

## **Brenham City Council Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on Thursday January 10, 2013 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 Mary E. Barnes-Tilley  
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, Stacy Hardy, Susan Nienstedt, Development Services Director Julie Fulgham, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Jerred Eschete, Josh Sebastian, Brian Scheffer, Cecil Wright, Andrew Jozwiak, Police Chief Rex Phelps, David Doelitsch, Public Works Director Dane Rau, Lin Hartstack, Bobby Branham, Linda Soeken, Grant Lischka, Public Utilities Director Lowell Ogle, Cindy Turnbow, Casey Redman, Leslie Kelm, Jamie Maurer, Darlene Konieczny, Kaci Konieczny, Keenan Hale, Joshua Homan, Trevor Eckert, Doug Baker and Paula Shields

### Citizens present:

Barbara Ross and Danny Ross

### Media Present:

Arthur Hahn, Brenham Banner Press; Frank Wagner, KWHI

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

**3. 3-a. Service Recognitions**

Service recognitions were presented to the following employees:

- David Doelitsch 5 years
- Cindy Turnbow 10 years
- Lin Hartstack 22 years

Public Works Director Dane Rau expressed his appreciation for Lin Hartstack's hard work and dedication. Rau advised Council that Hartstack's retirement party will be January 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Fireman's Park Kitchen.

**3-b. New Employees**

- Keenan Hale – Sanitation
- Joshua Homan – Wastewater Treatment
- Kaci Konieczny – Finance
- Trevor Eckert – Electric
- Jerred Eschete - Fire

Chief Financial Officer, Carolyn Miller introduced Kaci Konieczny as the new Budget Manager.

Fire Chief Ricky Boeker introduced Jerred Eschete as the new fireman for the City.

**4. Citizens Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. Statutory Consent Agenda**

**5-a. Minutes from the November 29, 2012 City Council Meeting**

**5-b. Ordinance No. O-12-032 on its Second Reading Amending the FY2011-12 Adopted Budget**

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley to approve the Statutory Consent Agenda Item 5-a.Minutes from the November 29, 2012 City Council Meeting and 5-b. Ordinance No. O-12-032.

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 Mary E. Barnes-Tilley	Yes
Councilmember Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

## REGULAR AGENDA

**6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Amending Appendix A - “Zoning” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brenham, Texas by Amending Part V, Section 3.03, Relating to Membership of the Board of Adjustment**

City Secretary Jeana Bellinger and Development Services Director Julie Fulgham presented this item. Bellinger explained that the changes in this ordinance relates to the membership, appointment and terms of office for the Board of Adjustments. Staff would like to remove the requirement that one member of the board must also serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission and reduce the number of alternates from four (4) to two (2).

A motion was made by Councilmember Nix and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve an Ordinance on its first reading amending Appendix A – “Zoning” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brenham, Texas by Amending Part V, Section 3.03, relating to Membership of the Board of Adjustment.

Bellinger and Fulgham researched the requirement as to why there was a requirement that one member of the board must also serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission and could not find anything on this requirement. Bellinger stated that it was difficult for a board member to serve on both committees. The reduction of alternates from four to two makes it easier to find two. Currently it is difficult to find 4 individuals to serve as alternates.

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 Mary E. Barnes-Tilley	Yes
Councilmember Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

**7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of an Agreement with Jones & Carter, Inc. for Engineering Services Related to the Extension of Chappell Hill Street and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**

Special Projects Engineer Doug Baker presented this item. Baker explained that this agreement provides for the engineering services required for the extension of a new street from S. Market Street to Stringer Street. The project includes the realignment of the portion of Chappell Hill Street between Ralston Creek and S. Market Street. Chappell Hill Street and Stringer Street are both collector streets, and therefore this new street will be constructed to our standard for a collector, which is 39 feet wide.

Baker further states that this project will involve TxDOT because it intersects Business 290 (S. Market Street). Some issues that will need to be addressed with TxDOT involve storm sewers and traffic control. A storm sewer will probably need to be constructed from the south side of Market Street to Ralston Creek on the north side of Market Street. There is a concern with the existing signal at Becker Drive. This signal would remain at Becker Drive for the time being and northbound and southbound traffic on the new street would be regulated with stop signs.

Baker also explained that this project would require the acquisition of small parcels of land from four property owners. Baker stated that he has been in contact with all four owners and believes they are acceptable to the proposed alignments and will be willing sellers.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ebel and seconded by Councilmember Herring to approve an agreement with Jones & Carter, Inc. for engineering services related to the extension of Chappell Hill Street and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation.

Councilmember Nix asked if there was anything being done about the North end of Chappell Hill where it intersects into Academy. Baker said no. There were several citizens who also expressed concerns about the north end of Chappell Hill. Baker explained that the north end of Chappell Hill was not within the scope of this project

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 Mary E. Barnes-Tilley	Yes
Councilmember Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

## 9. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

City Manager Terry Roberts reported on the following:

- Doug Baker's retirement party will be Tuesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 5pm at City Hall
- TxDOT will have the Hwy. 36 and U.S. 290 intersection closed for two weeks beginning January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- Fire Department Appreciation is Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup> at Fireman's Training Center
- Business After Hours is Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup> at Scott & White
- He and staff are still working on finding a replacement for the vacancy on HOT Board
- Reminded Council that the next Council will be Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup>
- Welcomed back Councilmember Williams from his long vacation
- Chamber Banquet is January 29<sup>th</sup> at Fireman's Training Center

Police Chief Rex Phelps reported that retirement parties for Officers Gaskamp and Janeck will be on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the Community Room at PD.

Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller reminded council about the Uptown Swirl on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Development Services Director Julie Fulgham advised Council that Walt Schoenvogel was elected Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Milton Y. Tate, Jr.  
Mayor

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Jeana Bellinger, TRMC  
City Secretary

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