

Brenham City Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on May 31, 2018 beginning at 1:00 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 Andrew Ebel
Councilmember Susan Cantey
Councilmember Danny Goss
Councilmember Keith Herring

Members absent:

Councilmember Charlie Pyle
Councilmember Weldon Williams, Jr.

Others present:

City Manager James Fisher, City Attorney Cary Bovey, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Deputy City Secretary Kacey Weiss, Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Comptroller Stacy Hardy, Debbie Gaffey, Director of Community Services Wende Ragonis, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Police Chief Allwin Barrow, Public Works Director Dane Rau, Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle and City Engineer Lori Lakatos

Citizens present:

Page Michel and Courtney Ginn

Media Present:

Arthur Hahn, Brenham Banner Press; Tom Whitehead, KWHI; and Josh Blaschke, KWHI

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags – Councilmember Goss**

3. Citizens Comments

There were no citizen comments.

WORK SESSION

4. Presentation of the Second Quarter Report by the Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau

Courtney Ginn with the Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau presented this item. Ginn focused on the highlights featured in the Second Quarter Report for January – March 2018, pointing out the visitor statistics, major tourism events, advertising placements and editorial coverage.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. Public Hearing to Consider an Amendment to Section 17: Mitigation Actions of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Brenham

Mayor Tate opened the Public Hearing.

City Engineer Lori Lakatos presented this item. Lakatos explained that the Washington County Hazard Action Plan Entitled “Mitigating Risk: Protecting Washington County from All Hazards, 2013-2018” was adopted by Resolution No. R-13-018 on November 7, 2013. Lakatos stated the proposed amendment to the plan is to “Elevate and/or Relocate Critical Facilities and Lift Stations located in or near Special Flood Hazard Areas or Flood Prone Areas.” Lakatos advised this amendment is proposed as part of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Application process that has been submitted to the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) and forwarded to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for DR-4272 and will be considered in future HMGP applications. Lakatos noted that at this time no comments have been submitted.

Mayor Tate closed the Public Hearing.

REGULAR SESSION

6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-18-008 Approving an Amendment to Section 17: Mitigation Actions of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Brenham

A motion was made by Councilmember Cantey and seconded by Councilmember Herring to approve Resolution No. R-18-008 approving an Amendment to Section 17: Mitigation Actions of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for 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 Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Susan Cantey	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Charlie Pyle	Absent
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Absent

7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Authorizing the Grant of an Easement to Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

City Engineer Lori Lakatos presented this item. Lakatos explained that the City of Brenham currently has ten-foot utility easements within the Heritage Oaks Subdivision. Lakatos stated that Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Bluebonnet) would like to utilize these easements for electric lines to provide power to the properties within the subdivision. Lakatos noted that this easement will allow Bluebonnet to occupy the same easement with the City of Brenham's utilities, but the City will approve the placement of the electric utility so as to not compromise or potentially damage the City's utilities.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cantey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ebel to approve authorizing the grant of an easement to Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation.

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 Charlie Pyle	Absent
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Absent

8. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Bid No. 2017-20 Related to Parking Lot Improvements at the All Sports Building in Hohlt Park and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

Public Works Director Dane Rau presented this item. Rau explained that during last year's funding meeting, the Brenham Community Development Corporation (BCDC) voted to fund the construction of the All Sports Building Parking Lot (ASB). Rau stated that staff originally budgeted \$45,000 for the construction of this parking lot. Rau advised that bids were opened on April 10th and there were 3 bids received. Rau noted that at the April 19th BCDC meeting, BCDC Board members voted to move forward with Schedule 2 Base Bid and Schedule 2 Additive Alternate which would be the construction of the parking lot using all concrete. The lowest bid was provided by Collier Construction. Rau explained that the board decided they would use some savings from another project that was also funded in the 2017-18 BCDC budget, along with some contingency for the additional costs to complete this parking lot with concrete.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cantey and seconded by Councilmember Herring to award Bid No. 2017-20 related to parking lot improvements at the All Sports Building in Hohlt Park to Collier Construction for Schedule 2 Base Bid and Schedule 2 Additive Alternate Bid in the amount of \$91,006.50 and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation.

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 Charlie Pyle	Absent
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Absent

9. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Authorizing the Placement of Stop Signs on S. Saeger Street at Its Intersection with Old Mill Creek Road

Public Works Director Dane Rau presented this item. Rau explained that staff has been approached within the last 9 months about the placement of stop signs on Old Mill Creek Road at its intersection with S. Saeger Street. Rau stated that most recently Blinn College has issued a letter of support by the Chancellor supporting a four way stop at this intersection. Rau noted that currently this intersection has only two stop signs, which are on Old Mill Creek Road. Rau advised that with the new 464-bed student housing on this corner along with the possibility of the future expansion of S. Saeger Street, both of these improvements would dramatically increase the number of cars utilizing this intersection. Rau noted that Brenham PD does support the controlled intersection.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ebel to approve an Ordinance on its first reading authorizing the placement of stop signs on S. Saeger Street at its intersection with Old Mill Creek Road.

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 Charlie Pyle	Absent
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Absent

10. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon a Request for a Noise Variance from Washington County Historical Juneteenth Association for a Juneteenth Celebration at Fireman’s Park to be Held on June 15, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. and June 16, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

Deputy City Secretary Kacey Weiss presented this item. Weiss stated that the Washington County Historical Juneteenth Association will have a band Friday night and Saturday afternoon and therefore, they are requesting a noise variance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cantey and seconded by Councilmember Herring to approve a request for a noise variance from Washington County Historical Juneteenth Association for a Juneteenth Celebration at Fireman’s Park to be held on June 15, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. and June 16, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation.

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 Charlie Pyle	Absent
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Absent

11. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon a Request for a Noise Variance from Brenham Outlaws for a Juneteenth Celebration at Hattie Mae Flowers Park to be Held on June 16, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

Deputy City Secretary Kacey Weiss presented this item. Weiss stated that they will have a party wagon with speakers playing music and therefore are requesting a noise variance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cantey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ebel to approve a request for a noise variance from Brenham Outlaws for a Juneteenth Celebration at Hattie Mae Flowers Park to be held on June 16, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation.

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 Charlie Pyle	Absent
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Absent

12. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

City Manager James Fisher reported on the following:

- Juneteenth Parade is June 16th
- TML Region 10 meeting is June 20th
- Local History Day event was a huge success

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.

Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary

