

City Secretary Teresa Ballard, and Deputy City Secretary Sherry Bailey.

City Attorney Eileen M. Hayman was absent.

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

A public hearing was held on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 Operating Budget. No citizens were present to discuss the proposed budget. Council discussion was held considering an ordinance approving and adopting a budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; approving summary of estimated and forecasted revenues, providing for filing of adopted budget; and approving all permit license fees and charges for services recommended to be adjusted, finding that proper notice of the meeting provided by law and ratifying as such, and providing for publication. A motion was made by David Bedford to approve the first reading of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and was seconded by Steve Hines. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Council discussion was held considering an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 17-05, passed by the City Council on September 21, 2017, providing for the collection and disposal of garbage and trash with the City of Bronte, Texas, by revising Section F by the increase of collection charges. Stormy Vaughn asked about the breakdown of charges and posed the following questions: Why do commercial customers get charged a different rate versus residential customers when it is the same polycart? Do dumpster commercial rate customers also get charged for commercial water and sewer? A motion was made by David Bedford to approve the first reading of newly adopted Ordinance No. 18-05 to replace Ordinance No. 17-05. He was seconded by Stormy Vaughn and the motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

With no further discussion, Mayor Gohman adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.

September 25, 2018

The Bronte City Council met in special session on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

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

City Attorney Eileen M. Hayman was absent.

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Secretary to get to the Council permit license fees and charges for services. A motion was made by Lee Wommack to approve the second reading of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and was seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

The second reading of an ordinance replacing Ordinance No. 1705 regarding collection and disposal of garbage and trash with Ordinance No. 18-05. A motion was made by David Bedford to approve the second reading of the newly adopted Ordinance No. 18-05 to replace Ordinance No. 17-05 and was seconded by Lee Wommack. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Discussion was held considering an ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of Bronte for 2018 - 2019; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when the same shall become delinquent if not paid. A motion was made by Stormy Vaughn to approve the City of Bronte's proposed tax rate and levy and was seconded by David Bedford. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

With no further discussion, Mayor Gohman adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Government-in-Action Youth Tour deadline set

You're a Texas high school student. You're smart; you have big dreams. Maybe you've never been out of the state, and maybe you've never flown on a plane, but you want to travel—experience a big city, visit historic landmarks and meet people, and not just fellow high schoolers but influential public figures like U.S. representatives.

If that describes you, then you're a candidate to apply for a slot on the Government-in-Action Youth Tour, an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 12-21, 2019, sponsored by Concho Valley Electric Cooperative and organized by Texas Electric Cooperatives.

Apply by December 12, 2018, for Concho Valley Electric Cooperative's contest for a chance to win a ticket for this adventure, which has been called the trip of a lifetime.

Youth Tour is an action-packed trip to the U.S. capital with more than 150 of your peers and

chaperones from across Texas. You'll visit the Washington National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Smithsonian Institution, memorials and more. Activities include learning about rural electrification, seeing a performance at the Kennedy Center, going on a boat cruise with dinner and dancing, and meeting elected officials.

You could be part of this legacy shared by the more than 3,800 past Texas Youth Tour students who have participated since 1965.

To apply, submit an application along with an essay on: *You are in charge of the energy efficiency program at your school. Describe ways you would recommend for your school to use electricity more efficiently.*

The essay will be judged independently through Concho Valley Electric Cooperative.

Eligible entrants must:

- Be in grade 10, 11 or 12.
- Applications must arrive at Concho Valley Electric Cooperative by December 12, 2018.
- The contest will be open to any student who is a sophomore, junior, or senior during the 2018-2019 school year in one of these school districts: Sterling City, Grape Creek, Robert Lee, Bronte, Miles, Veribest, Wall, Christoval, Paint Rock, Lake View, Central, Irion County and Water Valley. Applicants do not have to be dependents of CVEC members.

For more information about Youth Tour, visit YouthTour.org and TexasYouthTour.com or contact Merissa Swink at (325) 655-6957 or email mswink@cvec.coop.



Reasons for Thanksgiving

by James M. Decker

We all heard the story of the "first Thanksgiving" as school children. In 1621, after a harrowing voyage to America on the *Mayflower* and the hardship of frontier life, the settlers at Plimoth Plantation



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celebrated a successful harvest. But how did our current national holiday come to be?

The Plimoth thanksgiving is an iconic part of history, even if it was not the "first" such celebration. Thanksgiving services were routine in the settlements of Virginia perhaps as far back as 1607. In 1619, a group of settlers arrived in Virginia with the London Company, whose charter provided that the day of their arrival be "perpetually kept holy as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God."

The early American settlements kept the spirit of regular celebration, which passed on to the new nation calling itself the United States of America. The Continental

Congress issued Thanksgiving proclamations throughout the Revolutionary War, often more than once a year. President George Washington famously issued a National Thanksgiving Proclamation in 1789, asking the people to unite in "sincere and humble thanks" for the Almighty's care for the new nation.

Thanksgiving was celebrated at various times in the coming decade, with each state often scheduling its own celebration. It wasn't until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln received a letter from a magazine editor named Sarah Josepha Hale asking him to make Thanksgiving a "national and fixed Union Festival," so the nation could celebrate the holiday on a single day.

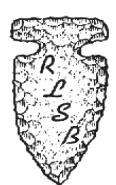
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