

# Bronte City Council meeting minutes told

The Bronte City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 6:30 pm.

Those in attendance included Mayor Paul Gohman, Council Members Lee Wommack, Santiago Rodriguez, Steve Hines, Stormy Vaughn, City Secretary Teresa Ballard, and Deputy City Secretary Sherry Bailey. City Attorney Eileen M. Hayman, Utilities Director Ricky Royall, and Mayor Pro Tem David Bedford were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in chambers and prayer was led by Lee Wommack.

Ms. Marlene Vaughn gave a boost to everybody. She said that she knows that things go slow but that the city is working hard and we are starting to see some development. The EDC is keeping busy again and she thanks everyone and encourages them to hang in there.

A presentation was made by Kirt Harle with Jacob & Martin Engineering regarding the plant upgrade. Mr. Harle recently toured the water plant and met with Ricky Royall and the mayor. He has gathered a lot of information regarding the water plant and there is a lot of opportunity with the plant. The plant is getting older and probably needs some upgrades and improvements. The City needs to do a solid evaluation of what it has and what it needs. The first step is a good feasibility study of supply water and treatment water. It will take 3-4 months to do the study. The mayor would like to see scalability options for the future, so when the study is done, the city can be ready for new standards and be ready for the possibility to treat more water.

A presentation by Katie Ramirez on the new City of Bronte website was on the agenda. However Katie was unable to attend the meeting and the presentation will be placed on the agenda for next month.

### Fire Department Report

Martin DeLaGarza reported that the fire department only went on one run to help Blackwell. McCoy's donated supplies to finish the bathrooms for the Turkey & Hog Festival.

### Sheriff's Enforcement Report

Deputy Neal reported for February as follows:

Officer Ordinance Notifications from City Hall - 3;

Citizen Call Ins - 2;

Ordinance Citation Issued - 2;

Investigated Complaint - 1.

### Animal Services Report

The City Secretary reported the following:

Skunks - 5

Opossums - 3;

Cats - 4;

Raccoons - 3.

### Livestock Permits

Armandina Sanchez - 734 S. Jefferson - Sheep, horses - The mayor reports Ricky Royall's recommendation not to approve at this time. Ricky discussed with the landowner what needed to be cleaned up on the property when the water was turned on. A certified letter will be sent to clean up the property in 30 days or remove the livestock from the property. Santiago Rodriguez made a motion to deny the livestock permit for 30 days to cleanup the property or remove livestock. The motion, seconded by Steve Hines, to deny the permit passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Juan DeLaRosa was present at this meeting to have a livestock permit approved or denied. Stormy Vaughn apologized to DeLaRosa and issued a statement of fact saying that this should have been on this month's agenda but was accidentally left off.

### Building Permits

Austin Fisher - 310 N. Jefferson - Portable Carport;

Brian Rote - 523 E. McCaulley - Fence;

Ray Sparks - 307 W. Barclay - Carport;

Ray Sparks - 307 W. Barclay - Fence;

Mike Bohensky - 323 S. State - Fence;

Lynn Pate - 107 S. Franklin - Building.

Stormy Vaughn made a motion to approve the first five permits and deny the permit at 107 S. Franklin, contingent on 30 days to clean up the



**State Champions!** The Robert Lee High School girls golf team were named the 1A State Champions at the state tournament held in Austin May 13-14, 2019. Team members Kelby Clawson, Aimee Zimmermann, Autumn Ramon, Braylee Hood, and Jade Laxton had a combined score of 796 to take the top spot.

property and sign the permit. The motion, seconded by Lee Wommack, passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

### Economic Development Report

Brenda Hines reports that the Welcome Hunters banner has arrived. TxDOT has approved banner and poles placement, so the permanent poles need to be installed. Katie Ramirez presented a website and logo design that she and Ryan Webb developed. The EDC referred it to the City for consideration. EDC discussed the three entrance signs at Bronte's north, south, and west city limits will need to be replaced soon. The Front Store grants will be utilized. Several more businesses have applied for assistance.

### Cemetery Committee Report

Brenda Hines has seven citizens on the committee but they have not met. Brenda discussed with the Robert Lee Cemetery Association what is working for them on how to keep their cemetery clean, etc. Please notice the cemetery the

next time you go to Robert Lee as they have built a pavilion there.

It was discussed to consider a date for brush clean up with the help of Restoring Bronte Foundation and the City Secretary distributed a calendar for the council to approve a date. Stormy Vaughn asked if the City was thinking of brush clean up before the festival. She mentioned not advertising for volunteers but rounding up some to go around cleaning. The recommendation was made to clean up brush on March 30 but not advertise. A recommendation was made for the Convenience Center to be closed April 20 and

rescheduled to be open April 27 from 8 am until noon. A recommendation was made to advertise on the marquee, Facebook, and Bronte Bulletin Board for a brush clean up on April 27. Stormy Vaughn made a motion to approve the recommendations above and was seconded by Steve Hines. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Lee Wommack made a motion to approve Bralyn Barker to the EDC 4A board and was seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Discussion was held to consider changing EDC 4A and 4B bylaws for board member terms.

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