000 gallons per day out of the aquifer with no problem. Mayor Gohman presents how the water is mixed with raw water and well water and how it is treated. In 2011, a pipeline was installed when Robert Lee's water source went away, and Bronte agreed to provide and sell water to Robert Lee. If Bronte does not use the allotment of water provided by the UCRA, we will lose some of it.

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