

new 501c3 of their own under the City of Bronte. EDC is pursuing a daycare also set up as a 501c3 to put it in as non-profit business. EDC is looking at the school and churches to have a place for the daycare. A steering committee will be established.

Brenda Hines reported that it has been too hot for a cemetery committee meeting.

Ricky Royall reported on two building permits issued in the month of July.

Discussion was held regarding a complaint from a water customer. Ricky Royall introduced Dustin Bilyeu. Ricky explained that there is a pipeline that goes out to Humble Road customers. Anytime there is an incident or a disruption in the line in town, the water out to the above 9 customers gets bad with rusty or a dirty look and pressure is very low. These customers are not able to use this water for drinking water. Mike Bailey made a motion to approve the 75% fee reduction off the water bill until the phase two of the pipeline is completed or re-evaluated (approximate timeframe is December 2022). This is to all customers on that pipeline, which includes the above mentioned customers. Mike was seconded by Clabe F. Webb and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The Council revisited the Oliver and S. Washington intersection for all way signs and consider approving Ordinance 22-03 Stop or Yield Intersections. RA Morris made a motion to leave it like it is at this intersection and was seconded by Mike Bailey. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Zach Davidson made a motion to consider an alley closure during non-business hours behind Blackburn's Ranch and Hardware Supply and was seconded by RA Morris. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Clabe F. Webb made the motion to approve Economic Development Corporation 4A's proposed Fiscal Year Operating Budget as presented. He was seconded by Zach Davidson and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve Economic Development Corporation 4B's proposed Fiscal Year Operating Budget as presented. He was seconded by Zach Davidson and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Gwen Dyess made the motion to accept the FY 22-23 Interlocal Contract between the City of Bronte and Bronte Volunteer Fire Department as presented. She was seconded by RA Morris and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Zach Davidson made the motion to increase the rates for Robert Lee effective December 1, 2022, as presented, and he

was seconded by Mike Bailey. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

A subcommittee needs to be formed with an EDC Board Member, City Council Member, and citizens to discuss future City projects. There was discussion only, no action was taken.

Mayor Gohman convened the meeting into executive session at 7:15 pm, with the session ending at 7:20 pm.

Gwen Dyess made the motion to move Michael Crane from part-time to full time, effective October 1, 2022. She was seconded by Zach Davidson and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Mayor Gohman went over the final changes for FY 22-23 Budget Workshop.

Mike Bailey made the motion to approve the FY 22-23 Budget as presented and was seconded by Clabe F. Webb. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Zach Davidson made the motion to approve the proposed 2022 tax rate for one percent per \$100 tax increase of 0.380745000 as presented. Clabe F. Webb seconded and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Gwen Dyess made the motion to accept the consent agenda with corrections to the minutes and was seconded by Clabe F. Webb.

Mike Bailey made the motion to approve all future City Council meetings to be held at the Bronte Housing Authority Community Room. He was seconded by Zach Davidson and the motion carried with a vote 5 - 0.

Mayor Gohman announced that the City is waiting on the plans for the site. The Livestock Ordinance FFA and 4-H are being working on to approve a draft copy.

The Utility Director reported that there have been four water leaks and a backed up sewer main. Contractors are working on the phase one pipeline and are talking with the same contractors for phase two. ARPA came out and had a meeting and said that the City cannot use that money on any used generator equipment, only on new equipment.

The City Secretary has enrolled in an online class for accounting fundamentals at Howard College. City Hall is looking at their software keeping for utility billing and switching over to QuickBooks for the general ledger.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

**September 15, 2022**

The Bronte City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at the Bronte Housing Authority Community Room.

Mayor Gohman opened the public hearing at 5:30 pm for comments on the proposed FY 22-23 Budget and FY 22-23 Tax Rate. There were no public comments for either one. He closed the hearing at 5:32 pm.

Mayor Paul Gohman called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm and a quorum was established. Those in attendance included Mayor Gohman; Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess; Council Members Clabe F. Webb, Zach Davidson, and Mike Bailey; and staff members Teresa Ballard, Tina Smith, and Ricky Royall. Council Member RA Morris was absent.

Mayor Gohman led the pledge and Mike Bailey offered prayer.

There were no public comments.

Teresa Ballard announced that there have been two fires this month.

Coke County Sheriff's Office Deputy Brandon Neal reported that they have an abandoned van from deceased owners. City Hall and the Sheriff's Office are working on removing the van from the property. There were a couple of dog and livestock calls, with no further incident.

The Animal Control Report was emailed the the Council.

There was no Municipal Court Reprot.

Susan Williams reported that there was an EDC meeting last week. Linda Scott reported that she and Brenda Hines attended a meeting for the Film Festival Commission and she is asking for anyone that would like to send in film/photos from the past or current events or personal items from Coke County to do so. If anyone is

label the items with a name, address, phone number, and maybe the time/date of the event. These can be dropped off at City Hall and/or given to Linda Scott or Brenda Hines. Informational flyers are available at City Hall.

Brenda Hines said that the cemetery committee is planning on a clean-up sometime in October.

Susan Williams's flyer was passed out of a living document of Purpose, History, and Objective for the Depot project. This will help the steering committee to move forward. An update on the next council meeting to deputize Ms. Robinson and Ms. Martindale to the steering committee was given.

Ricky Royall reported that there were two building permits for the month of August 2022.

Mike Bailey made the motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, which raises more revenue from property taxes than the previous year's budget. He was seconded by Gwen Dyess and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve the Ordinance 22-05 fiscal year operating budget beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, as presented. This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$1406, which is one percent per \$100 tax increase form last year's budget. She was seconded by

Clabe F. Webb and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve Ordinance 22-06 levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the Maintenance and Support of the Municipal Government General Fund of the City of Bronte for Fiscal Year 2022, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.380745, which is one percent per \$100 tax increase from last year's budget. She was seconded by Clabe F. Webb and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Clabe F. Webb made the motion to approve FY 21-22 Budget Amendment Ordinance #2 Ordinance 22-04 as presented and was seconded by Mike Bailey. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Zach Davidson made the motion to table the EMS/FD volunteer and employees water discount and for it to be placed on the next agenda. He was seconded by Gwen Dyess and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Mike Bailey made the motion to approve Merritt, McLane & Hamby, PC, to perform audit services for FY21-22. He was seconded by Zach Davidson and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve the ballot for TML Health Benefits Pool Official Ballot - Board of Trustees - TML Region 6 and ballot for TMLIRSP Pool Official Ballot - Board of Trustees - Places 6 - 9. She was seconded by Clabe F. Webb and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

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Thank you to all that voted for me and, as I have stated before, I work for the voters of Precinct 2.

Thank you for electing me and again I look forward to working with all.

# Henry Chisholm

Commissioner Elect  
Precinct 2

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