

Brenham City Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on July 16, 2020 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 Keith Herring
Councilmember Clint Kolby
Councilmember Adonna Saunders
Councilmember Albert Wright

Members absent:

None

Others present:

City Manager James Fisher, Assistant City Manager - Public Services/Utilities Donald Reese and City Secretary – Director of Administrative Services Jeana Bellinger

Citizens present:

None

Media Present:

Alyssa Faykus, Brenham Banner Press; and Josh Blaschke, KWHI

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags – Mayor Pro Tem Ebel**
- 3. Citizens Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Statutory Consent Agenda

- 4-a. Award Bid No. 20-003 for Sludge Removal and Aeration Basin Cleaning at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to Synagro in the Amount of \$228.50 per Cubic Yard and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**
- 4-b. Award Bid No. 20-007 to Legacy Concrete Works, LLC Related to Annual Concrete Work for Various City Departments and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**
- 4-c. Acceptance of a Grant from the Humane Society in the Amount of \$6,390.00 for a Spay/Neuter Program and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**
- 4-d. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Ordinance No. O-20-016 on Its Second Reading Amending Appendix A - 'Zoning' of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brenham Granting a Specific Use Permit to Allow an Accessory Dwelling Use (ADU) in an R-2 Mixed Residential Use Zoning District on Property Addressed as 501 Crockett Street, and Further Described as Lot L1-A, Block E of the Woodlawn Heights Addition in Brenham, Washington County, Texas (Case No. P-20-025)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Councilmember Cantey to approve the Statutory Consent Agenda Items 4-a. through 4-d. 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 Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Susan Cantey	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Clint Kolby	Yes
Councilmember Adonna Saunders	Yes
Councilmember Albert Wright	Yes

REGULAR SESSION

- 5. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon a Commercial Promissory Note with the Bank of Brenham for An Advancing Line of Credit for the Raw Water Intake Structure Repair at Lake Somerville and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**

City Manager James Fisher presented this item. Fisher explained that the City is requesting a \$5 million advancing line of credit from Bank of Brenham for interim financing for the Raw Water Intake Repair Project at Lake Somerville.

Fisher explained that this critical infrastructure sustained significant damage in the May 2016 flooding event, and after a prolonged procurement, review and approval process, the City received a letter from FEMA on February 13, 2020 in support of the competitive bid process and the higher competitive bid amounts compared to the engineer's estimate of probable costs.

Fisher advised that the City is responsible for 25% of the final construction cost and would need a possible one (1) year renewal of the line of credit. At the April 6, 2020 meeting, the City Council approved Reimbursement Resolution No. R-20-018 giving official intent to reimburse these costs with the issuance of 20 year Certificates of Obligation (financed with water rates), which would be used to repay Bank of Brenham if FEMA does not approve the Cost Change increase. Bank of Brenham has prepared the Promissory Note for \$5 million at an interest rate of 2.6% for one year.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cantey and seconded by Councilmember Wright to approve a Commercial Promissory Note with the Bank of Brenham for an advancing line of credit for the Raw Water Intake Structure Repair at Lake Somerville 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 Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Clint Kolby	Yes
Councilmember Adonna Saunders	Yes
Councilmember Albert Wright	Yes

6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Authorizing the Mayor to Execute and Deliver a Certificate of Mayor Related to the Issuance of Student Housing Revenue Bonds by the New Hope Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation to Finance the Construction of a Student Housing Facility to be Located on the Campus of Blinn College

City Manager James Fisher presented this item. Fisher explained that Blinn College, in partnership with Servitas LLC, is preparing for the construction of a new student dormitory along West Fifth Street across from the former football stadium. The project has been permitted through the Development Services Department and Blinn College/Servitas are formalizing funding for the project. The project is financed through a tax-exempt bond being that Blinn College is a non-profit entity. The construction bonds are being issued by the New Hope Cultural Education Facilities Corporation, and a certificate signed by the Mayor is required in adherence to requirements set forth by the Internal Revenue Code.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kolby and seconded by Councilmember Cantey to authorize the Mayor to execute and deliver a Certificate of Mayor related to the issuance of Student Housing Revenue Bonds by the New Hope Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation to finance the construction of a student housing facility to be located on the campus of Blinn College.

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 Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Clint Kolby	Yes
Councilmember Adonna Saunders	Yes
Councilmember Albert Wright	Yes

7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Award of RFQ No. 20-005 Related to Grant Administration and/or Planning Services Related to the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

City Manager James Fisher presented this item. Fisher explained that the Texas General Land Office (GLO) is administering \$4,294,189,000 in U.S. Department of Housing Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds. These CDBG-MIT funds will be used to build and implement structural and non-structural projects, programs, and partnerships throughout the state of Texas that reduce the risks and impacts of future natural disasters. Fisher advised that staff has reviewed all the RFQs received and recommends awarding RFQ No. 20-005 to Public Management. Fisher explained that the City has had previous experience working with Public Management.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ebel and seconded by Councilmember Saunders to award of RFQ No. 20-005 related to grant administration and/or planning services related to the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program to Public Management 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 Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Clint Kolby	Yes
Councilmember Adonna Saunders	Yes
Councilmember Albert Wright	Yes

8. Discussion and Update on the City of Brenham's COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Response and Recovery Efforts

City Manager James Fisher reported on the following:

- City Hall is still closed to the public; however, appointments can be made by calling the main City Hall number.
- Clarified that the Governor's Order does not prohibit outdoor sporting events. The City has allowed these events to take place in an effort to help our businesses that are struggling; however, if the Tournament Directors do not follow the City's guidelines for sanitizing and social distancing the City may be forced to cancel the events.

9. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

City Manager James Fisher reported on the following:

- TXDOT virtual hearing on US Highway 290 improvements from Waller to Chappell Hill will be available on TxDOT's website beginning July 21st.

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.

Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary



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