

Brenham City Council Minutes

A special meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on May 7, 2019 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 Andrew Ebel
Councilmember Susan Cantey
Councilmember Danny Goss
Councilmember Keith Herring
Councilmember Albert Wright
Councilmember Clint Kolby

Members absent:

None

Others present:

City Manager James Fisher, City Secretary – Director of Administrative Services Jeana Bellinger, Deputy City Secretary I Kacey Weiss, Deputy City Secretary II Karen Stack, Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Director of Tourism and Marketing Jennifer Eckermann, Melinda Gordon, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Police Chief Allwin Barrow, Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle, Development Services Director Lori Sanguedolce, Stephanie Doland, Economic Development Director Susan Cates and Stephen Draehn

Citizens present:

None

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 – Councilmember Herring**

3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-19-012 Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of the General Election Held on May 4, 2019 for the Purpose of Electing One Mayor; One Council Member for Place 2 – Ward 2; and One Council Member for Place 4 – Ward 4 to the City Council of the City of Brenham, Texas Each for a Four Year Term

This item was passed. City Secretary – Director of Administrative Services Jeana Bellinger explained that due to there being two provisional ballots cast, there is a 6-day waiting period for those ballots to be reviewed by the Ballot Board. Bellinger stated that this item would be presented to Council at a Special Meeting on May 14th.

4. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-19-013, in Accordance with House Bill 347, Directing the City Manager to Prepare the Necessary Service Plans for Areas in the City of Brenham Extraterritorial Jurisdiction to be Considered for Annexation into the Corporate Limits of the City of Brenham

City Manager James Fisher presented this item. Fisher explained that currently pending in the Texas Legislature is House Bill 347 (“HB 347”). Fisher stated that HB 347 is a bill that significantly limits the authority of a Texas city to unilaterally annex property into the city limits. Fisher noted that HB 347, as originally filed, had an effective date of September 1, 2019, which would have provided sufficient time for the City Council to determine whether to annex certain areas prior to the September 1, 2019 effective date.

Fisher explained that however, HB 347 was recently amended to provide that it would become effective immediately upon passage if it receives 2/3 vote of the members of the House and Senate (and action by the Governor, which could take up to 10 days), but annexations that are in progress are grandfathered in if the City Council has adopted a resolution before the effective date directing the City Manager to prepare service plans for the annexations. Fisher advised that even if the City Council enacts the Resolution, the City Council was not obligated to annex any of the property referenced in the Resolution.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cantey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ebel to approve Resolution No. R-19-013 and authorize the City Manager to add additional tracts in the City’s extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) to Exhibit “A” for possible annexation in order to reach, as near as possible, the maximum total amount of unused allocation of area available for annexation, which is up to thirty percent (30%) of the incorporated area of the City as of January 1, 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 Albert Wright	Yes
Councilmember Clint Kolby	Yes

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.

Mayor

Jeanne Bellinger, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary



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