Brenham City Council Minutes

A special meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on May 11, 2017 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 of General Government Ryan Rapelye, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Comptroller Stacy Hardy, Human Resources Director Susan Nienstedt, Rhonda Kuehn, Director of Community Services Wende Ragonis, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Police Chief Craig Goodman, Public Works Director Dane Rau, Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle, Debbie Gaffey, Development Services Director Erik Smith, and City Engineer Lori Lakatos

Citizens present:

  None

Media Present:

  Arthur Hahn, Brenham Banner Press

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Fiscal Year 2017 – 18 Pre-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 FY2017-18 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 FY2017-18 budget process and that the following topics would be covered during the workshop:

- General Fund Revenue
  - Legislative Impact on the Tax Rate and Municipal Court
- General Government Five Year Capital Plans
- BCDC Five Year Capital Plans
- FEMA Project Update
  - Line of Credit with Depository Bank
- Community Services Subcommittee
  - Update on the Heritage Museum Closure
- Hotel Occupancy Tax Trends and HOT Board Initiatives
  - Simon Theater/Barnhill Center
  - HOT Fund Reserves
- Public Safety Projects
  - RMS/CAD System
- Utility Capital Projects and Five Year Capital Plans
- Drainage Projects
- Streets and Thoroughfares
  - Widenings & Upgrades
  - Intersection Improvements
- Debt Projects Recap

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Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary