

Brenham City Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on November 17, 2011 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 Gloria Nix
Councilmember Andrew Ebel
Councilmember Danny Goss
Councilmember Keith Herring
Councilmember Weldon Williams, Jr.

Others present:

City Manager Terry Roberts, Assistant City Manager Kyle Dannhaus, City Attorney Cary Bovey, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Police Chief Rex Phelps, Public Works Director Doug Baker, Public Utilities Director Lowell Ogle, Kim Hodde, Janie Mehrens, Adam Griffin, and Rhonda Kuehn

Citizens present:

Seneca McAdams, Lu Hollander, Mary Barnes-Tilley, Jason Kiemsteadt, Garry Kimball

Media Present:

Allison Smith, Brenham Banner Press; Frank Wagner, KWHI

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

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Statutory Consent Agenda

4-a. Second Reading of Ordinance No. O-11-023 Amending the FY2010-11 Adopted Budget

A motion was made by Keith Herring and seconded by Gloria Nix to approve statutory consent agenda 4-a. Second Reading of Ordinance No. O-11-023 amending the FY2010-11 adopted budget.

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 Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes

WORK SESSION

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

Seneca McAdams presented an overview of the 4th Quarter activities of the Washington County Convention and Visitor's Bureau and Lu Hollander discussed the various advertising done by the WCCVB.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Ordinance No. O-11-024 of the City of Brenham, Texas Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of City of Brenham, Texas, Limited Tax Notes, Series 2011, In the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$1,200,000; Awarding the Sale of Said Notes; Levying a Tax in Payment Thereof; Prescribing the Form of Said Notes; and Enacting Other Provisions Relating Thereto

Gary Kimball from Specialized Public Finance distributed tabulation of bids received for the issuance of Limited Tax Notes, Series 2011 in the aggregate amount of 1,200,000 to fund street repairs. 1.75% was budgeted; however, they were able to beat that amount by 4 basis points and secure a 1.71% rate. This is a seven year fully amortized debt schedule. Seven (7) bids were received. Due to the amount and length of the financing, they were able to issue a Limited Bank Placement rather than a full-blown underwriting which resulted in a savings of approximately \$15,000.

A motion was made by Danny Goss and seconded by seconded by Keith Herring to approve Ordinance No. O-11-024 of the City of Brenham Texas authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Brenham, Texas, Limited Tax Notes, Series 2011, in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,200,000; awarding the sale of said notes; levying a tax in payment thereof; prescribing the form of said notes; and enacting other provisions relating thereto

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 Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes

7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Election Services Contract Between the City of Brenham and Washington County Related to Election Responsibilities for the January 21, 2012 Special Election and Authorize the Mayor to Execute any Necessary Documentation

City Secretary Jeana Bellinger presented the Election Services Contract with the County that we approve each year. She pointed out there were a couple of minor wording changes as well as a change on page 2 requiring the election judges to deliver the ballot boxes to the Washington County Courthouse on election night. This is necessary since we will be using the AutoMark ballots and the central counting station machine that counts the ballots that is housed at the WC Courthouse. Ms. Bellinger explained that this contract was only for the Special Election to be held on January 21, 2012 and that if a run-off election was necessary a separate contract would be brought to City Council for consideration.

A motion was made by Gloria Nix and seconded by Andrew Ebel to approve the election services contract between the City of Brenham, Texas and Washington County, Texas for the January 21, 2012 Special Election subject to final review by the City Attorney.

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 Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes

8. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on its First Reading Providing for Updated Service Credit and an Increase in Retirement Annuities in the Texas Municipal Retirement System

Janie Mehrens stated that on an annual basis, the City Council has approved an ordinance providing for updated service credits and increase in retirement annuities of 70% of the CPA as provided through the Texas Municipal Retirement System. Due to the fund restructuring earlier this year, our rate went down from 9.33% to 6.12 %. With the addition of the updated service credits and annuity increase, our rate will increase to 6.46% effective January 1, 2012. 2012 Budgeted funds will accommodate this increase.

A motion was made by Weldon Williams and seconded by Gloria Nix to approve an ordinance on its first reading providing for updated service credit and an increase in retirement annuities in the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

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 Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes

9. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-11-023 for the Election of Members to the Board of Directors of the Washington County Appraisal District

City Manager Terry Roberts stated that as a taxing entity, the City of Brenham is allotted 571 votes in the Election of Members to the Board of Directors for the Washington County Appraisal District. He stated that these votes can be cast for one candidate or distributed among any of the candidates. Mr. Roberts stated that our votes have been divided up as equally as possible among the following nominated candidates:

Charles Gaskamp	114 votes
Delton Koerth	114 votes
Joel Romo	114 votes
John Schaer	114 votes
Johanna Fatheree	115 votes

A motion was made by Keith Herring and seconded by Weldon Williams to approve Resolution R-11-023 for the election of members to the Board of Directors of the Washington County Appraisal District.

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 Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes

10. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

City Manager Terry Roberts reported on the following:

- Retirement party for Ray Wilkinson - November 30, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the Brenham Police Department
- Pledged donations to cover the Amphitheater restroom project have been received
- Railroad Quiet Zone – currently working on the Vulcan Street closing
- Highway 290 project is on schedule for 33 month completion. Very soon, the on-ramp by Sealy Mattress will be closed and traffic will be diverted to Longwood by the Police Department.
- The HOT Board approved installation of temporary signage for Hotels on Hwy 290 within the next few weeks.
- Stringer overpass

Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller reported on the following:

- Rhonda Kuehn has recently been appointed to the TML Board. She is currently VP of the Texas Court Clerk Association and has received the Excellence Award.

Public Utilities Director Lowell Ogle reported on the following:

- Work is being done on the Wastewater Plant driveway

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC
City Secretary

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