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Bronte City Council meetings minutes told

[Editor's Note: We are continuing to play catchup with the Bronte City Council minutes.]

The Bronte City Council met in regular session on May 20, 2021, at Bronte City Hall.

The regular city council meeting was called to order at 5:39 pm, by Mayor Paul Gohman, and a quorum was established. In attendance were Council Members Gwen Dyess, Kinley Pritchard, RA Morris, Zach Davidson, and Clabe F. Webb. City staff members present included Teresa Ballard, Tina Smith, and Ricky Royall.

Mayor Gohman introduced Ken Martin with Jacob and Martin. Mr. Martin spoke to the council and citizens that two years ago the City of Bronte hired Jacob and Martin to perform a study on the water plant and water supply and to see how it compares with TCEQ requirements. For those not familiar with this, the Upper Colorado River Authority gave all of its water rights out of Oak Creek to the City of Bronte, in exchange for the City of Bronte providing treated water to the City of Robert Lee with 672-acre feet of Oak Creek. Bronte has exceeded 85% capacity of their plant and what TCEQ says when this happens is that planning to make improvements to the plant and supply line coming in to town must be started. The City of Bronte has a good supply of water but is limited to the treatment and pipeline coming in from the lake. Then the best approach to improving the best capacity for the City of Bronte must be found. Jacob and Martin recommends if it is decided to expand the plant is raising the City of Robert Lee's allocation so they do have to pay a surcharge. However right now Bronte is limited on capacity and that is the reason it is in the contract that way. Mr. Martin

distributed a schematic of what Jacob and Martin has been looking with various possibilities. The current plant location is limited using 50-year technology. They recommend building a new water plant closer to Oak Creek. If this is done, it will improve the intake facility and change out the 10" line to a 14" line to make sure that two million gallons a day could be done. If getting land near Oak Creek is not possible, then another alternative site along the railroad is a possibility. It is too early to make a commitment to any location unless a reasonable amount of grant money and funding is obtained. The project is currently in the preliminary stages. In the schematic it can be seen showing the water line going down 277 and it would be a treated line if the plant were to be located at Oak Creek. It would open possibilities to sell treated water to landowners on 277. In addition, Jacob and Martin would recommend putting a storage tank at the high spot just south of the interchange. The total project estimate is \$12.5 million. That includes the plant, new intake, new lines, storage, and 8-10 miles of treated water pipeline. It is recommended to complete the grant application, however the City is not required to accept the grant if approved. Mayor Gohman distributed pictures of



Fire! A car caught on fire last week while traveling south of Bronte on Highway 277 at the Colorado River bridge. The driver was able to get out of the vehicle unharmed. Bronte Volunteer Fire Department, Coke County Sheriff's Office, and Texas Department of Transportation worked to clear the scene.

the Tuscola development project. Mr. Martin will email the agreement for the council to review and vote at a special council meeting.

Gween Dyess made the motion to authorize the mayor to sign all documents for the grant application to USDA, except the engineering agreement. She was seconded by Clabe F. Webb and the motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Economic Development Board 4B approved the store front grant for Bralyn Barker's awning at his business. The next meeting is June 14 at 5 pm. The 4A board does not have a date for when contractor Cecilio Rodrigo will start on putting up the street signs.

The Cemetery Committee volunteer cleanup was May 15 and had 18 volunteers attend. The next meeting is June 1 at 7 pm.

Mr. Webb reported that he would like to video the inside of the Depot. He is working on getting a few contractors to

come in and give bids. He also said he will continue to investigate the entities to help with the registration of the building.

Seven permits were approved in April, including one barn, one building, one workshop, and two fences. Two temporary special use permits for RV living and one temporary container was approved by the council on April 26, 2021.

Kinley Pritchard made the motion to approve the consent

agenda items 6 - 13 of minutes and monthly financial reports with grammatical corrections to the minutes. He was seconded by Clabe F. Webb and the motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0.

Mayor Gohman distributed the sales tax trending report. TMCN training for new council members is Tuesday, July 13.

Utility Director Ricky Royall reported that the backhoe should be here by late June. Ten inside city limits citizens used the

Area Churches Invite You to Worship

Bronte

Bronte Church of Christ

PO Box 346
 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

Central Baptist Church

324 S. Franklin • Bronte
 (325) 473-4811
 Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 5 pm Worship

First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331
 Pastor George Cooper
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
 10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible
 Study & Worship
 Wednesday 6 pm RA's & GA's,
 6:30 pm Youth & Adults

First United Methodist Church

Corner of Washington & Holmes
 Bronte
 (325) 473-3281
 Rev. Stacy Sprinkle, Pastor
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship

St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

4C Cowboy Church

Drawer R • Bronte • (325) 895-4080
 Robert Lemmond, Pastor
 Sunday, 10:30 am - Texas Theater
 Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm -
 4C Feedlot Youth Building

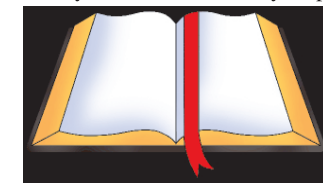
Robert Lee

Bible Baptist Church

PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
 Sunday 10 am Sunday School,
 11 am and 5 pm Worship,
 Wed 5 pm Bible Study

Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 794 • 1004 Hillcrest
 Pastor Brantly Robertson
 (972) 841-2009
 Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 7 pm



First United Methodist Church

PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
 Cyndi Weidner, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship,
 5 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Betel

101 Houston • Robert Lee
 Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School
 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

Robert Lee Cowboy Church

James Brunson, Pastor
 (469) 834-3932
 10:30 am Sunday • Robert Lee Rec Hall

Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 Robert Lee (325) 453-2176
 Recardo Reyes, Preacher
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Northside Church of Christ

PO Box 508
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2685, (325) 763-2118 or
 (325) 473-1053
 Services: Sun. 10 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
 (325) 365-2687
 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm
Robert Lee Baptist Church
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Chris Walls, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God

(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
 202 E. 6th Street, Robert Lee
 Rev. Rocky Youngblood, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

Coke County

Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor
 www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship



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