

Brenham City Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on January 12, 2017 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 Mary E. Barnes-Tilley
Councilmember Weldon Williams, Jr.

Members absent:

Others present:

City Manager Terry Roberts, Assistant City Manager of General Government Ryan Rapelye, City Attorney Cary Bovey, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Deputy City Secretary Kacey Weiss, Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Stacy Hardy, Susan Nienstedt, Sara Parker, Director of Community Services Wende Ragonis, Crystal Locke, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Assistant Fire Chief Brian Scheffer, Police Chief Craig Goodman, Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle, Development Services Director Erik Smith, Lori Lakatos, Carrie Derkowski, Angela Hahn, Jordan Prigge, Dillon Miertschin, Seth Klehm and Josh Sebastian

Citizens present:

Robbie Gail Charette, Rick Flammer and Taylor Fontenot

Media Present:

Arthur Hahn, Brenham Banner Press; Caitlin Hahn, Brenham Banner Press; and Noelle Buffam, KWHI

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

3. Special Recognitions

3-a. Service Recognitions

Luke Ongudu, Public Utilities - 10 Years
Joseph Merkley, Police Department - 15 Years

3-b. New Employees

K9 Robbie – Police Department
Mickey Gressman – Police Department
Alex Saenz – Police Department
Joe Hinds – Fire Department
Chase Jones – Fire Department
Rhye Moschak – Fire Department

4. Citizens Comments

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Statutory Consent Agenda

5-a. Minutes from the December 1, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting

5-b. Ordinance No. O-17-001 on Its Second Reading Amending the FY2015-16 Adopted Budget

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley to approve the Statutory Consent Agenda Items 5-a. and 5-b. as presented.

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

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| Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr. | Yes |
| Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix | Yes |
| Councilmember Andrew Ebel | Yes |
| Councilmember Danny Goss | Yes |
| Councilmember Keith Herring | Yes |
| Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley | Yes |
| Councilmember Weldon Williams | Yes |

REGULAR SESSION

6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-17-001 Approving the Issuance of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds by the Washington County Housing Corporation for the Northview Village Apartments Rehabilitation Project

Rick Flammer with the Brenham Housing Authority presented this item. Flammer stated that the Brenham Housing Authority is currently moving to close their first RAD modernization project – Northview Village. Flammer advised that BHA is utilizing Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bonds as one of the financing vehicles for this project. Flammer explained that pursuant to requirements of the IRS code subject to the bonds, the Issuer, Washington County Housing Corporation, must obtain approval of the local jurisdiction where the project is situated before the bonds can be issued, even though the City will have no financial obligation related to the bonds. Flammer stated that therefore, BHA is requesting approval of the bonds by the Brenham City Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Councilmember Ebel to approve Resolution No. R-17-001 approving the issuance of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds by the Washington County Housing Corporation for the Northview Village Apartments Rehabilitation Project

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

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| Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr. | Yes |
| Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix | Yes |
| Councilmember Andrew Ebel | Yes |
| Councilmember Danny Goss | Yes |
| Councilmember Keith Herring | Yes |
| Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley | Yes |
| Councilmember Weldon Williams | Yes |

7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Submission of a Grant Application Through the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor’s Office for Conversion to the National Incident-Based Reporting System and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

Police Chief Craig Goodman presented this item. Goodman explained that Uniform Crime Reporting gathers crime data from law enforcement agencies for statistical analysis. Goodman stated that there are two methods for reporting data, Summary Reporting and Incident Reporting. Goodman stated that the Texas Legislature has mandated that all agencies move away from Summary Reporting to Incident-Based Reporting. Goodman advised that Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division is accepting applications from local law enforcement agencies to upgrade technology infrastructure to allow for and support Incident-Based Reporting to the Texas Department of Public Safety. Goodman noted that there is no match required for this grant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nix to approve the submission of a grant application through the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office for conversion to the National Incident-Based Reporting System and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation.

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

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| Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr. | Yes |
| Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix | Yes |
| Councilmember Andrew Ebel | Yes |
| Councilmember Danny Goss | Yes |
| Councilmember Keith Herring | Yes |
| Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley | Yes |
| Councilmember Weldon Williams | Yes |

8. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Bid No. IFB 17-001 for the Purchase of a Discharge Spreader Truck for the City of Brenham's Wastewater Treatment Plant and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle presented this item. Ogle explained that during the budget process, Council approved the purchase of a new discharge spreader truck. Ogle stated that this will replace Unit 229, a 1999 model which will be transferred to the Water Treatment Plant. Ogle advised that on November 29, 2016 Public Utilities staff, along with Purchasing staff, opened the bids. Ogle stated that two bids were received with Herrmann International submitting the low bid.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Councilmember Ebel to award Bid No. IFB 17-001 to Hermann International in the amount of \$166,400 for the purchase of a 2017 International 7400 Discharge Spreader Truck for the City of Brenham's Wastewater Treatment Plant and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

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| Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix | Yes |
| Councilmember Andrew Ebel | Yes |
| Councilmember Danny Goss | Yes |
| Councilmember Keith Herring | Yes |
| Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley | Yes |
| Councilmember Weldon Williams | Yes |

9. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Election Services Contract Between the City of Brenham and Washington County Related to Election Responsibilities for the May 6, 2017 Election and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

City Secretary Jeana Bellinger presented this item. Bellinger explained that the Election Services Contract outlines what the City and/or the County will be responsible for during the May 6, 2017 Election process. Bellinger stated this contract is essentially the same one that has been approved in previous years. Bellinger advised the Council that since the construction of the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library has been completed, the polling location for Ward 1 will return to the library (in 2015 we used the American Legion). Bellinger stated that City Hall remains the polling place for Ward 2. Bellinger noted that change was made in 2015 after the relocation of Alton Elementary put it outside the Ward 2 boundary lines.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nix to approve the Election Services Contract between the City of Brenham and Washington County related to election responsibilities for the May 6, 2017 Election and authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documentation.

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

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| Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix | Yes |
| Councilmember Andrew Ebel | Yes |
| Councilmember Danny Goss | Yes |
| Councilmember Keith Herring | Yes |
| Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley | Yes |
| Councilmember Weldon Williams | Yes |

10. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Brenham, Brenham Independent School District and Blinn College for the May 6, 2017 Election and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

City Secretary Jeana Bellinger presented this item. Bellinger explained that as the City has done in the past, the City, BISD and Blinn will all contract with Washington County to hold the 2017 election. Bellinger noted that the agreement addresses various issues related to the election and outlines what each entity will be responsible for during the election process.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Councilmember Goss to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Brenham, Brenham Independent School District and Blinn College for the May 6, 2017 elections and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation.

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

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| Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr. | Yes |
| Mayor Pro Tem Gloria Nix | Yes |
| Councilmember Andrew Ebel | Yes |
| Councilmember Danny Goss | Yes |
| Councilmember Keith Herring | Yes |
| Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley | Yes |
| Councilmember Weldon Williams | Yes |

12. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

City Manager Terry Roberts reported on the following:

- Ground breaking today at 3:30 p.m. for the expansion of the Hodde Tech Center
- Council meeting date in March has been changed from March 16th to the 23rd
- Chamber banquet is January 31st

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 1:38 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Section 551.072 – Texas Government Code – Deliberation Regarding Real Property – Deliberation Regarding the Possible Lease of a City-Owned Building and Associated Real Property Located at 110 W. Vulcan, Brenham, Texas

Executive Session adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.

Mayor



Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary