

Brenham City Council Minutes

A special meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on December 5, 2019 beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Brenham City Hall, City Council Chambers, at 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

Members present:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Councilmember Susan Cantey
Councilmember Adonna Saunders
Councilmember Keith Herring
Councilmember Albert Wright
Councilmember Clint Kolby

Members absent:

Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Ebel

Others present:

City Manager James Fisher, City Attorney Cary Bovey, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Interim Police Chief Rusty Pancoast, Dant Lange, Economic Development Director Susan Cates.

Citizens present:

None.

Media Present:

Alyssa Faykus, Brenham Banner Press.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags – City Attorney Cary Bovey**

3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Appointment of a Board Member to Serve as Chairman of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 Board of Directors for a Period of One Year Beginning January 1, 2020 and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller presented this item. Miller explained that when the Zone was created in December 2018 (Ordinance No. O-18-019) the member appointed to Place 1 was also appointed as Chairman of the TIRZ Board. At that time, Mayor Tate was appointed by the Council to Place 1; therefore, he served as Chairman of the Board for 2019.

As mandated in the Texas Tax Code, the City Council must appoint a Chairman to the TIRZ Board every year. The Council can appoint any member of the Board to serve as Chairman and his/her term would be for a period of one year, beginning on January 1, 2020.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kolby and seconded by Councilmember Herring that Mayor Tate be appointed as Chairman of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 1 Board.

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	Absent
Councilmember Susan Cantey	Yes
Councilmember Adonna Saunders	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Albert Wright	Yes
Councilmember Clint Kolby	Yes

4. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Appointment of Place 8 and Place 9 Members to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 1 Board of Directors and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller presented this item. Miller explained that when the Zone was created in December 2018, the Ordinance No. O-18-019 also created a TIRZ Board consisting of nine members with two members being appointed by the City Council.

Miller advised the Council that staff recommends the appointment of Gary Crocker, BCDC Board Member, and Tom Whitehead, Main Street Board Member, to Places 8 and 9 of the TIRZ Board. Miller stated that she has visited with both Crocker and Whitehead and they willing to serve and look forward to working with our community regarding public improvements and private development that occurs in the Zone.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cantey and seconded by Councilmember Wright to approve the appointment of Gary Crocker to Place 8 and Tom Whitehead to Place 9 of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 1 Board of Directors 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	Absent
Councilmember Susan Cantey	Yes
Councilmember Adonna Saunders	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Albert Wright	Yes
Councilmember Clint Kolby	Yes

5. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Amending Ordinance No. O-18-019, Subsections 3.1 and 3.2, Related to the Board of Directors of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1, City of Brenham, Texas

Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller presented this item. Miller explained that due to Washington County not participating in the TIRZ, Subsections 3.1 and 3.2 of Ordinance No. O-18-019 need to be amended to represent that Positions 8 and 9 on the TIRZ Board of Directors shall be appointed by the City Council instead of the County Commissioners.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cantey and seconded by Councilmember Herring to approve an Ordinance on its first reading amending Ordinance No. O-18-019, Subsections 3.1 and 3.2, related to the Board of Directors of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1, City of Brenham, Texas

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	Absent
Councilmember Susan Cantey	Yes
Councilmember Adonna Saunders	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Albert Wright	Yes
Councilmember Clint Kolby	Yes

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.

Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary

