

seriously doubt the council's actions were legal. However even if their actions were legal, it appears unethical and not in the best interest of the city and the taxpayers.

During a city council meeting last month, the mayor and certain council members were openly hostile when asked why this land was not either sold or leased through a bid process. In fact, one council member visited my business later that week pressuring me to remain silent on this issue. Current members of the council include Mayor Sandusky, Martin Lee, Misti Bedford, George Tomes, Wade Stautzenberger and Paul "Buzz" Gohman.

I understand Mr. Loyd, a resident of the Oak Creek Lake community, is quite friendly with the mayor and at least one council member. However, that friendship or business relationship should have no bearing upon city business.

Although city government is covered under the Freedom of Information Act, I have been unsuccessful in acquiring the requested documents from City Secretary Crystal Blevins.

I, along with several other interested citizens, attended the city council meeting earlier this month. We were allowed to speak during the public comment section, but our questions went unanswered. One man asked why his offer to pay \$1,000 per year for 99 years for the same land was not accepted or even considered.

Since this issue was first brought to my attention, I have contacted several oversight agencies, such as the FBI, Texas Rangers, Attorney General, District Attorney and state comptroller (misuse of sales tax). I encourage every Bronte citizen to make these same calls until this issue is fully investigated.

Those numbers include:
Drew Darby 512-473-0331
FBI 1-972-559-5000
Texas Auditors 800-892-8348
Texas Rangers 325-223-6515
Texas Comptroller 800-892-8348

The city receives revenue from the sale of utilities, trash disposal, sales taxes and property taxes. Other properties

the city has purchased in the Oak Creek area were resold with the city retaining water rights to the properties. Why was this property handled so differently?

It is time to hold these city council members responsible for their actions and resolve this issue. The contract should be rescinded if at all possible. The mayor and council members voting for this lease should resign. If and when the town hall meeting is rescheduled, all Bronte citizens need to be there demanding answers for the misuse of our tax dollars. A city government should be transparent in its actions and spending.

Sincerely,
Paul Knight

[Editor's Note: The lease referred to in the above letter to the editor is located in the Contracts section of ObserverEnterprise.com.]

Bronte ISD Board posts minutes

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session Thursday, September 8, 2016. Those in attendance were: Board Members David McWright, Nick Arrott, Blake Braswell, John Seales, Ashley Braswell, and Josh Schoenfield; Administration members Tim Siler, Josh Barton, and Susan Henderson and guests Amy Chumney, Heather Middleton, and Danny Barrett with Texas Communities Group, LLC.

The meeting was opened at 7:30 pm with a prayer by Blake Braswell.

A quorum was established at 7:31 pm with six members present. Shane Kelton arrived at 7:39 pm.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented and read. A motion to approve the August 24 minutes as presented



Grantham Takes Office! Shaunna Grantham takes the oath of office and is sworn in to the Robert Lee City Council by Mayor Leroy Casey at the November 14, 2016, council meeting. Mrs. Grantham has been appointed to fill the seat left vacant by Jeanette Meeks.

was made by David McWright and seconded by John Seales. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the bill listing for June as presented was made by Nick Arrott and seconded by Ashley Braswell. Motion carried.

There were no audience items. Principal's Report:

A. Update on Student Activities:

Mr. Barton went over the various sporting activities for the week including volleyball games, football games and a cross country meet. Some of the upcoming student activities include a field trip to Ft. Chadbourne, a Lincoln Technical representative who will be meeting with Juniors and Seniors about technical trades, and Fire Prevention week that will take place in October. He also advised homecoming

activities will be taking place next week and 3rd week progress reports will also be going out next week.

B. Student Counts:

Mr. Barton went over current BISD student counts of 263 total students including 133 in elementary, 32 in junior high, and 98 in high school.

Danny Barrett presented information about Texas Communities Group, LLC. He advised they work with municipalities to market trust properties, get information to the tax office, and work with cities on cleanup and

demolishing of delapidated homes. Board President Shane Kelton advised that he had sent the agreement to the school's lawyers to look over and will have them contact Mr. Barrett with further questions.

No action was taken on the Interlocal Agreement between Bronte ISD and the City of Bronte regarding Texas Communities Group LLC.

The Bronte Elementary School will involve parents in the joint development of the Title I plan and the process of school review and improvement. David

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