

## **Brenham City Council Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on December 1, 2016 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 Roberts, City Attorney Cary Bovey, Deputy City Secretary Kacey Weiss, Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Director of Community Services Wende Ragonis, Andria Heiges, Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, Police Chief Craig Goodman, Public Works Director Dane Rau, Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Lowell Ogle, Development Services Manager Erik Smith, Lori Lakatos and Chris Jackson

### Citizens present:

Tony Topping, Page Michel and Clint Kolby

### 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 Milton Y. Tate, Jr.**

**3. Citizens Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. Statutory Consent Agenda**

**4-a. Minutes from the October 20, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting**

A motion was made by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nix to approve the Statutory Consent Agenda Item 4-a. 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 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**

**5. Discussion and Update on the Tax Phase-In Compliance Review Committee**

Project Manager with the Brenham Economic Development Foundation Clint Kolby presented this item. Kolby explained that the Tax Phase-In Compliance Review Committee meets every year to review all of the current tax phase-in recipients who were granted the incentive to ensure that value creation and employment and payroll criteria are being met. This year, the Committee reviewed the following companies for compliance: Advanced Data Storage, Stanpac, Blue Bell Creameries, QuestSpecialty, Valmont Industries, Longwood Elastomers, MIC Group, Brazos Valley Brewing Company, PPE/GSL and Tempur Sealy. Kolby noted that the Committee has verified that all ten companies are in compliance with the criteria set forth in the Tax Phase-In Policy.

## **6. Discussion and Presentation on Masonry Standards**

Development Services Manager Erik Smith presented this item and introduced Tony Topping with the Texas Masonry Council. Topping explained the masonry requirements and the benefits that this type of ordinance can have on a community long term. Topping stated that there are many different ways a community can adopt this type of regulation and have a major impact on long term property values and also be flexible and cautious on impacting rising construction costs. Topping advised that Council can ultimately choose what types of development (ie, commercial, residential or both), would have this type of requirement and overall percentages of a new buildings constructed of masonry materials.

Councilmember Barnes-Tilley stated that it would be helpful to know what the benefits to the home owner would be regarding long term cost versus building a home with a product that would be cheaper up front. Topping stated that he has information that could explain that to homeowners. Barnes-Tilley also stated that citizens have conveyed to her that they do not want our city to look like every other city in Texas. Barnes-Tilley advised that she would like to see our town grow, as well as keep the charm and quality of standards that are already in place.

Smith advised that he would like to have a group of Councilmembers to be part of a committee to help explore this more. Councilmembers Goss, Barnes-Tilley and Herring volunteered.

## **7. Discussion and Presentation on the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library Policy Manual**

Librarian Andria Heiges presented this item. Heiges stated that Staff began policy revision discussions with the Library Advisory Board at the March 27, 2013 board meeting. Heiges stated that at that meeting the Library Advisory Board voted to create a policy sub-committee to comprehensively review the Library policy manual. Heiges advised that this committee met over the course of the following year with all recommended revisions being presented to the Library Advisory Board for their approval. Heiges stated that the Library Advisory Board voted at their November 16, 2016 meeting to recommend the new Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library Policy Manual to the City Council for their approval.

Councilmember Herring commended Heiges on her hard work preparing the new policy manual.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**8. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-16-033 Approving the Adoption of the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library Policy Manual**

A motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Herring to approve Resolution No. R-16-033 approving the adoption of the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library Policy Manual.

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

**9. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Change Order No. 1 and Authorization of Final Payment to Collier Construction Co. for the Hohlt Park Trail Reconstruction, and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**

Public Works Director Dane Rau presented this item. Rau stated that Collier Construction has completed the Hohlt Park trail reconstruction that was caused by the May storm. Rau stated that the project involved one change order, which was the pedestrian bridge behind the Amphitheatre. Rau explained that this would have been part of the original scope of work but due to the geotechnical report not meeting the bid deadline, the stabilization work on this structure had to be handled through a change order.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barnes-Tilley and seconded by Councilmember Herring to approve Change Order No. 1 and the final payment to Collier Construction Co. in the amount of \$33,184.20 for the Hohlt Park Trail Reconstruction 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

## 10. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

Director of Community Services Wende Ragonis reported on the following:

- Story time and Santa at the Library on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Blue Bell Aquatic Center's Open House will be December 13<sup>th</sup>
- City of Brenham's Tourism Exchange meeting will be held at the Barnhill Center on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

City Manager Terry Roberts reported on the following:

- First day to file for a place on the City Council is January 18<sup>th</sup>. Candidate packets will be available January 9<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Milton Y. Tate, Jr.  
Mayor

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Kacey A. Weiss  
Deputy City Secretary

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