

Brenham City Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on August 16, 2018 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 Andrew Ebel
Councilmember Susan Cantey
Councilmember Danny Goss
Councilmember Keith Herring

Members absent:

Councilmember Charlie Pyle
Councilmember Weldon Williams, Jr.

Others present:

City Manager James Fisher, City Attorney Cary Bovey, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Deputy City Secretary Kacey Weiss, Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Comptroller Stacy Hardy, Debbie Gaffey, Andria Heiges, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Police Chief Allwin Barrow, Public Works Director Dane Rau, Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle, and Kelvin Raven

Citizens present:

Perry Thomas and Willy Dilworth

Media Present:

Arthur Hahn, Brenham Banner Press; and Josh Blaschke, KWHI

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags – Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.**
- 3. Special Presentations**
 - 3-a. Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library’s Summer Reading Program**
 - 3-b. Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library’s “For the City” School Supply Drive**

4. Citizens Comments

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Statutory Consent Agenda

- 5-a. Ordinance No. O-18-008 on Its Second Reading Amending Appendix A – “Zoning” of the Code of Ordinances, Part I, Section 5.02, Definitions to Add Definitions for “Brewery”, “Brewpub”, “Distillery”, and “Microdistillery or Craft Distillery”, Part II, Division 1, Section 16.03 to Add Parking Requirements for the Associated Uses, Part II, Division 2, Section 4.02, Section 6.02, and Section 7.02 to Add or Remove the Associated Uses (Case No. P-18-020)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Cantey and seconded by Councilmember Herring 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 Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Susan Cantey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Charlie Pyle	Absent
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Absent

PUBLIC HEARING

- 6. Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.5170 per \$100 Valuation for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2018 and Ending September 30, 2019**

Mayor Tate opened the Public Hearing.

Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller presented this item. Miller advised a property tax rate of \$0.5170 per \$100 valuation is proposed. Miller stated that \$0.3200 will be for maintenance and operations and the balance of \$0.1970 will be for debt service. Miller explained that the increase in property taxes would cover the addition of several full-time public safety positions.

Miller advised that as outlined in the Property Tax Code, the Council must hold two public hearings to receive citizen comments on the proposed property tax rate. Miller stated that at each hearing, the Council must announce the date, time, and place of the meeting at which they will vote on the tax rate.

Mayor Tate announced that the first reading of the Ordinance to adopt the tax rate would be during a Special Council meeting on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, located at 200 W. Vulcan Street. The second reading of the Ordinance and adoption of the tax rate is scheduled for a Regular Council meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall, located at 200 W. Vulcan Street.

Mayor Tate closed the Public Hearing.

REGULAR SESSION

7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the FY2018-19 Proposed Budget for the Washington County Appraisal District

Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller presented this item and introduced Willy Dilworth, Chief Appraiser with the Washington County Appraisal District (WCAD). Dilworth explained the WCAD proposed budget shows an increase of \$6,870 over the prior year’s budget due marginal increases in the personnel and professional services line items. Miller noted the impact for the City of Brenham is an increase of \$2,354 for FY18-19, which was included in the General Fund, proposed budget already reviewed with Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ebel to approve the FY2018-19 Proposed Budget for the Washington County Appraisal District.

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

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Susan Cantey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Charlie Pyle	Absent
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Absent

8. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of a Request from the Washington County Appraisal District to Retain the Accumulated Funds of \$24,571 from FY2016-17 Budget Savings, the City of Brenham’s Portion Being \$2,679

Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller presented this item and introduced Willy Dilworth, Chief Appraiser with the Washington County Appraisal District (WCAD). Dilworth stated that the Washington County Appraisal District’s (WCAD) audited financial statement for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017 showed budget savings of \$24,571. Dilworth advised WCAD is requesting to retain the savings to use for the 2020 Pictometry flight. Miller explained, if approved, the City of Brenham’s portion of the funds to be retained would be \$2,679. Miller stated that if the \$24,571 is not retained by the WCAD, \$2,679 would be returned to the City.

A motion was made by Councilmember Goss and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ebel to approve a request from the Washington County Appraisal District to retain the accumulated funds of \$24,571, from FY2016-17 budget savings, with the City of Brenham’s portion being \$2,679, for the 2020 Pictometry flight.

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

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Susan Cantey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Charlie Pyle	Absent
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Absent

9. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of a Request from the Washington County Appraisal District to Reallocate Contingency Funds of \$15,000 Previously Set Aside for Fleet Replacement to be Used For a Computer Back-Up System

Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller presented this item. Miller explained that the City has received a request from the Washington County Appraisal District (WCAD) to reallocate \$15,000 of contingency funds that were originally set aside for fleet replacement to be used for a computer backup system.

A motion was made by Councilmember Goss and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ebel to approve the request from Washington County Appraisal District to reallocate \$15,000 of contingency funds from fleet replacement to the purchase of a computer back-up system.

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

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Susan Cantey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Charlie Pyle	Absent
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Absent

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 1:31 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 10. Section 551.074 – Texas Government Code – Personnel Matters – Deliberation Regarding Update, Status and Options Regarding: 1) Vacancy Created by Death of Ward 2 Councilmember Weldon C. Williams, Jr.; and 2) Position 5 - At Large Councilmember Charlie Pyle**
- 11. Section 551.074 – Texas Government Code – Deliberation Regarding Real Property – Update Regarding the Purchase of Approximately 3.0 Acres of Land for a Future Fire Station**

Executive Session adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

RE-OPEN REGULAR SESSION

- 12. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon: 1) Vacancy Created by Death of Ward 2 Councilmember Weldon C. Williams, Jr. and/or 2) Position 5 - At Large Councilmember Charlie Pyle**

A motion was made by Councilmember Goss and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ebel to appoint Albert Wright to the Brenham City Council, Ward 2 Position, to serve the unexpired term of late Councilmember Weldon Williams which will be until the City's General Election in May, 2019.

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

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Susan Cantey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Charlie Pyle	Absent
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Absent

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Councilmember Goss to accept the resignation of Place 5 – At Large Councilmember Charlie Pyle.

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

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Susan Cantey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Charlie Pyle	Absent
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Absent

13. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

City Manager James Fisher reported on the following:

- Mill Creek Hall Residence at Blinn College ribbon cutting is 10:00 a.m. August 17th
- Walter C. Schwartz Building at the Rellis Campus ribbon cutting is 10:00 a.m. August 23rd
- Washington County Chamber Tailgate Banquet is August 23rd
- TML Region 10 Meeting is September 12th at the Barnhill Center
- Washington County Fair parade is September 15th
- Council Retreat is October 24th – 26th in Bastrop

Police Chief Allwin Barrow reported on the following:

- Clear the Shelter is August 18th at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.

Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary

