

## **Brenham City Council Minutes**

A special meeting of the Brenham City Council, the City of Brenham Planning and Zoning Commission and the City of Brenham Board of Adjustments was held on December 6, 2018 beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Brenham City Hall, City Council Chambers, at 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

### City of Brenham City Council Members present:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.  
Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Ebel  
Councilmember Susan Cantey  
Councilmember Danny Goss  
Councilmember Keith Herring

### Members absent:

Councilmember Albert Wright

### City of Brenham Planning & Zoning Commission Members present:

Chairman Nancy Low  
Dr. Deanna Alfred  
Keith Behrens  
Leroy Jefferson  
Lynette Sheffield  
Marcus Wamble

### Members absent:

Calvin Kossie

### City of Brenham Board of Adjustment Members present:

Chairman Arlen Thielemann  
Jon Hodde  
Thomas Painter  
Jarvis Van Dyke – Alternate  
Clint Kolby - Alternate

Members absent:

Johanna Fatheree  
Malisa Hampton  
Richard Heiges – Alternate  
John Pledger - Alternate

Others present:

City Manager James Fisher, City Attorney Luke Cochran, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle, Director of Tourism and Marketing Jennifer Eckermann, Fire Marshal Brent Sauble, Police Chief Allwin Barrow, Public Works Director Dane Rau, Development Services Director Lori Sanguedolce, Assistant Director of Development Services Stephanie Doland, and Kim Hodde

Citizens present:

None

Media Present:

Josh Blaschke, KWHI

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags – Mayor Milton Tate**

**WORK SESSION**

- 3. Discussion and Presentation Regarding the City of Brenham’s Comprehensive Plan, Including But Not Limited to the City’s Existing Comprehensive Plan, the Development and Preparation of an Updated/New Comprehensive Plan and the Process Related Thereto, and Associated Matters**

Assistant Director of Development Services Stephanie Doland presented this item and explained that this joint meeting is the first step in the process of updating the City’s Comprehensive Plan. Doland introduced Gary Mitchell and Meredith Dang with Kendig Keast Collaborative (KKC) and explained that their job would be to lead a discussion to highlight the special characteristics of Brenham, evaluate major community accomplishments, and assess current and future opportunities and challenges.

Mitchell and Dang asked the group to provide feedback on the following:

- Ways in which Brenham is the same/different since 10 years ago
- Major community accomplishments over the last 10 years
- Things considered by the City but did not accomplish
- Community growth and demographic trends
- Land use and development/redevelopment
- Transportation
- Capital projects (streets, infrastructure, facilities, etc..)
- Recreation and amenities
- Housing development and affordability
- Existing development policies and regulations
- Physical characteristics of Brenham
- Difficult community issues

After further discussion with the City Council and Board Members, the following issues were highlighted as things to be considered when preparing the Comprehensive Plan:

- City's water supply
- Maintain the small town feel and atmosphere
- "Smart" growth and development
- Beautification and preservation of history
- Airport
- Public transportation and traffic issues
- Industrial/retail growth
- Electrical service area
- Technology
- Affordable housing
- Possible growth and expansion of Blinn College
- Additional regulations in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ)
- Strong schools to provide good education for our children

Dang led a discussion on the definition of "*small town feel*". They asked the members in attendance to define what "*small town feel*" means to them. The members defined it as:

- Sense of loyalty
- Downtown and community events
- Volunteerism
- Pride/Ownership
- Safety and quality of life (restaurants, schools, etc..)
- Knowing your neighbors

Dang advised that all of these items give them many things to consider while working on the City's Comprehensive Plan. Dang stated that all of these and some new things will be discussed in more detail at the upcoming Town Hall Meeting on January 10, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Milton Y. Tate, Jr.*

Mayor

*Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC*

City Secretary

