

Brenham City Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on July 16, 2015 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Brenham City Hall, City Council Chambers, at 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

Members present:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix
Councilmember Andrew Ebel
Councilmember Danny Goss
Councilmember Keith Herring
Councilmember Weldon Williams, Jr.

Members absent:

Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley

Others present:

City Manager Terry Roberts, Assistant City Manager Rex Phelps, City Attorney Cary Bovey, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Deputy City Secretary Kacey Weiss, Director of Community Services Wende Ragonis, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Interim Police Chief Dant Lange, Public Works Director Dane Rau, Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle, Development Services Manager Erik Smith and Angela Hahn

Citizens present:

Wayne Winkelmann, Vince Michel, Missee Mora, Anthony Smith, Barry and Sharon Brass, Marvalette Hunter, Jane Hinze, Page Michel, Jerry Calvert, Jenny Mills and Nathan Preston

Media Present:

Arthur Hahn, Brenham Banner Press; Caitlin Hahn, Brenham Banner Press; and Mary-Janet Reyes, KWHI

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags – Councilmember Ebel**

3. Proclamation

- Buy Local, Be Local in July

4. Citizens Comments

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Statutory Consent Agenda

5-a. Minutes from the June 25, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nix and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the Statutory Consent Agenda Item 5-a., with the spelling correction to the June 25, 2015 council minutes as presented.

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix	Yes
Councilmember Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley	Absent
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

WORK SESSION

6. Discussion and Presentation on the 2-1-1 Texas Information and Referral Network

Director of Community Services Wende Ragonis presented this item. Ragonis stated that the 2-1-1 Texas Information and Referral Network is a program of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. Ragonis explained that the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 2695 in 1997 establishing this program as the single point of coordination for state wide information and referrals pertaining to health and human services. Ragonis noted since that time there have been additional legislative actions to the program to keep it responsive to the needs of Texans. Ragonis advised that the 2-1-1 Texas program is serviced through contractors with regional boundaries. Ragonis stated the City of Brenham is in the Bryan/College Station Region which is serviced by the United Way of the Brazos Valley.

Missee Mora, 2-1-1 Regional Manager, gave the Council a brief presentation of the 2-1-1 Texas program and discussed the call intake data for the City.

7. Discussion and Presentation of the Brenham Housing Authority's Modernization Project

City Manager Terry Roberts presented this item. Roberts introduced Vince Michel, the Brenham Housing Authority (BHA) Executive Director. Mr. Michel gave a presentation to the Council on BHA's plans to modernize their housing units with a different ownership structure that is now permitted by the US Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. Michel stated that HUD has already approved the Brenham Housing Authority's request to enter into what is called the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program. Mr. Michel explained that the Housing Authority Board has selected Marvalette Hunter and Huntjon, LLC to serve as the private side of the public-private partnership for this venture.

Mr. Michel also noted that the Brenham Housing Authority would like to request that the City take ownership of their utility systems beyond the master metering point. Mayor Tate advised that a sub-committee of the Council will be working with utility department staff to review BHA's request and a recommendation will be brought back to Council at a later date.

8. Discussion and Presentation Regarding Several Parcels of Land Located Along Old Mill Creek

City Engineer Grant Lischka presented this item. Lischka stated staff had discussed in a previous work session that the City intends to sell the former railroad right-of-way along Old Mill Creek Road. Lischka explained that the majority of the property will be subdivided into single-family residential lots. Lischka noted that two commercial lots are also included, one at the intersection of Old Mill Creek Road and the U. S. Hwy 290 frontage road and the other at the intersection of Old Mill Creek Road and Saeger Street. Lischka advised the development of the lots will require the extension of Dixie Street, Cornish Street and Hampshire Drive. Lischka stated that these streets will be extended and as cul-de-sacs and will not connect to Old Mill Creek Road. Lischka explained that the costs of the extensions are estimated at approximately \$100,000-\$150,000, with City personnel performing the construction. Lischka noted that the expected revenue from the sale of the lots is approximately \$300,000-\$350,000 and this revenue will be used to offset the costs of the street construction. Lischka stated that Staff has begun earthwork on the property and plans to begin work on the streets later this summer.

Mayor Tate asked if the City reserved any right-of-way on Old Mill Creek Road and Lischka stated that 60 feet of right-of-way was reserved for future development.

Wayne Winkelmann, a resident along Old Mill Creek Road, addressed the Council. Winkelmann's concerns are that the road is not wide enough to support the increased traffic and he questioned how people will pull out onto the road seeing that the lots are small. Lischka explained that there are restrictions that the lots cannot have their driveways onto Old Mill Creek Road. City Attorney Cary Bovey clarified that the official plat also notes there is no access from Old Mill Creek Road.

Councilmember Herring asked how the builders will access the lots when construction is taking place on the homes. Bovey noted that the plat clearly states that there is no egress or regress that can occur from Old Mill Creek Road.

Councilmember Goss questioned if we are not meeting our rules and standards for streets and cul-de-sacs. Lischka stated that currently the City is not. Lischka explained that the current configuration as is today does not meet the requirements. Lischka advised that what we currently have today does not meet the current standards. Lischka stated there were no cul-de-sac standards when those streets were constructed, but the extensions that we are doing now will meet the City's standards.

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 2:10 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Section 551.072 – Texas Government Code – Deliberation Regarding Real Property – Discussion Regarding an Agreement with Roy Burger (dba RB Film Productions) for the Lease of Approximately 108.9 Acres of the Old Landfill Property

Executive Session adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

RE-OPEN REGULAR SESSION

10. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Agreement with Roy Burger (dba RB Film Productions) for the Lease of Approximately 108.9 Acres of the Old Landfill Property and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation.

There was no action taken on this item.

11. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

City Manager Terry Roberts reported on the following:

- Budget Workshops are scheduled for Monday, July 20th and Thursday, July 23rd at 8:30a.m.
- Appel Ford will be hosting Business After Hours today from 5:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- There will be a Chamber Leadership Forum at Blinn College on August 4th from 11:30a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- City Engineer Grant Lischka will be leaving the City and going to work for Jones and Carter. His last day will be July 31st.
- The budget message was laid around the dais and the budget notebooks will be delivered to Council tomorrow afternoon.

City Engineer Grant Lischka thanked the Council and staff for their support during his time at the City.

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC
City Secretary

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