

...Bronte City Council meeting

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Coke County Sheriff's Office Deputy Brandon Neal reported seven calls for service - five from City Hall, one written warning, and one citation.

The Municipal Court reported one written warning and one citation, both issued for dogs at large.

The Animal Services report included one dog, 15 feral cats, one domestic cat, three raccoons, and three skunks. One dog and one domestic cat were released.

The Economic Development Corporation 4B board reviewed three store front grants. Zack's Smokehouse application was amended from the original amount due to increased costs. Bralyn Barker's application was approved as presented. Bronte Guns and Tackle's application was incomplete and tabled. Economic Development Corporation 4A board accepted contractor Cecilio Rodrigo's bid to put up street signs. Both boards approved funds of \$14,666.67 to help with expenses of restoring the community pool.

The Cemetery Committee met on April 6 and discussed maintenance at the cemetery. The next meeting is April 27 at 7 pm.

There was nothing to report regarding the depot.

There were six total permits approved in March. One special use fowl permit was approved and one livestock permit was rejected.

The council discussed a special use permit for Johnny Reyes and Kay Mixon due to not enough acreage. The council would like to look at the properties. Ron Cooper made the motion to table the above special permit and was seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Ricky Royall discussed with the council a house caught fire during the storm. Mark Gonzales answered questions from the council and explained that he needs a place to stay while working on remodeling the home. Kinley Pritchard made the motion to approve a six-month temporary RV permit at 428 N. State and was seconded by Gwen Dyess. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Gwen Dyess sold her house and explained to the council the reason for needing to live in an RV while remodeling the home at 718 SE Railroad. Santiago Rodriguez made the motion to approve a six-month temporary RV permit and was seconded by Kinley Pritchard. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0. Gwen Dyess abstained from voting.

Gwen Dyess explained to the council the need for a six-month temporary cargo container permit on the property to renovate the house at 810 S. State. Santiago Rodriguez made the motion to approve the permit and was seconded by Kinley Pritchard. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

Mini Camp! *Coke County 4-H hosted a mini camp Thursday, August 5, and Friday, August 6 in Robert Lee. Campers enjoyed outdoor games, science experiments, arts and crafts, and more!*

Gwen Dyess abstained from voting.

Santiago Rodriguez commented that the leased sewer area is looking great with all of the cleanup he has done. Ricky Royall discussed with the council Riley Coalson's sewer lease. The council all agreed that it looks good. The mayor tabled the lease payment agreement to be discussed later.

Citizen Clabe Webb asked the council what is planned for the depot. Mr. Webb is a Mason and has seen other lodges close. He would like to this building bring in some revenue or benefit the city in some way. He knows it is a historical building. Mayor Gohman asked if someone would like to try to get a committee together to work on this building and thanked Mr. Webb for his comments. Mr. Webb asked permission to make some telephone calls on behalf of Bronte from the council. Mayor Gohman gave him permission at this time to get funding and get bids on the cost to restore. He also asked for an update on progress at the next meeting. Ricky Royall added that there is a Veterans Committee and that Brenda Hines is a part of that committee.

Mayor Gohman made a recommendation to send back to Taylor Telecom to allow only a ten feet easement on the Oak Creek property from the fence line. Gwen Dyess made the motion to allow the above easement, seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. The motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0. Ricky Royall will contact Taylor Telecom to resubmit the proposal.

Santiago Rodriguez made the motion to approve the following Housing Authority Board members: Susan DeLaGarza, Cynthia Robinson, and Janet Wommack, for terms expiring May 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ron Cooper and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Gwen Dyess would like to see a few more handicap apartments. The council can make a request as their board and add as a future agenda item to discuss further.

Santiago Rodriguez made the motion to approve an interlocal contract between the city and



Bronte ISD for the 2021 election services. He was seconded by Gwen Dyess and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Mayor Gohman went over the USDA grant, with one comment from a citizen to "go for it" at the public hearing held on April 26. Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve the grant resolution 21-04 USDA Grant project of \$35,000 to purchase a backhoe for improving essential community facilities. She was seconded by Santiago Rodriguez

and the motion carried with a vote of 4 - 0.

Ms. Harendt has lumber and a collapsed storage building that still needs to be taken off. She received help from her stepdad, as well as Stormy and Bruce Vaughn. She expressed her thanks for their help. The council asked if Ms. Harendt could finish cleaning up the parcel 6480

property as soon as possible. No further action was taken.

The council discussed the cost of the monthly curbside cleanup and the Convenience Center. The city cannot afford to keep both open. Executive branch recommends to close the Convenience Center and take brush and iron only.

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