

Brenham City Council Minutes

A special emergency meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on December 4, 2014 beginning at 3:10 p.m. in the Brenham City Hall, Conference Room 2A, at 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

Members present:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix
Councilmember Keith Herring
Councilmember Andrew Ebel
Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley

Members absent:

Councilmember Danny Goss
Councilmember Weldon Williams, Jr.

Others present:

City Manager Terry K. Roberts, Assistant City Manager Kyle Dannhaus, City Attorney Cary Bovey, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Kacey Weiss, Public Utilities Director Lowell Ogle, City Engineer Grant Lischka

Citizens present:

None

Media present:

Arthur Hahn, Brenham Banner Press; and Mary-Janet Reyes, KWHI

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Emergency Repairs to Gun & Rod Road and Associated Facilities as a Result of Recent Unforeseen Storm Damage, and the Necessity of the City Council to Take Immediate Action to Address the Unforeseen Damage to Gun & Rod Road and to Ensure the Public Health, Safety and Welfare of the Citizens of the City of Brenham

City Manager Terry Roberts presented the item. Roberts explained that there was a structural failure of the corrugated pipes under the road of Gun & Rod at Ralston Creek. Roberts stated that because of the uncertainty of safety; the roadway has temporarily been closed to through traffic. City Engineer Grant Lischka is evaluating options for addressing the problem and gathering cost estimates for the work. The recent five inches of rain contributed to the deterioration but a more detailed inspection revealed larger problems than erosion. Roberts explained that in addition to our 90 day General Fund reserves serving as the rainy day fund, the city also has an additional five day reserve for unforeseen emergency repairs and this work fits into that category.

Lischka explained that one of the options is to place concrete box culverts. The estimated cost is \$45,000-\$50,000.00 and could be the middle of January before the culverts are completed and that is with the finish work being done in house by the street department. Lischka stated that he expects the total construction cost to be around \$80,000.00. Lischka stated that he met with both Collier Construction and Legacy Concrete and will get quotes from both.

Mayor Milton Tate asked what the total amount of time would be for the project. Lischka explained that the total time would be about one month if there were not any weather delays.

Councilmember Herring asked if guardrails were included in this project. Lischka stated that at this time guardrails are not included, but they could be added in the future.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nix to authorize the Mayor to negotiate, approve and execute a contract that is most advantageous to the City, to make emergency repairs to Gun & Rod Road at Ralston Creek.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC
City Secretary

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