Brenham City Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on May 5, 2017 beginning at 8:30 a.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 Mary E. Barnes-Tilley
Councilmember Weldon Williams, Jr.

Members absent:

None

Others present:

City Manager Terry Roberts, Assistant City Manager of General Government Ryan Rapelye, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Deputy City Secretary Kacey Weiss, Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Comptroller Stacy Hardy, Cynthia Longhofer, Crystal Locke, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Police Chief Craig Goodman, Public Works Director Dane Rau, Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle, Alton Sommerfield, Debbie Gaffey, Wanda Kramer, Development Services Director Erik Smith, Kim Hodde, City Engineer Lori Lakatos, Christi Korth, Kevin Boggus, Paula Shields, Cindy Turnbow, Michelle Glenz, Nancy Stafford, Stephen Draehn, Bobby Keene, Matthew Monfreda, Ande Bostain, Amber Pendergraft, Angeline Howard, David Dudenhoeffer, Shawn Bolenbarr, Shelley Addison, Todd Ashorn, Luke Ongudu, Jordan Prigge, Trey Gully and Judy Wagner

Citizens present:

Susan Cantey

Media Present:

Arthur Hahn, Brenham Banner Press; and Noelle Buffam, KWHI
1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags – City Manager Terry Roberts

3. Special Recognitions

3-a. Retirement
   ➢ Wanda Kramer  41 Years

3-b. Service Recognitions
   ➢ Stephen Draehn, Maintenance  5 Years
   ➢ David Dudenhoeffer, Police Department  5 Years
   ➢ Shawn Bolenbarr, Water/Wastewater Construction  10 Years

4. Citizens Comments

   There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Statutory Consent Agenda

5-a. Minutes from the March 23, 2017 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. 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  Yes
   Councilmember Weldon Williams Yes
REGULAR SESSION

6. **Discuss and Possibly Act Upon a Professional Services Agreement with McCord Engineering, Inc. for the Replacement of Copper Electric Lines and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**

Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle presented this item. Ogle explained that the project will replace about 18 miles of the 24 miles of copper conductor left in the City’s electrical system with aluminum; rehabilitate and replace substandard poles; add additional transformers; and provide right-of-way tree trimming. Ogle stated the estimated time to complete the entire scope of work is two (2) years. Ogle noted the engineering fees for this project are estimated at a maximum of $300,000.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley to approve a Professional Services Agreement with McCord Engineering, Inc. for the replacement of copper electric lines and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation.

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 - Yes
- Councilmember Weldon Williams - Yes

7. **Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-17-007 Providing for the Termination of an Interlocal Agreement Between Washington County and the City of Brenham Related to the Critical Incident Command Unit**

Fire Chief Ricky Boeker presented this item. Boeker explained that this ILA was executed in April of 1998 when the City & County decided to jointly fund a Critical Incident Command Unit. Boeker advised it was purchased on a 50/50 cost share according to the ILA. Boeker stated he has talked with the Brenham Police Chief, Sheriff, EMS Director and everyone is in favor of selling the Unit. Boeker advised that he also met with the County Commissioners about selling the Unit and they also agree. Boeker explained that the proceeds from the sale will be split 50/50 with the County.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nix and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve Resolution No. R-17-007 providing for the termination of an Interlocal Agreement between Washington County and the City of Brenham related to the critical incident command unit.
Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

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8. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Recommendations for Appointments to Various City Advisory Boards

City Manager Terry Roberts presented this item. Roberts explained that when advisory board appointments were presented to the City Council back in December, there were vacancies left unfilled on the Board of Adjustments, Main Street Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Roberts noted that staff has received Request for Appointment forms for the following Boards:

**Board of Adjustments:**
Johanna Fatheree

**Planning and Zoning:**
Keith Behrens

**Main Street Board (2 Positions):**
Dona Parker
Tom Whitehead

A motion was made by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley and seconded by Councilmember Herring to approve the recommendation for appointments to the Board of Adjustments, Main Street Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission as presented.

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

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9. **Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-17-008 Approving the Brenham Community Development Corporation’s Acquisition of Industrial Park Land and Approving a Promissory Note with the Brenham Community Development Corporation (BCDC) for a Portion of the Cost to Purchase Said Industrial Park Land**

City Manager Terry Roberts presented this item. Roberts explained that at the September 22, 2016 meeting, the BCDC board authorized the President to enter into an earnest money contract for the purchase of approximately 45 acres of land for industrial park purposes. Roberts advised that at the October 13, 2016 council meeting, the City Council adopted Resolution No. R-16-028 approving a Promissory Note between the City and BCDC in the amount of $500,000 for the purchase of the land but that closing on the land took longer than anticipated so a new Resolution with a revised debt service schedule needs to be approved. The closing is scheduled for May 5, 2017.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Councilmember Ebel to approve Resolution No. R-17-008 approving the Brenham Community Development Corporation’s acquisition of industrial park land and approving a promissory note with the Brenham Community Development Corporation (BCDC) for a portion of the cost to purchase said industrial park land.

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

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10. **Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-17-009 Providing for the Termination and Release of the Section 43.035 Texas Local Government Code Development Agreement Between the City of Brenham and Ethel Gurrech**

City Manager Terry Roberts presented this item. Roberts explained that the Brenham Community Development Corporation is in the process of acquiring an approximately 45 acre tract of land in the vicinity of the Southwest Industrial Parkway, near FM 389 and FM 332. Roberts stated that during the 2014 annexation, the City entered into a Development Agreement to postpone the annexation of this tract. Roberts stated that with the BCDC purchasing the tract for industrial development, it is the desire of the BCDC to terminate the Agreement and petition the City for annexation.
A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nix and seconded by Councilmember Herring to approve Resolution No. R-17-009 providing for the termination and release of the Section 43.035 Texas Local Government Code Development Agreement between the City of Brenham and Ethel Gurrech.

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     Yes
- Councilmember Weldon Williams Yes

11. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

City Manager Terry Roberts reported on the following:
- Retirement lunch for Wanda Kramer is May 26th at 11:30 a.m. at Fireman’s Park
- Council Budget Retreat is Thursday, May 11th

Community Services Specialist Crystal Locke reported on the following:
- The carousel is now open on the weekends
- “Walk with a Doc” is Saturday, May 20th

Fire Chief Ricky Boeker reported on the following:
- The 150th Birthday Celebration is May 27th

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary