

Brenham City Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on February 18, 2016 beginning at 4:00 p.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 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 Rex Phelps, City Attorney Cary Bovey, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Deputy City Secretary Kacey Weiss, Assistant City Manager-Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Police Chief Craig Goodman, Public Works Director Dane Rau, Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle, Development Services Manager Erik Smith, Lori Lakatos, and Captain Lloyd Powell

Citizens present:

Ben Seeker, Don Holley, Page Michel, Kirk Hanath and Clint Kolby

Media Present:

Arthur Hahn, Brenham Banner Press; and Codi Rynn, KWHI

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags – City Manager Terry Roberts**

3. Citizens Comments

Mr. Ben Seeker introduced his grandson. His grandson has been learning about city government in school and wanted to meet the Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Statutory Consent Agenda

4-a. Minutes from January 21, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley to approve the Statutory Consent Agenda Item 4-a. as presented.

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix	Yes
Councilmember Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on its First Reading Authorizing the Placement of a Stop Sign on Key Street at Its Intersection with West Chauncy Street

Public Works Director Dane Rau presented this item. Rau explained that currently at this intersection there are two yield signs that are placed on Key Street. Rau stated that Staff would like to remove the yield signs and place stop signs at this location. Rau advised that a traffic study was conducted and warranted a stop sign being placed at this intersection.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley and seconded by Councilmember Herring to approve an Ordinance on its first reading authorizing the placement of a stop sign on Key Street at its intersection with West Chauncy Street.

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix	Yes
Councilmember Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on its First Reading Authorizing the Placement of a Stop Sign on Key Street at Its Intersection with West Mansfield Street

Public Works Director Dane Rau presented this item. Rau explained that currently at this intersection there are two yield signs that are placed on Key Street. Rau stated that Staff would like to remove the yield signs and place stop signs at this location. Rau noted that Staff did receive a request to make West Mansfield/Key Street into a 4-way stop. Rau advised that a study was done by the Police Department and even though the traffic count was high for a 14 day period (approximately 6,000 vehicles), the survey did not indicate a speeding problem. Rau stated that he consulted with the City Engineer and Staff does not believe that a 4-way stop sign is warranted at this time.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley and seconded by Councilmember Herring to approve an Ordinance on its first reading authorizing the placement of a stop sign on Key Street at its intersection with West Mansfield Street.

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix	Yes
Councilmember Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-16-007 Authorizing the Placement of a Retired F-111 Military Aircraft in a City of Brenham Park

Public Works Director Dane Rau presented this item. Rau explained that citizens Don Holley and Ben Seeker have contacted staff about bringing a retired F-111 aircraft, which is currently owned by the Air Force, to Brenham. Rau stated that Mr. Holley and Mr. Seeker would like to organize the efforts to obtain this aircraft and place it in our city parkland for display.

Rau advised that Staff has been working with Mr. Holley and Mr. Seeker to locate an area that would be suitable for this aircraft if it was obtained. Rau stated that this item was presented to the Parks Board with three areas to consider. Rau explained that the Parks Board recommends the site in Henderson Park and staff agrees with that recommendation. Rau explained to the Council that in order for Mr. Holley to move forward with his submittal to the Air Force, he will need Council's approval for the aircraft along with a designated site. Rau noted that if the aircraft is awarded to the City, Mr. Holley plans to fundraise and receive donations for all aspects related to the relocation, refurbishing, transporting, and set-up of the aircraft.

Councilmember Williams thanked Mr. Holley, Mr. Seeker, and city staff for their efforts to locate the aircraft in Henderson Park.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley and seconded by Councilmember Ebel to approve Resolution No. R-16-007 authorizing the placement of a Retired F-111 Military Aircraft in a City of Brenham Park.

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix	Yes
Councilmember Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

8. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-16-008 Re-Adopting the Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Phase-In in a Reinvestment Zone Created in the City of Brenham

Project Manager with the Brenham Economic Development Foundation Clint Kolby presented this item. Kolby stated that the Tax Phase-In Policy (Policy) expired on January 15, 2016, and needs to be re-adopted for another two years. Kolby explained that tax phase-in is a partial, temporary exemption from ad valorem taxes with the City of Brenham and/or Washington County and is used to help offset the initial development costs for a company looking to expand or relocate their operations to Brenham.

Kolby advised that a group of representatives from the City of Brenham, Washington County, Washington County Appraisal District and Brenham Economic Development Foundation met several times over the past couple of months to review and made a few changes to the Policy.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Barnes-Tilley to approve Resolution No. R-16-008 re-adopting the guidelines and criteria for granting tax phase-in in a reinvestment zone created in the City of Brenham.

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix	Yes
Councilmember Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

9. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon a Recommendation for an Appointment to the Main Street Board

City Manager Terry Roberts presented this item. Roberts advised Council that Dr. Walter Jackson, the BISD School Superintendent, has requested appointment to the Main Street Board. Roberts requested that the Council approve his appointment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Councilmember Ebel to approve the appointment of Dr. Walter Jackson to the Main Street Board, with the term to expire in December 2018.

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix	Yes
Councilmember Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

10. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

City Manager Terry Roberts reported on the following:

- The pre-budget meeting was scheduled for April 25th, but has been moved to May 2nd.
- The Retail Steering Committee (Retail Coach) will have a meeting on March 1st.
- The Animal Shelter Task Force met on February 17th at the facility and did a walk-thru.
- There was a citizen at the last meeting that expressed concerns about various city-related issues. Staff will be meeting with him on February 26th to address his concerns.

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor

Kacey A. Weiss
Deputy City Secretary