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The council explained that the goat cannot be tethered per animal ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess made the motion to table until a letter is presented to the council. She was seconded by Zach Davidson and the motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Ricky Royall discussed the documents explaining a pipeline laid by Exxon and then given to the city. It has served its time. Previous council tried to get a grant to replace the line but that grant was for inside city limits and was denied. As of right now the automatic flush valve can be replaced. This would only be a band aid but would help with the water quality for now. The city has recently received notification from the US Treasury "American Rescue Plan Act Funding" of \$217,000 and the city has budgeted \$122,000 of capital outlay for part of this to help. To replace the whole line would be \$410,000. Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess made the motion to replace the automatic flush valve and was seconded by Kinley Pritchard. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Ordinance - Manufacturing House 19-03 was discussed. Gwen Dyess opened with discussion for more possibilities to have manufactured homes in town. The council decided to form a subcommittee with Kinley Pritchard and Clabe F. Webb to research further.

Fee Schedule Ordinance 19-07 needs amending since the use of the sanitation convenience center has changed. Also water section verbiage needs to be added which was left out when the water ordinance was archived. City staff would like the council to consider changing Section VII Animal Registration (a) B. Dangerous Dogs Fee to \$5. Kinley Pritchard made the motion to accept the changes to the fee schedule as presented, seconded by Zach Davidson. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

It was considered to approve opening TCDP checking account at First National Bank to receive grant money. Clabe F. Webb made the motion to reopen the checking account and was seconded by Zach Davidson. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Discussion was held regarding the sewer lease and consider Riley Coalson's lease payment agreement. Riley Coalson asked to waive the fee for the year 2020 because of the restriction to not graze until the first frost per the NRCS program. RA Morris asked if Riley could keep up the spraying maintenance of the mesquite trees. Ricky Royall said that the sewer lease needs to be harvested or mowed. Kinley Pritchard made the motion to approve the fees waived per the contract of taking care of maintenance. He was seconded by Clabe F. Webb and the motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Consideration was given to re-rate for TML Healthcare Benefits for the fiscal year 21-22. Healthcare has increased \$17.68 per employee. The dental plan had no increase. Vision option F has a better plan than the previous year with no cost increase. Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve 100% of the employee benefits for FY 21-22 and was seconded by RA. Morris. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Discussion was held considering 2022 City Contribution rate for TMRS of 11.13%. Kinley Pritchard made the motion to approve the rate, seconded by Zach Davidson. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

It was considered to approve the ability to take payments online for utility services. The cost is \$295 set up fee, \$195 training fee, and \$89 per year. If the customer decides to use EPay, the customer covers the processing fee of 3% + .35 cents. This provides an integrated electronic payment solution. Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve moving forward with the setup and was seconded by Clabe F. Webb. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

It was considered approving EDC 4A's community project. The motion was tabled at this time because only one bid was turned in.

Discussion was held on what to do with the old street signs and poles. Ricky Royall's opinion is to do a silent bid on the signs and post once the project is complete. The city will post in the newspaper, on Facebook, and the marquee. Also citizens have asked if they can purchase specialty signs from the vendor and the city will find out. Kinley Pritchard made the motion to put signs and poles up for bids when the project is complete and he was seconded by Zach Davidson. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Clabe F. Webb has seen all of the interruptions city staff have during the day and recommends changing city office hours, either closing at 1 pm on Friday or possibly open during the noon hour each day and closing at 4 pm Monday - Friday. Other businesses in Bronte close about the same time. Clabe feels that this will help office staff to finish paperwork from 4 pm to 5 pm. Gwen Dyess made the motion to change city hall office hours to 8 am - 4 pm, open during the noon hour to the public, to take effect July 6, 2021. She was seconded by RA Morris and the motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

The council went into executive session at 7:40 pm and reconvened into open session at 8:19 pm. Kinley Pritchard made the motion extending the application process for Animal Control Official until July 9, 2021, due to having only one application turned in, and also having Tiffany Harendt's current contract extended until July 9, 2021. He was seconded by Zach Davidson and the motion passed



Field Trip! The Bronte ISD kindergarten students learned about fire safety during a visit to the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department on Friday, October 8, 2021.

with a vote of 5 - 0.

Clabe F. Webb made the motion to approve of the minutes from May 20, 2021, and June 7, 2021; May aging report; and May reconciliation of all accounts. He was seconded by Gwen Dyess and the motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Mayor's Report

Goals and projects include working on the FY 21-22 budget and plans to have council workshops in the next month.

Utility Director's Report

The backhoe that the city has purchased has been setup for delivery at the end of August. USDA asked to be kept informed. The city will not be getting the TDCJ Work Camp to help with mowing, cleaning creeks, and other city work over this summer due to Covid. Gwen Dyess asked about community service help. Ricky Royall said that has been done in the past. Clabe F. Webb suggested that the clubs at school might be able to help as well.

City Secretary's Report

Tree trimming is on the next agenda. Clabe F. Webb is the only one signed up for the class in Abilene on July 13, 2021. Restoring Bronte Foundation is gearing up for Bronteoberfest in October and are having a meeting on July 12, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Jodie Arrott asked if anyone would like to join the committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

...BCISD Awards

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7th Grade

Addison Dove, Matias Frausto, Rennder Gardenhire, Paige McVey, Blakely Pritchard, Jazlene Rios, Xavier Rios, Brylee Torres

8th Grade

Ryder Antilley, Kaycie Brown, Hondo Burton, David Evangelista, Jocelyn Martinez, Lydia Pico, Morgan Rasco, Kennedy Wilkinson

9th Grade

Morgan Dove, Elijah Drake, Ashtyn Hamilton, Marlene Sanchez, Bryson Smith, Kam Sneed

10th Grade

Emorie Anglin, Talia Campos, Jesus Gonzalez, Shelby Martinez

11th Grade

Luz Cano, Autumn Clark, Blane Crosson, Chyanna Torres

12th Grade

Tori Campos, Chloe McKinney, Sam Meier, Samuel

Ottaberry

Perfect Attendance

Pre-K

Saizelynn Bland, Annabel Flores, Oliver Scott

Kindergarten

Bohdi Brooks, Dawsyn Cano, Cutter Dickson, Liam Pierik

1st Grade

William Althaus, Martina Brooks, Hattie Jo Burton, Michael Smith, Zaylie Torres

2nd Grade

Elizabeth Althaus, Tripp Chambles, Evin Cheath, Chloe Cronkright, Mateo Flores, Caroline Franklin, Tessa Monday, Jerry Scott

3rd Grade

Gage Finlay, Isaac Garza, Henley Glenn, Brooks May, Jack Pierik

4th Grade

Anthony Garza, Taygen McVey, Layla Meek, Moriah Smith

5th Grade

Gianna Collier, Drake Glenn, Maria Lopez, Weston May, Kaelison O'Shields, Gabriel Williams

6th Grade

Hegan Burton, Makayla McMurtrey, Sydnie Pate, Tatum Pate, Aariah Pearce, Isabella Pico, Gabriel Williams

7th Grade

Rennder Gardenhire, Ashlynn McKinney, Paige McVey, Blakely Pritchard, Jazlene Rios, Brylee Torres

8th Grade

Ryder Antilley, Kaycie Brown, Creed Cummings, David Evangelista, Avery Glenn, Jocelyn Martinez, Morgan Rasco, Jaxon Shipman

9th Grade

AJ Adkins, Kinley Cummings, Ashtyn Hamilton, Hunter Jackson, Makinlee Killough-White, Kadence Martinez, Marlene Sanchez, Kam Sneed, Brionna Sommerfeld, Michael Swaim

10th Grade

Emorie Anglin, Talia Campos, Karter Cummings

11th Grade

Luz Cano, Blane Crosson, Kyler Cummings, Matthew Shipman, Dylan Taylor, A'chyanna Torres

12th Grade

Tori Campos, Clay Cruz Mendieta, Kiley Greg, Sam Meier, Donovan Perry, Cadi Powers, Landon Whitten

NRCS application deadline announced

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas has announced that the first funding application deadline of October 29, 2021, for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). A second funding deadline will be February 11, 2022.

Applications are taken year round for NRCS programs, but deadlines are announced to rank and fund eligible conservation projects. Producers interested in signing up for EQUIP should submit applications to their local USDA service center. If already a USDA client, a producer can submit applications online via Farmers.gov.

EQIP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers. Technical assistance is provided without a fee from NRCS specialists to help landowners and land managers plan and implement conservation practices to help them meet their land management goals, address natural resource concerns and improve soil, water, plant, animal, air, and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.

For additional information, visit the NRCS Texas website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov. Applications for EQIP are

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Our County, Our State and Our Country**



And Don't Forget to Pray for Rain!