

Bronte City Council meeting minutes told

The Bronte City Council held a regular session meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at City Hall.

Mayor Paul Gohman called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and a quorum was established. In attendance were Mayor Paul Gohman; Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess; Council Members RA Morris, Clabe F. Webb, and Zach Davidson; and Staff Members Teresa Ballard and Tina Smith. Ricky Royall was absent.

Mayor Gohman led with the pledge and offered prayer. He also reported that there were no public comments.

The fire department will be setting off fireworks at Bronte Health and Rehab Center on July 4 and water trucks will be on standby. They also responded to two rollovers with no injuries and assisted Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department with a grass fire at Silver, Texas. They also went on a wreck this morning with no injuries. Bronte VFD is waiting for a quote on gear and six more radios. Six Garmin radios with GPS tracking were received and all are reimbursable. They are also on the list for a new brush truck which will be a year or two down the road.

Gwen Dyess reported that East Coke County EMS has the ambulance back in service. She was happy to report that two drivers have joined the crew - David Scott and Zach Davidson. She also said if anyone that has had their covid vaccine, they would appreciate the volunteer help.

Coke County Sheriff's Office Deputy Neal reported that there were no calls for service in the month of May.

The Animal Control Report was emailed to all council members and there were no questions regarding the report from the council.

Teresa Ballard reported that there was no Municipal Court Activity for the month of May.

Teresa Ballard also reported that Economic Development Corporation 4B met on Monday, June 13, and approved three loan forgiveness grants: \$10,000 for remodeling to Keith and Lanette Fletcher, \$500 to Lanette Fletcher for inventory for Thankful Ladies Boutique, and \$2475 to Hanna Whisenhunt for inventory for Blissful Beauty Salon. A public hearing will be held on June 22, 2022, at 4:30 pm to hear comments. Teresa Ballard, Gwen Dyess, Darla Chisholm, and Bralyn Barker attended an EDC sales tax seminar on June 10. EDC 4A met on June 13 and are working on the beautification of downtown project. Tina Smith has spoken to TxDOT and will be setting up a meeting with the engineer in the next few months to discuss the sidewalk issues for the EDC beautification project.

Brenda Hines reported that there will be a cemetery meeting on June 22, 2022, at

6:30 pm. The City will issue the dumpster key to the committee.

Clabe F. Webb reported that there is no update on the Depot at this time.

Tina Smith reported two building and two livestock permits were approved for the month of May.

Mayor Gohman discussed the wattage options to use on the streetlights. RA Morris made the motion for the brightest lights on the main streets and the medium brightness on the residential areas and to replace each light as they burn out. He was seconded by Clabe F. Webb and the motion carried.

Mayor Gohman discussed the water meter expense of \$1,142.83 to the Wolf and Bar on south of 277. Wolf and Bar will pay for half of the cost. After discussion, RA Morris made the motion to approve to pay \$571.42 for half of the meter cost, seconded by Gwen Dyess. The motion carried.

Mayor Gohman recommended to approve the fireworks celebration at Bronte Health and Rehab Center on July 4, 2022. Clabe F. Webb made the motion to approve the fireworks celebration and was seconded by Zach Davidson. The motion carried.

Teresa Ballard presented the TML Healthcare Benefits FY22-23. The renewal is \$743.05, a 14% increase of \$84.96. The council discussed and Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve the health plan renewal with the increase and was seconded by Clabe F. Webb. The motion carried.

Teresa Ballard presented three utility customers that are closed with a balance over 90 days and recommends sending the closed accounts to collections in the amount of \$235.14. Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve as presented and was seconded by Clabe F. Webb. The motion carried.

Mayor Gohman presented three candidates - David



“A” Rating! Accountability ratings for the 2021-2022 school year were recently released by the Texas Education Agency. Bronte ISD received an overall “A” rating on the A-F scale. Congratulations students and staff for your hard work!

McWright, Mike Bailey, and David Scott - to be considered to fill the vacant council member at large position. The council discussed the term and rules of the appointment. Zach Davidson made the motion to table the item at this time and was seconded by RA Morris. The motion carried.

Clabe F. Webb made the motion to approve the May minutes and preliminary financials as presented. He was seconded by Gwen Dyess and the motion carried.

Mayor Gohman reported that the City's part of laying pipe is complete on the water system extension. The contractors are waiting for the parts to do the remaining line.

FY22-23 budget workshops will begin in July.

The mayor stated that the City is looking for land for the new water plant and ponds but have not been successful yet.

Land is also being looked for for more cemetery plots to be available. Stormy Vaughn spoke

about ideas to help with the cemetery and mentioned they were having a meeting to discuss this on June 21, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

City Secretary Teresa Ballard reported that she is working on next fiscal year's budget and will let the council know when a budget workshop will be.

The City will be having a tire

pick up on October 8, 2022. More information will be available at a later date.

Clabe F. Webb asked to put street signage at Randall and Oliver behind Stripes on next month's agenda. Gwen Dyess would like to discuss tiny homes on next month's agenda as well.

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Texas hunting & fishing licenses on sale now

The beginning of a new hunting season is quickly approaching and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) reminds hunters and anglers to purchase their new

licenses for 2022-23. Texas hunting and fishing licenses (except the Year-from-Purchase All-Water Fishing Package) for the current year expire at the end of August.

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