

## **Brenham City Council Minutes**

A special joint meeting of the Brenham City Council and Washington County Commissioners was held on Thursday, July 11, 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 Adonna Saunders  
Councilmember Keith Herring  
Councilmember Albert Wright  
Councilmember Clint Kolby

### Members absent:

None.

### Washington County Commissioners Court Members present:

Judge John Durrenburger  
Commissioner Joy Fuchs  
Commissioner Kirk Hanath  
Commissioner Don Koester  
Commissioner Candice Bullock

### Others present:

City Manager James Fisher, City Secretary – Director of Administrative Services Jeana Bellinger, Director of Tourism and Marketing Jennifer Eckermann, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Police Chief Allwin Barrow, Dane Rau, Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle, and Budget Manager Debbie Gaffey.

### Citizens present:

Scott Eckert, Kristin Sexton, Willy Dilworth and Yanira Torres-Garcia.

### Media Present:

Arthur Hahn, Brenham Banner Press; Mark Whitehead, KWHI

## **1. Call Meeting to Order**

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

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**3. Discussion and Presentation on a Request from Del Sol Food Company, Inc. for the Cretarion of a Reinvestment Zone and Possible Tax Phase-In Incentive**

Economic Development Director Susan Cates presented this item. Cates explained that Del Sol Foods (Briannas Salad Dressing) is planning to purchase the ADS building which is adjacent to Del Sol’s existing property in Brenham Business Center. The ADS property will be renovated for use as the international distribution center for Briannas Dressings.

Cates stated that with Del Sol relocating distribution to the adjacent property, it would allow expansion of production to take place at the current plant, adding approximately 10 employees. This expansion reflects the commitment of Del Sol Foods and their parent company, Sabormex to continued growth in Washington County where Briannas has thrived since 1982.

Cates explained that Del Sol’s estimated capital investment to property would be \$2,855,000 with an increased property value of \$1,379,917. Cate also stated that Del Sol’s estimated new salary infused into the community due to the increase in employees would be an estimated \$721,332. Cates further explained that if the tax phase-in agreement was approved by both the City and County, Del Sol’s total tax abatement would be an estimated \$53,693.80 over the life of the agreement.

Cates then asked that both governing bodies consider amending Table 1 in the current Tax Phase-In Incentive Schedule to allow each entity to choose which years they would like their zero percent (0%) abatement. Cates explained that due to construction start date and possible delays in construction, an entity may want to adjust when their zero abatement period is. Cates advised that letting an entity decide could be very helpful to them. Both governing entities agreed to allow this recommended change to the Incentive Schedule.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Milton Y. Tate, Jr.*

Mayor

*Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC*

City Secretary

