

government are no more helpful now than they were in 1930. But no matter what else happens, we appreciate the creation of Andrew John Swenson, William G. Swenson, Ray Rector, Rudolph Swenson, John Selmon, A. C. Cooper, F. Harley Goble, R. B. Bryant, W. G. Owsley, Charles E. Coombes, R. V. Colbert, Louie M. Hardy, and Roy Arledge

Bronte City Council meeting minutes told

The Bronte City Council held a public hearing and regular session meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at City Hall. Mayor Paul Gohman called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 pm and a quorum was established. Those in attendance included Mayor Gohman; Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess; Council Members RA Morris, Clabe F. Webb, and Zach Davidson; and staff members Teresa Ballard, Tina Smith, and Ricky Royall. Mayor Gohman led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered prayer. Susan Williams reported that the Depot Committee met on May 16, 2022. A portion of the carpet and paneling was removed to see structural damage. Alex Shane, county regional representative with the Texas Historical Commission, reported that since there is a historical marker outside of the building, any changes must stay authentic. The City would need approval from the Texas Historical Commission for any project to be done outside of the building only. Mr. Shane also mentioned that there are grants that could be applied for and recommended looking into the Texas Restoration Grant. The application period is in December and he will send more information. Clabe F. Webb had met with Garland

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Richards from Fort Chadbourne awhile back and they looked at the foundation. Mr. Richards felt the foundation was in decent shape and may only need patching. Clabe F. Webb made a recommendation to keep the committee to three at this time. There was not a fire department report available. Gwen Dyess gave the EMS report and said that they are still waiting on getting the ambulance fixed. They have been in contact with GM and now are in waiting mode. Coke County Sheriff's Office Deputy Roberson reported four calls in April and one verbal warning issued for a loose animal and not registered. Animal Control Officer Tim Smith distributed April's report and the Council had no questions. Tim Smith reached out to Pioneer Veterinary Clinic regarding having a clinic day in the back of Bronte Guns and Tackle for rabies vaccinations and to get animals registered at no cost to the citizens of Bronte. The clinic will be a 2-4 hour period and it is hoped to get approximately 50 animals vaccinated and registered with the City. Tim Smith will fund the cost. There was discussion only, no action was taken. Teresa Ballard gave the Municipal Court Report and said that there were no citations issued in April.

Deborah Bailey reported for the Economic Development Corporation 4B board. They met on May 9, 2022, and approved a store front grant to Bronte Guns and Tackle LLC for \$7,000. The store front grant is now phased out. A loan forgiveness grant was also approved for Bronte Guns and Tackle LLC in the amount of \$25,000. A public hearing was held on May 13, 2022, for comments on the store front and loan forgiveness grants. Following the public hearing, the 4B board met to finalize both grant applications. The loan forgiveness grant is on the City Council agenda per grant requirements. During the meeting the board amended the budget and froze any further loan forgiveness grant applications. The next meeting is June 13, 2022, for both boards. Ken Becker will be present to discuss the possible director of operations. Linda Scott and Brenda Hines are at the Film Friendly Texas Forum in Parker, Texas. Teresa Ballard reported that Bug Express sprayed the cemetery May 12 and May 13, 2022. Ricky Royall has the chemicals to spot spray as needed. Ricky Royall reported that there were three building permits and no livestock and fowl permits. Ricky Royall discussed the street lighting options. The Council discussed and would like to see the brightest light in a residential area before deciding which wattage to use. Ricky will coordinate with AEP to move the brighter light to a residential area to look at before deciding. Clabe F. Webb made the motion to table the item until the next meeting and was seconded by Gwen Dyess. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0. Ricky Royall discussed the

issue of no signage at intersections on a map presented to the Council. The Council discussed and it was recommended to put up yield signs at North Jefferson and West Howard going east and west. Brian Rote voiced his concerns to the Council of kids playing on McCaulley Street. The Council also discussed putting a four-way stop sign at the intersection of McCaulley and Randall streets and another at the intersection of McCaulley an Key streets. The cost of this project will come from this year's budget. Clabe F. Webb made the motion to move forward as presented in this year's budget. He was seconded by Zach Davidson and the motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0. Gwen Dyess attended the TMCN presentation on April 28 in Abilene with Tina Smith. Brownwood MDD Ray Tipton spoke on housing and the incentives to builders. CeCe Moreland from Seymour spoke about the tiny houses in Seymour. They have an ordinance regarding specs for the tiny houses. Cargo housing was also discussed. If there were to be a disaster, FEMA could come in and they are able to have instant housing but it would be temporary. It was a great meeting with valuable information if it is decided to move in the direction of allowing tiny homes. Citizen David Smith mentioned that the City of Spur increased their population by having tiny homes. There was discussion only, no action was taken. Ricky Royall discussed the CVCOG Solid Waste Grant awarded to the City of Bronte. The City must pay for it but the City will be reimbursed. This has been done a couple of times

in the past. It is being looked at to have a tire collection in the fall. The grant is good for one year. RA Morris made the motion to authorize Teresa Ballard to sign the interlocal agreement for the CVCOG Solid Waste Grant and was seconded by Clabe F. Webb. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0. Economic Development Corporation treasurer Gwen Dyess presented the loan forgiveness grant application for Bronte Guns and Tackle LLC and all requirements have been met. The public hearing was held on May 13, 2022, and the board approved the loan for \$25,000. Part of the requirements are to be in business for five years. On the anniversary of the signed performance agreement, one-third of the loan is forgiven until the five-year anniversary is reached. Then the loan is forgiven. Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve the grant application and was seconded by RA Morris. Clabe F. Webb recused himself from voting. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0. Ronda Sedden, Bronte Housing Authority Executive Director, submitted to the Council for approval renewing another term for Margaret Charlesworth to expire May 31, 2024. Jeanna Lee's term expires May 31, 2022, and she will not be renewing. Ronald Dillard's term will expire May 31, 2024. Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve the board members as presented and was seconded by Clabe F. Webb. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0. Ricky Royall discussed providing water and sewage service at Wolf and Bar on south of 277 to the Council. The water meter sat too long and will need to be replaced. *(Continued on next page)*

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