

Bronte City Council meeting minutes told

The Bronte City Council met in regular session on Thursday, December 20, 2018, at 6:30 pm.

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

City Attorney Eileen M. Hayman and Councilman Santiago Rodriguez were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

There were no citizen comments.

Noemi Garcia from Austin and Maria Orozco from San Angelo, representing Family Heritage Life, addressed the Council.

The Council discussed how to help citizens with disposal of materials on their property. It was discussed to start out twice a year, once in the spring and again the fall. This will give citizens plenty of time to prepare and the Council to advertise. David Bedford made a motion to have the Mayor and City staff get in contact with Nick Arrott with Restoring Bronte Foundation to work out the details. The motion, seconded by Lee Wommack, carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Fire Department Report

Stormy Vaughn reported that bunker gear is in and the department will receive \$15,000 reimbursement by grant from Texas Forestry. Wildland gear has arrived with help from the United Way Concho Valley Venture grant. The electricity is almost complete at the new fire station. The list has been compiled for plumbing, and the department has received a couple of bids for A/C.

Sheriff's Enforcement Report

Deputy Damian Roberson gave the report as follows:

Calls for ordinance enforcement - 0

Officer ordinance notification from City Hall - 1

Ordinance warnings issued - 0 verbal, 0 written

Ordinance citations issued - 0

Animal Services Report

Teresa Ballard reported the following:
Cats - 10
Skunks - 7
Raccoons - 1
Opposums - 3

Money has been collected for surrendering animals from previous months.

Livestock Permits

There were no Livestock Permits to be issued this month.

Building Permits

Carper - Railroad Street - Ricky Royall approved but only if the carport poles were moved away from the easement. Ricky Royall inspected and approved.

Caraway, 410 Sweetwater Road - Sea Container - Ricky Royall approved where the sea container is located for now, but the container will go behind the fence once the fence is completed. Cleaning of the property is a work in progress. Ricky Royall will continue to monitor the progress.

Mohler, 715 E. Main - Metal Garage - Ricky Royall approved.

Hogan, 815 E. Main - Sea Container - Ricky Royall approved.

Jones, 322 Sweetwater Road - Addition to Barber Shop - Ricky Royall approved (addition to building for massage room).

Lee Wommack made a motion to approve all permits and was seconded by David Bedford. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Discussion was held to consider removal/disposal to the convenience center of Council Chamber chairs that are a safety issue. Lee Wommack made a motion to approve of disposal of the chairs and was seconded by David Bedford. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Consideration was to take action on the City's 2019 General Election, calling for election for May 4, 2019. Three council members will be up for re-election. Lee Wommack made a motion to approve the 2019 General Election and was seconded by Stormy Vaughn. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.



Clean Up Day! Several members of RLRestoration gathered together on Sunday, January 27, for a clean up day at the Robert Lee Cemetery.

Discussion was held to have Hal Spain named as the Designation of Emergency Preparedness Advisory Member representing Coke County and City of Bronte. A motion was made by Lee Wommack to approve Hal Spain to be named as the Designation of Emergency Preparedness Advisory Member and was seconded by David Bedford. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

EDC Report

Brenda Hines reported that Jason Luna with the USDA is to complete applications along with Reese Braswell and Teresa Ballard.

Ricky Royall presented a slide show of pictures of areas at the depot that need attention. A recommendation was made to work on the roof and foundation. A mention was made to contact the historical foundation to get information and see if someone could attend the next meeting to educate the Council and city staff and how to go about handling repairs at the depot.

It was discussed if the Council decides to go ahead with the helicopter pad, the pad needs to be 40'x40' with a 4" support pad. A quote for a pad with a ramp would cost approximately \$12,000.

It was discussed to consider hiring grant writing and administrative services for the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG). Bids were sent out and one replied to the RFP. It

was considered to accept Municipal Consulting Agency as our administrator the the TxCDBG program. Mayor Gohman would like the grant to be used to update the water treatment plant. If we get the grant, we can use the money from the water debt fund to replace some of our water line. Stormy Vaughn made a motion to hire Municipal Consulting Agency as our administrator for the TxCDBG program and was seconded by David Beford. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

A review was held of the Water Supply Contract with City of Robert Lee and City of Bronte and Wholesale Treated Water Supply Agreement with Upper Colorado River Authority (UCRA), City of Robert Lee, and City of Bronte. Both contracts are from 2011. Discussion on the matter was as follows:

- 1) if Robert Lee goes over

their 200k gallons a day allotment of water, then a \$.30 increase per 1k gallons would be charged;

2) An overage rate or fine should be collected of the rate of the base water charge, instead of \$2.50 per 1k gallons (lake water current rate), we would charge the \$4.76 per 1k gallons (current base rate for well water);

3) We just write a warning letter saying you have been going over the 200k gallons of water and give notice stating "try not to go over it (200k gallons) again".

Bronte has ordered a new \$3,100 water meter to be installed for accuracy measuring water sold to Robert Lee. Mayor Gohman states that the old meter is about 90% effective because so much pressure of water runs through it daily. The meter would actually run slower through the years. This meter is the original meter and was installed in 2011. We are doing our due diligence by installing this new meter and it will pay for itself.

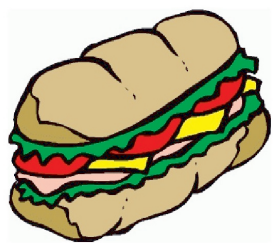
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Super Bowl Subs & Snacks

by Bronte 1st United Methodist Church

Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 3rd.

Please do not forget to pick up your sandwiches between 11:30a—1pm



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Heart of My Heart Valentine Event Dinner

On Valentine's Day

Thursday, February 14

At the VP Event Center

701 Austin Street

Live Entertainment Meal

Steak or Chicken, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert

Gifts and Prizes

\$50 per couple

(16 years and older)

Reservations only before Feb. 7th

Call Sheri at 325-473-0167

(please leave a message)