Brenham City Council Minutes

A special meeting of the Brenham City Council and the City of Brenham Planning and Zoning Commission and City of Brenham Board of Adjustment was held on June 20, 2019 beginning at 11:30 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 Adonna Saunders
- Councilmember Albert Wright
- Councilmember Clint Kolby

Members absent:

- Councilmember Keith Herring

City of Brenham Planning & Zoning Commission Members present:

- Dr. Deanna Alfred – Vice Chairman
- Calvin Kossie
- Nancy Low
- Lynnette Sheffield
- Marcus Wamble

Members absent:

- M. Keith Behrens – Chairman
- Leroy Jefferson

City of Brenham Board of Adjustment Members present:

- Arlen Thielemann – Chairman
- MaLisa Hampton
- Thomas Painter
- Mary Lou Winkelmann
- Walt Edmunds
- Jarvis Van Dyke
Members absent:

Jon Hodde – Vice Chairman
Johanna Fatheree

Others present:

City Manager James Fisher, City Attorney Cary Bovey, City Secretary – Director of Administrative Services Jeana Bellinger, Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Director of Tourism and Marketing Jennifer Eckermann, Melinda Gordon, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle, Development Services Director Stephanie Doland, Kim Hodde, Caylee Rocka, Meredith Dang and Gary Mitchell

Citizens present:

None

Media Present:

Josh Blaschke, KWHI; and Nakita Delfin, KWHI

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags – Councilmember Wright

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 another 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 plan and what has been done to date.

Mitchell and Dang provided information and updates on the projects completed as part of developing and finalizing the Plan:

- Background surveys with City Departments (October/November, 2018)
- Informal listening session with four 10-15 person groups from the community (December, 2018 - February, 2019)
• Joint workshops with City Council, Board of Adjustment and Planning and Zoning Commission (December, 2018 and February, 2019)
• Town Hall/Open House/Public Input meetings (January – April, 2019)
• Four (4) meetings with the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee

Dang then provided the following:
• Presentation of Plan Highlights
  o Discussed highlights of the Future City portion of the Plan
  o Obtained feedback for preparing the Draft Plan
• Near-Term Implementation Priorities
  o Completed an informal voting exercise to identity initiatives that may receive priority attention after Plan adoption
• Recap and Next Activities
  o Open House dates
  o Target date of August 29, 2019 for Planning and Zoning Public Hearing

Dang then asked the Council and Board Members to complete an informational voting exercise to determine what items may have priority attention after the Plan is finalized. The voting indicated the following items:
  1. Development Regulations
  2. Industrial Park Land
  3. Code Compliance
  4. Adequate funding Public Safety
  5. Future water supply

The Council and Board Members then had brief discussions on how the Plan will be used in the future. Dang advised that the City Council would be responsible for carrying out the Plan in the future, the P&Z Commission would use the Plan as a guide, and City staff would use it to help direct their day-to-day activities.

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary