

Brenham City Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on July 20, 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 Andrew Ebel
Councilmember Susan Cantey
Councilmember Danny Goss
Councilmember Charlie Pyle
Councilmember Weldon Williams, Jr.

Members absent:

Councilmember Keith Herring

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, Human Resources Director Susan Nienstedt, Sara Parker, Director of Community Services Wende Ragonis, Assistant Fire Chief Brian Scheffer, Police Chief Craig Goodman, Public Works Director Dane Rau, Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle, Development Services Director Erik Smith, City Engineer Lori Lakatos, Todd Ashorn and Guillermo Guerrero

Citizens present:

Mike Brannon, Blake Brannon, Charles Mancuso, Matt DuPont, Laura Williams, Steven Drake and Page Michel

Media Present:

Arthur Hahn, Brenham Banner Press; and Mark Whitehead, KWHI

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

3. Citizens Comments

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Statutory Consent Agenda

4-a. Minutes from the June 1, 2017 and June 15, 2017 Regular City Council Meetings

4-b. Ordinance No. O-17-007 on Its Second Reading Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Brenham, to Change the Zoning District on a Tract of Land Described as R42930 (WCAD), 0.168 Acres, Located on Peabody Street, Being Part of Lot 47A of the West Main Subdivision in Brenham, Washington County, Texas from a Commercial, Research and Technology Use (B-2) District to a Mixed Residential Use (R-2) District

A motion was made by Councilmember Pyle and seconded by Councilmember Cantey to approve the Statutory Consent Agenda Items 4-a. and 4-b. 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 Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Absent
Councilmember Charlie Pyle	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Absent

WORK SESSION

5. Discussion and Presentation Regarding Authorizing a Private Business to Provide Curbside Recycling Services for Residents and Businesses within the City of Brenham

Public Works Director Dane Rau presented this item. Rau explained that Staff was approached by Matt DuPont of Bluebonnet Recycling. Rau stated that Mr. DuPont would like to offer curbside recycling to local residents and businesses in Brenham by utilizing 14 gallon bins and picking them up on the curb during designated pick up days for a nominal fee.

Rau advised that if Council is interested in allowing this service to the residents and businesses, Staff will need to work on an agreement through the Utilities Sub-committee and bring that back to Council. Rau explained items that will need to be worked out will be an agreement similar to a non-exclusive franchise which gives a company the ability to collect materials and operate within the right-of-ways of the City, possibly adjusting the Code of Ordinances reflecting this type of service, and discussion regarding collecting franchise fees on the revenue that is generated. Rau advised that Staff will also need to discuss the philosophy of having bins placed out by the curb when currently Brenham is a “bag city” which means that our residential collection utilizes bags on pick up day rather than carts or bins.

Rau introduced Matt DuPont of Bluebonnet Recycling. DuPont gave a presentation to Council regarding the weekly residential curbside recycling pick-up. DuPont stated that their pick-ups would work around the city trash schedule and his company would charge \$12.00 per month for residents that would want their service.

Councilmember Goss stated that he is concerned about the containers staying on the curb overnight and at the lack of a pick-up due to weather or other unexpected issues.

Blake Brannon, owner of Premier Metal Buyers and Budget Disposal, addressed Council. Brannon stated that he recently purchased Brazos Valley Recycling in College Station and wanted to present the options that they provide for citizens in the City of College Station and Bryan regarding recycling.

Brannon introduced Charles Mancuso, the past owner of Brazos Valley Recycling and current employee. Mancuso stated that the City of College Station is up 107% in recyclables from 2015-16 and the cost for pick-up is included in their utility bills. Mancuso stated that their company runs the City of Bryan’s recycling center. Mancuso stated the city mans the center and his company takes all of the materials. Mancuso said their company has several options that could help the City of Brenham with recycling. Brannon advised that the benefit of recycling is that it saves the city money on disposal costs.

REGULAR SESSION

6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Bid No. 17-007 Related to Bulk Water Treatment Chemicals and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle presented this item. Ogle explained that in June 2017, the city’s supplier of Caustic Soda, Univar, advised Staff that they could no longer hold the price of \$190.00/liq. ton and were proposing a price of \$296.80/liq. ton. Ogle noted that at that time, Staff opted to go out for bids to obtain the most competitive price. Ogle advised that 3 bids were received. Ogle stated the contract will be for one (1) year with firm bid pricing allowing two (2) one-year renewals.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cantey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ebel to approve Bid No. 17-007 for bulk water treatment chemicals and award an annual contract to Brenntag Southwest Inc. in the amount of \$274.00 per liquid ton 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 Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Absent
Councilmember Charlie Pyle	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon a One Year Contract Extension, in Accordance with Bid No. IFB 16-009, for Bulk Water Treatment Chemicals and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle presented this item. Ogle explained that in 2016 the City of Brenham solicited bids for a one (1) year supply of Chlorine to be delivered to the Brenham Water Treatment Plant. Ogle stated the contract was award to DXI Industries and the original contract allowed for two (2) one-year renewals. Ogle noted the initial one (1) year contract is due to expire soon. Ogle advised that the service provided by the vendor has been very good.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pyle and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ebel to approve a one year contract extension, in accordance with Bid No. IFB 16-009 to DXI Industries for Chlorine in the amount of \$0.2951 per pound 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 Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Absent
Councilmember Charlie Pyle	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

8. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Authorization for the Submission of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Applications for DR-4272 to the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) for Multiple Mitigation Projects Throughout the City of Brenham and Authorize the Mayor to Designate Project Officers and Execute Any Necessary Documentation

City Engineer Lori Lakatos presented this item. Lakatos explained that as part of the disaster recovery process the federal government allocates funds to the State of Texas for Hazard Mitigation Projects to eliminate or reduce the threat of damages in the future. Lakatos stated that the City has been advised to apply for these funds on multiple projects. Lakatos noted the deadline for this is July 31, 2017 in relation to the May 2016 flood events, DR-4272. Lakatos advised the HMGP grant has the same match requirements as the Public Assistance Program, 75% Federal Funds, 25% Local Funds.

A motion was made by Councilmember Goss and seconded by Councilmember Cantey to approve the authorization for the submission of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Applications for DR-4272 to the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) for multiple mitigation projects throughout the City of Brenham and authorize the Mayor to designate Lori Lakatos and Ricky Boeker as Project Officers and 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 Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Absent
Councilmember Charlie Pyle	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

9. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

City Manager Terry Roberts reported on the following:

- Council Budget Workshop on July 27th
- Special Council meeting on September 18th at 8:30 a.m. for budget and tax rate
- Announced his retirement to the media and thanked Council for the opportunity to serve

Public Works Director Dane Rau reported on the following:

- Demolition of the Fireman’s Park restrooms will begin the first week in August. It should take 120 days for completion.

Police Chief Craig Goodman reported on the following:

- Introduced new officer Guillermo Guerrero

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.

Mayor



Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary