

#EndTheStreakTX

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- Join the #TexasTagTenchallenge on social media and tag ten family members or friends and encourage them to say what they will do differently to avoid a fatal crash on our roads.

Earlier this year, during the height of the COVID-19

pandemic, traffic levels on Texas highways dropped nearly 44 percent in some parts of the state. This decrease in traffic encouraged TxDOT to think the horrific streak might finally come to an end. Instead, the death rate was unchanged, even with fewer drivers on Texas roads.

“We can and we must do better,” said Ryan.

Bronte City Council meetings held

September 14, 2020, Special Meeting

The Bronte City Council met in special session on Monday, September 14, 2020, in Council Chambers at City Hall. An audio recording can be requested through the Public Information Act through City Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Paul Gohman and a quorum was established. Those in attendance included Mayor Paul Gohman, Council Members Steve Hines, Santiago Rodriguez, Stormy Vaughn, and Lee Wommack, Utilities Director Ricky Royall, and City Secretary Teresa Ballard. Council Member Ron Cooper was absent.

The pledge was led by Paul Gohman and prayer was offered by Lee Wommack.

Jerome Hogan asked the council to consider a variance to move a cargo container from a property he sold to his other property on east Main Street. Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve the movement of the cargo container and was seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Citizens have asked if the parade route could go on the east side of Railroad Street. Santiago Rodriguez made the motion to approve Christmas in Olde Bronte, if the route does not involve getting on Highway 277 and if the state's restrictions stay open. He was seconded by Steve Hines and the motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 to proceed in planning Christmas in Olde Bronte.

Stormy Vaughn made the motion to approve renewal of the agreement with the Coke County Sheriff's Office. She was seconded by Lee Wommack and the motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Santiago Rodriguez made the motion to renew the agreement but with deleting item number one, putting only the position instead of names. He also mentioned added the monthly \$50 for expenses in the agreement and write one check on January 1 for \$600 to the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department and a check for \$600 to the Bronte EMS. Stormy Vaughn seconded and the motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

The Council would like more detail as to what is on the 4B 2020-2021 budget. Stormy

Vaughn made a motion to table 4B 2020-2021 budget until detailed information is received. She was seconded by Lee Wommack and the motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Lee Wommack made the motion to approve June and July financials and was seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Stormy Vaughn made the motion to accept the resignation of Animal Trapper Matt Basquez and to advertise in the newspaper for a part-time trapper and front-end loader. She was seconded by Steve Hines and the motion passed with a vote of 3 - 1 (Lee Wommack voted against).

Stormy Vaughn has made changes in red to the Republic Services contract but there are still a few changes needed. Santiago Rodriguez made the motion to table the item until a meeting is held with Republic Services. He was seconded by Stormy Vaughn and the motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

The council took a break at 6:56 pm and reconvened at 7:05 pm.

A budget workshop for fiscal year 2020-2021 was held. Discussion was held regarding finalizing the following funds: General, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, Cemetery, and Grants.

Teresa Ballard will ask the auditor if an employee can work temporarily with salary expense but not deduct retirement.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

September 17, 2020, Special Meeting

The Bronte City Council met



New Abulance (Kinda)! East Coke County Ambulance Service put this new ambulance into operation in February of this year. Plans were not to release a photo until the organization's volunteers could gather for inclusion. However with Covid-19 restrictions, that time never came. Volunteers with EMS organizations on both sides of Coke County have stepped up for all its citizens during this pandemic and their effort is most definitely appreciated.

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There were no citizen comments.

Fire Chief Martin DeLaGarza will be taking a sabbatical for two months. The acting Captain is Kolby Lee. Lieutenants are Kinlee Hoyt and Aaron Cervenka, treasurer is David McWright, secretary is Jim Stewart, president is Ray Barnett, and vice-president is Natasha Sullivan. An open house is being planned for next summer. Kriss Paschall with ISO inspected the fire department and it went well. He did point out that the fire department needs to keep a better record of trainings.

There has not been fire runs with the amount of rainfall. Deputy Neal reported four calls after hours, two calls from city hall, and one warning. He also spoke with Dan Stone, as he was given a warning for manure disposal (Ordinance 19-16 Section IV B). The City received five calls on loose dogs and one warning for livestock ordinance. Stormy Vaughn asked if the City Hall received a call from a citizen regarding shootings dogs and shooting a Corvette. Deputy Neal updated Stormy Vaughn regarding the incident.

Economic Development Corporation 4B meets on September 22.

Stormy Vaughn gave the Cemetery Report and saw where Bug Express was paid for spraying the cemetery. Ricky Royall reported that they sprayed in July and it is guaranteed for approximately

six months. There has been discussion on one weed that was not dying. A soil sample was pulled. If it needs spraying, Bug Express will spray. Stormy Vaughn, Mayor Gohman, and Ricky Royall met at the cemetery to discuss landscaping. At some point, trees will need to be planted in October - November and a water system will also be needed.

There was nothing to report regarding the Depot.

Ricky Royall reported on five building permits, which include one carport, two storage, one metal fence, and one addition to an existing house.

The Mayor tabled approving fiscal year 2020-2021 budget for a separate meeting.

Lee Wommack voiced concerns regarding Dan Stone in violation of the livestock fowl ordinance for safety and health.

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I thank everyone for their vote in the November General Election.
Wayne McCutchen

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Wayne McCutchen

I want to thank you for your vote of confidence and support in the General Election.

Marty Boyd

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Marty Boyd

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