

Brenham City Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on September 4, 2014 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:

None

Others present:

City Manager Terry K. Roberts, Assistant City Manager Kyle Dannhaus, City Attorney Cary Bovey, Deputy City Secretary Amanda Klehm, Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Stacy Hardy, Cynthia Longhofer, Kaci Konieczny, Wende Ragonis, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Development Services Director Julie Fulgham, Kim Hodde, Public Works Director Dane Rau, Leslie Kelm, Public Utilities Director Lowell Ogle, Janie Mehrens, and Grant Lischka

Citizens present:

Tim Culliver, Donna Culliver, Susan Lake, Page Michel, Christi Bond, Ragan Bond, Bryan Morisak, Austin Morisak, Tiffany Morisak, Deana Alfred, Lynn Nolte, Carolyn Thomas, Fredricka Berry, Alesia Whaley, Mr. & Mrs. Ross

Media Present:

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

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags – City Attorney Cary Bovey**

3. Proclamations

➤ **Washington County Big Read**

- Deana Alfred, Lynn Nolte, Susan Lake, Carolyn Thomas, and Fredricka Berry were present to receive the Proclamation.

➤ **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month – September 2014**

- Tim Culliver, Donna Culliver, and Alesia Whaley were present to receive the Proclamation.

➤ **Constitution Week – September 17-23, 2014**

- Tiffany Morisak was present to receive the Proclamation.

4. Citizens Comments

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Statutory Consent Agenda

The Statutory Consent Agenda includes non-controversial and routine items that Council may act on with one single vote. A councilmember may pull any item from the Consent Agenda in order that the Council discuss and act upon it individually as part of the Regular Agenda.

5-a. Ordinance No. O-14-027 on Its Second Reading for the Creation of Reinvestment Zone Number 40 Requested by Independence Coffee Company, LLC for Commercial-Industrial Tax Phase-In Incentive on a Certain Tract of Land Containing 1.40 Acres, More or Less, Being Located at 321 South Baylor Street, Brenham, Texas, with Boundaries Further Described in Exhibit “A” of the Ordinance Creating Reinvestment Zone Number 40, and Designating This Property as Qualifying for Tax Phase-In

5-b. Ordinance No. O-14-028 on Its Second Reading Amending the FY2013-14 Adopted Budget

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

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

WORK SESSION

6. Presentation and Update Regarding the Charter Review

City Secretary Jeana Bellinger presented this item. Bellinger presented recommended changes to Articles III (City Council), IV (The City Manager; Finances) and V (Bonds).

Councilmember Goss questioned changes to Article III, Section 14 – Councilmember Salaries. Councilmember Goss questioned why no changes were made to this section. City Attorney Cary Bovey stated this is more of a policy decision in which Council can decide to make changes. Mayor Tate stated Council should decide if they want to change it. Councilmember Goss stated due to the time and energy put forth for operations of the City, he thinks that the salaries need to be reviewed. Bellinger stated that she can do some research and bring back her findings at the next meeting.

7. Presentation and Discussion on Adoption of the 2012 International Building Code

Development Services Director Julie Fulgham presented this item. Fulgham discussed therecommended adoption of the 2012 International Building Code. Fulgham stated that an ISO survey and meeting was held in August and the City didn't do well because the codes are so old; therefore staff is recommending the City adopt the 2012 codes. Fulgham stated if the City adopts the new codes, our ISO ratings will be much higher next year.

Councilmember Barnes-Tilley questioned if the ISO rating for these codes has the same effect on citizens as the Fire Department. Councilmember Barnes-Tilley questioned if a 10 rating could adversely affect the citizens. Fulgham stated it does not affect them as much as the Fire Department, but better to be updated on codes to coincide with State law.

Fulgham explained that they must enforce the 2012 Code for Energy and 2009 Code by State law. Fulgham advised that most plans for building are overbuilt to the City's minimum codes. Fulgham stated the City would be protecting infrastructure and doing a great service to the citizens by adopting the new code.

Citizen Mrs. Ross questioned if the new subdivision on Stone Street was being built to the new code. Fulgham stated that the subdivision must meet the 2009 Energy Code, but it is a mixture between the 2009 and 2012 codes.

Councilmember Goss questioned is there a grace time between plan review, permitting, and inspection, if the City adopts the new code during this period. Fulgham explained that as long as a permit is active, it can continue under the codes permitted. Fulgham advised all new permits and applications must be under new codes if received after the adoption of the new codes.

PUBLIC HEARING

8. **Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2014 and Ending September 30, 2015**

Due to the Transfer of the Emergency Communications Function From The City of Brenham to Washington County, Effective October 1, 2014, the FY2014-15 Proposed Budget for the City of Brenham Will Raise Less Revenue from Total Property Taxes Than Last Year's Budget By An Amount of \$646,329, Which Is A 10.77 Percent Decrease From Last Year's Budget. The Property Tax Revenue to be Raised from New Property Added to the Tax Roll This Year Is \$37,124

Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller presented this item. Miller stated that due to the transfer of the Emergency Communications function from the City to Washington County effective October 1, 2014, the FY2014-15 proposed budget for the City of Brenham will raise less revenue from total property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$646,329, which is a 10.77 percent decrease from last year's budget. Miller explained the property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$37,124.

There were no citizen comments.

9. **Public Hearing Concerning the Approval of an Amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the City of Brenham, to Change the Zoning from an Industrial (I) District to a Manufactured Home Residential (R-3) District on Property Located at 20785 FM 389, and Specifically Being a 10.74 Acre Tract Described as a Portion of Tract 196 of the Phillip Coe Addition in the City of Brenham, Washington County, Texas**

Development Services Director Julie Fulgham presented this item. Fulgham stated that prior to considering an ordinance to change the zoning on the Wehmeyer property a public hearing must be held to hear input regarding this proposed amendment.

Councilmember Goss questioned when originally looking at Wehmeyer location, he wanted to initiate a mobile home park. Fulgham stated that there are quite a few issues with the final stages of development of the mobile home park, mainly with access; however, staff doesn't feel that there would be conflict with the zones at this location because the Ordinance will require a buffer or screen fence.

Councilmember Goss questioned if Wehmeyer will have to provide the screening or the individual land owners. Fulgham stated whomever develops first will be required to provide the screening.

There were no citizen comments.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2014 and Ending September 30, 2015 and Take Record Vote

Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller presented this item. Miller stated the proposed FY2014-15 Budget has been developed in compliance with the property tax code, local government code, and City Charter. Miller explained a property tax rate of \$0.4912 per \$100 valuation is necessary to fund the proposed budget. Miller advised the proposed budget is on the City's website, on file with the City Secretary, Washington County Clerk, and at the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library. Miller stated Senate Bill (S.B.) 656, which became effective September 1, 2013, requires the city council's vote to adopt a budget be a record vote.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Councilmember Ebel to approve an Ordinance on its first reading adopting the budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015 and take a record vote.

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

11. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Levying Taxes for the Tax Year 2014 for the City of Brenham at \$0.4912 per \$100 Valuation

Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller presented this item. Miller stated the Proposed FY2014-15 Budget includes a tax rate of \$0.4912 per \$100 valuation which has two components: maintenance and operations (M&O) and interest and sinking (I&S). Miller explained the proposed tax rate of \$0.4912 will allocate \$0.2890 to the General Fund for maintenance and operations and, the balance of \$0.2022 to the Debt Service Fund for interest and sinking.

Miller stated the City has complied with all of the notices, publications, and public hearings as required by the Tax Code. Miller explained that unlike in prior years, because this year's tax rate raises less revenue than last year, the Tax Code does not specify the wording of the motion to adopt the tax rate.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley and seconded by Councilmember Herring to approve an Ordinance on its first reading levying taxes for the Tax Year 2014 for the City of Brenham at \$0.4912 per \$100 valuation.

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

12. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Brenham, to Change the Zoning from an Industrial (I) District to a Manufactured Home Residential (R-3) District on Property Located at 20785 FM 389, and Specifically Being a 10.74 Acre Tract Described as a Portion of Tract 196 of the Phillip Coe Addition in the City of Brenham, Washington County, Texas

Development Services Director Julie Fulgham presented this item. Fulgham stated this is a request for zones change from an Industrial (I) District to a Manufactured Home Residential (R-3) District for a 10.74 acre portion of Tract 196 of the Phillip Coe Addition. Fulgham explained this property is currently zone Industrial and is bounded by Industrial (I) zoning on two sides and Manufactured Home Residential (R-3) Zoning on two sides. Fulgham advised that if the zone change is successful, a master plan for a manufactured home park and final plat must be approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilmember Goss questioned if Wehmeyer will need to get with adjacent property owner for another access point in or out. Fulgham stated if he develops further then he will need to do that. Councilmember Goss questioned if his driveway does not meet requirements, does it provide for a way in or out. Fulgham explained no, but he could develop the park all the way to Industrial in ingress or regress. Fulgham advised that he cannot develop until he has 2 points. Dannhaus stated he has a couple of options to meet this requirement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley and seconded by Councilmember Herring to approve an Ordinance on its first reading amending the official zoning map of the City of Brenham, to change the zoning from an Industrial (I) District to a Manufactured Home Residential (R-3) District on property located at 20785 FM 389, and specifically being a 10.74 acre tract described as a portion of Tract 196 of the Phillip Coe Addition in the City of Brenham, Washington County, Texas.

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

13. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Bid No. B0039-0026-00 for the Extension of Chappell Hill Street and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

City Engineer Grant Lischka presented this item. Lischka stated the City has received bids on the Chappell Hill Street Extension project. Lischka explained the project included the construction and improvements to Chappell Hill Street from Lawndale Street to Stringer Street (City portion) and the construction of Chappell Hill Street south of U.S. 290 (Kruse portion). Lischka advised the lowest responsible bidder on the project was Collier Construction, L.L.C. in the amount of \$2,152,239.55. Lischka explained that the City's portion would be \$1,174,427.15.

Lischka stated this bid includes the alternate bid for concrete pavement from Lawndale to Stringer. Lischka explained the concrete pavement is an addition of \$92,792.30 (an 8.6% increase); however, Staff believes that the additional cost for concrete will be offset by savings in the future maintenance costs. Lischka advised the Kruse portion is \$977,842.40. Lischka stated this does not include an alternate for concrete pavement. Lischka explained the City's engineer, Jones and Carter, Inc., is negotiating a change order with the Collier Construction L.L.C. to include concrete pavement on the Kruse portion. Lischka advised the change order would not involve additional City funding.

Councilmember Goss stated that he does not see that it is justified to spend the extra money to do concrete on this section when everywhere else is asphalt. Mayor Pro Tem Nix stated that concrete streets haven't received the traffic that Chappell Hill has or will receive. Lischka stated that from the Loop to South Day Street gets significant traffic. Lischka explained that Staff can do an overlay much cheaper instead of reconstructing the street every 25 years. Lischka advised that most state streets are concrete under the black top. Councilmember Barnes-Tilley questioned if the City of Brenham Street Department can stripe the streets. Lischka stated that the TxDOT require specific equipment that the City does not have; however, the City can do that type of striping, but don't have the certain equipment within tolerances that TxDOT requires.

Councilmember Ebel questioned if the Stringer Street portion will need work. Lischka explained yes, it will need some improvements, but it is on the Street Department's list for rehabilitation in the next year.

Councilmember Barnes-Tilley questioned if the \$100,000 for street lighting is included with the Kruse and BCDC contributions. Lischka stated yes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Goss and seconded by Councilmember Herring to Award Bid No. B0039-0026-00 in the amount of \$2,059,477.25 to Collier Construction, LLC for the extension of Chappell Hill Street 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 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

14. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-14-018 of the City Council of the City of Brenham, Texas, Adopting a Commercial Tax Phase-In Agreement with Independence Coffee Company, LLC

Project Manager with the Brenham Economic Development Foundation Clint Kolby presented this item. Kolby stated the owners of Independence Coffee Co. have plans to relocate their operations into the Beaumier Iron Works building in downtown Brenham. Kolby explained the use of the tax phase-in incentive will help Independence Coffee Co. invest in new equipment as well as help off-set the initial costs of relocating. Kolby advised Independence Coffee Co. will be locating in the Downtown Zone of the tax phase-in policy, which means that only the new value added to the property tax roll is considered for eligibility. Kolby stated employment and payroll records are not a requirement in the Downtown Zone.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley and seconded by Councilmember Ebel to approve Resolution R-14-018 authorizing the execution of a Tax Phase-In Agreement between the City of Brenham and Independence Coffee Company, LLC.

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	No
Councilmember Andrew Ebel	Yes
Councilmember Danny Goss	Yes
Councilmember Keith Herring	Yes
Councilmember Mary E. Barnes-Tilley	Yes
Councilmember Weldon Williams	Yes

15. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Ballot for TML MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Board of Trustees TML Region 10 and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

Risk Management Manager Janie Mehrens presented this item. Mehrens stated as a member of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employees Benefit Pool, the City of Brenham may participate in the election of members of the Board of Trustees. Mehrens explained the votes cast on the ballot for the Trustee election must be certified that the ballot was cast in accordance with official action taken at a duly called meeting of the voting body, thus the vote must occur during the formal session of the Council meeting. Mehrens advised as noted on the ballot, Vic Barnett of Caldwell has served previously as Trustee from Region 10 and is the incumbent Trustee from Region 10. Mehrens stated the term of office for this position is October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2017.

Councilmember Goss questioned if Mehrens knows Vic Barnett. Mehrens stated yes, she has met him several times. Mayor Tate stated that he knows him as well and he is a good guy. Councilmember Williams questioned if Mehrens knew the other candidate. Mehrens stated no, she does not. Mayor Tate stated that he does not know them either.

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Ebel to nominate Vic Barnett on the ballot for TML Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Board of Trustees TML Region 10 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 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

16. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Renewal with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool for General Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Officials Liability, Mobile Equipment, Airport Liability, Property, Auto Liability and Physical Damage, Crime, Animal Mortality and Theft and Workers' Compensation Coverage for the City of Brenham for Fiscal Year 2014-15 and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

Risk Management Manager Janie Mehrens presented this item. Mehrens stated the renewal of various property and liability coverage with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool for FY 2015 will have a number of variations from FY 2014 contributions, the most significant in the Workers' Compensation contribution.

Mehrens explained several factors contributed to the changes in contribution amounts:

- General Liability
 - 6.7% overall reduction of \$1 million limit
 - 10% reduction in rates in General Liability for Electric, Municipalities in City of Brenham's population range, Waterworks, and Gas
 - 10% increase in General Liability rates for Sewer and Streets
 - 100% increase in General Liability rates for swimming pools
- Property
 - No rate changes
 - 1.25% adjustment factor applied to building values
- Automobile Liability
 - 8% overall increase
 - 12% increase for Police Passenger
 - 7% increase for all other vehicles
- Errors & Omission Liability – No changes in base rates
- Law Enforcement Liability – 3.12% reduction
- Workers' Compensation
 - 10% increase in rates for Electrical Distribution, Gas Distribution, Animal Shelter, and Volunteer Firefighters
 - 5% increase for Library and Heavy Equipment Maintenance (Garage)
 - 24% increase in City's contribution because of change in Experience Modifier from .29 to .36

Mehrens advised that the City will receive a 2% reduction in contributions for earlypayment of the annual costs if paid by October 31, which will amount to \$7,128. Mehrens stated no equity return will be given in FY 2014 as these credits are not calculated in the base rates.

Mehrens explained the overall cost of the Property, Liability, and Workers' Compensation coverage for the City of Brenham for FY 2014 will be increased by \$31,649 over FY 2014 before the early pay discount is applied. Mehrens stated the most significant changes occurred in Automobile Liability and Physical Damage and Worker's Compensation. Mehrens explained the overall increase in coverage contributions is 9.7%; with the loss of equity return, the total increase in cost is 12%.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nix and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the renewal with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool for General Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Officials Liability, Mobile Equipment, Airport Liability, Property, Auto Liability and Physical Damage, Crime, Animal Mortality and Theft and Workers' Compensation Coverage for the City of Brenham for fiscal year 2014-15 as presented 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 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

17. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon on Ordinance on Its First Reading Amending the Rate Tariff Schedule(s) for the City of Brenham's Large and Small Industrial Electric Rate Classes

Public Utilities Director Lowell Ogle presented this item. Ogle stated the changes to the Large and Small Industrial Electric Rate Classes do not involve any change to the rates adopted October 1, 2013. Ogle explained the changes being recommended are to the Monthly Charges table in the tariffs to enhance transparency on electric rate components and better reflect actual practice. Ogle advised specifically, the transmission wires charge, generation charge, and ERCOT fees on the current tables are being combined into an Energy Charge of \$0.075 per kWh. Ogle stated the Energy Charge is a placeholder (constant) which is adjusted monthly by the Power Cost Recovery Factor (PCRF) to pass through actual and estimated energy costs for the fiscal year from the City's wholesale provider, LCRA.

A motion was made by Councilmember Goss and seconded by Councilmember Herring to approve an Ordinance on its first reading amending the Rate Tariff Schedule(s) of small and large industrial electric customers for the City of Brenham.

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

18. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon on Ordinance on Its First Reading Amending the Rate Tariff Schedule(s) for the City of Brenham's Natural Gas Rates

Public Utilities Director Lowell Ogle presented this item. Ogle stated the changes to the Natural Gas Rate Tariffs do not involve any change to the rates adopted October 1, 2013. Ogle explained the changes being recommended are to the Monthly Charges table in the tariffs to enhance transparency on natural gas rate components and better reflect actual practice.

Ogle advised specifically, the commodity charge of \$5.35 per mcf for natural gas and transportation is being added to the table. Ogle stated this Commodity Charge is a placeholder (constant) which is adjusted monthly by the Gas Cost Adjustment Factor (GCA) to pass through actual natural gas costs from the City's wholesale provider, Municipal Gas Acquisition and Supply Corporation. Ogle explained the changes include a cleanup of tariff language and a distribution charge rate correction from \$2.080 to \$1.859 per mcf for Large Commercial and Small Industrial Service – Rural which is an inactive (no customers) rate class.

A motion was made by Councilmember Goss and seconded by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley to approve an Ordinance on its first reading amending the Rate Tariff Schedule(s) for natural gas customers in the City of Brenham.

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

19. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon on Ordinance on Its First Reading Amending the Rate Tariff Schedule(s) for the City of Brenham's Sanitary Sewer Rates

Public Utilities Director Lowell Ogle presented this item. Ogle stated during the July Budget Workshop, funding for an increase in Wastewater Fund debt service payments in fiscal year 2015 was discussed. Ogle explained a rate increase of \$1 per month on the Customer Charge was recommended. Ogle stated this rate change would provide revenue to fund approximately 57% of the \$139,765 increase in debt service payment. Ogle advised in addition, inconsistencies in tariff language have been corrected and the determination of volume charges for Industrial customers has been clarified. Ogle explained Reclaimed Wholesale Water currently in the Water Tariff is being moved to the Sanitary Sewer Tariff which is where the revenue is recorded.

A motion was made by Councilmember Goss and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve an Ordinance on its first reading amending the Rate Tariff Schedule(s) for sanitary sewer customers of the City of Brenham.

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

20. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon on Ordinance on Its First Reading Amending the Rate Tariff Schedule(s) for the City of Brenham’s Utility Rules and Regulations

Public Utilities Director Lowell Ogle presented this item. Ogle stated the changes being recommended are to add clarification on billing procedures to reflect actual practices.

A motion was made by Councilmember Goss and seconded by Councilmember Herring to approve an Ordinance on its first reading amending the Rate Tariff Schedule(s) for the City of Brenham’s Utility Rules and Regulations.

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

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 3:33 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

21. Section 551.074 – Texas Government Code – Personnel Matters – Discuss and Consider the City Manager’s Employment Agreement and Related Issues

Executive Session adjourned at 4:02 pm.

RE-OPEN REGULAR AGENDA

22. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the City Manager's Employment Agreement and Related Issues

Mayor Tate stated that City Manager Terry Roberts is doing a great job and the Council would like to extend his contract from February 1, 2015 to January 31, 2016.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ebel and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the extension of the City Manager's Employment Agreement February 1, 2015 to January 31, 2016.

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

A motion was then made by Councilmember Herring and seconded by Councilmember Ebel to approve a two percent (2%) salary increase for the City Manager, effective April 1, 2015.

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

City Manager Terry Roberts stated that he accepted the contract extension and thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support.

23. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

- Public Works Director Dane Rau gave an update on the vegetation program. Councilmember Goss stated it is very noticeable what the Street Department has done with that and taking care of TxDOT's business. Councilmember Goss commends Staff for their dedication. Rau also gave an update on mowing Highway 290; Rau stated it took 6 days on a shredder with fuel costing \$600 and the overall cost totaling less than \$1500.
- Development Services Director Julie Fulgham advised the Council that this would be her last Council meeting. She thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve this community.
- City Engineer Grant Lischka gave an update on various airport improvement projects

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC
City Secretary

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