

Brenham City Council Minutes

A special meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on May 2, 2016 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Brenham City Hall, City Conference Room 2-A, 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 Mary E. Barnes-Tilley
Councilmember Weldon Williams, Jr.

Members absent:

None

Others present:

City Manager Terry Roberts, Assistant City Manager-Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Development Services Manager Erik Smith, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Police Chief Craig Goodman, Director of Community Services Wende Ragonis, Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Public Works Director Dane Rau, Kaci Konieczny, Stacy Hardy, Debbie Gaffey and Lori Lakatos

Citizens present:

None

Media Present:

Arthur Hahn, Brenham Banner Press

1. Call Meeting to Order

REGULAR SESSION

2. Fiscal Year 2016 – 17 Budget Planning

City Manager, Terry Roberts, welcomed everyone and explained that the budget team has taken a strategic look at where the city is financially as the City begins looking at the FY2016-17 budget. Roberts advised Council that Assistant City Manager -Chief Financial Officer, Carolyn Miller, and her finance staff have assembled a significant amount of financial data to help Council better understand the City's financial position. Roberts then turned the presentation over to Assistant City Manager-Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller.

Miller explained that the workshop was to give Council an idea of what to expect during the FY2016-17 budget process. The following topics were discussed:

- **Capital Projects**
 - Belle Towers
 - Fire Station Living Quarters
 - Animal Shelter
 - Library Modernization
 - Library Parking Lot
 - Library Completion
 - General Fund Reserves

Miller advised that the amount needed to complete the animal shelter is \$62,000 and \$190,000 to complete the library. Miller explained that the City must maintain at least a ninety (90) day operating reserve; however, there are currently twelve (12) extra days of reserve funds at this time. Council agreed that the excess days in reserve should be used to fund the completion of the animal shelter and library.

- **Council Sub-Committees**
 - Community Services
 - Tourism and Promotions
 - Alliance
 - ILA Task Force

Councilmember Goss addressed the Council regarding Community Services helping to fund utility costs for the Washington County Healthy Living Association. Councilmember Barnes-Tilley questioned the County's contribution to this organization. Roberts stated that he would try and find information on the County's 2016 level of funding for the seniors.

Miller advised the Council that the Tourism and Promotions Subcommittee has recommended funding \$100,000 for the Simon Theatre. Mayor Tate informed the Council that staff would be working on a budget for the Simon and would bring that information back to the Council at a later date.

- **Fire Department Substation and Staffing**

Fire Chief Ricky Boeker addressed Council on the importance of proper staffing at the fire station now and in the future.

- **General Government Requests**

- Personnel Plans
- Capital Improvement Plans
- Utility Cap Projects
- Streets and Thoroughfares
- Drainage

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 1:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Section 551.072 – Texas Government Code – Deliberation Regarding Real Property – Deliberation Regarding Saeger Street Right-Of-Way, Its Value and Associated Issues

Executive Session adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC
City Secretary

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