



2020

CITY OF BRENHAM HIGHLIGHTS



CITY COUNCIL

Thank you to our dedicated City Council members who serve the City of Brenham with passion, commitment, and excellence.

Mayor Milton Y. Tate Jr.

Elected to serve in September 2003 and still serves as Mayor.

Keith Herring Ward 1

Elected to serve in December 2004.

Albert Wright Ward 2

Appointed in September 2018 and elected to serve 2019.

Andrew Ebel Mayor Pro Tem Ward 3

Elected to serve in 1992 and did so until 2004; re-elected in 2007.

Adonna Saunders Ward 4

Elected to serve in 2019.

Clint Kolby Position 5 - At Large

Ran unopposed in 2018 special election.

Susan Cantey Position 6 - At Large

Elected to serve May 2017.

City Manager

James Fisher

Being the City Manager for the City of Brenham is an honor. 2020 looked much different than expected and has been anything but ordinary. As a community, we banded together with collective patience and perseverance during the COVID-19 pandemic, worked with intent to support our local businesses, partnered and collaborated with families and industry leaders, and have stepped into 2021 stronger for it. As we look back on the year, the successes abound. Even though challenges met us at every corner, the City never missed a beat in keeping the community and its residents as top priority. In this document, we share just a small listing of the many highlights of 2020 and we are excited to see what the new year holds for all of us here in Brenham.



A Tribute to Past City Managers

Our City Charter turned 100 years old in September 2020. In honor of this milestone, I wanted to recognize all the City Managers that have gone before me to serve this great community.

The City of Brenham is a home-rule city governed by the City's Charter, adopted September 7, 1920. The charter provides for a Council-Manager form of government. The council-manager form is the system of local government that combines the strong political leadership of elected officials in the form of a City Council, with the strong managerial experience of an appointed local government manager. The City of Brenham has had 10 City Managers with the first being appointed in May 1968.

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| 1. | Charley Blum | May 1968 - October 1975 |
| 2. | Bill Krueger | November 1975 - November 1978 |
| 3. | John Smith | December 1978 - March 1982 |
| 4. | Jim McAlister | May 1982 - August 1984 |
| 5. | Leonard Addicks | September 1984 - April 1993 |
| 6. | Kent VanEman | April 1993 - October 1996 |
| 7. | CJ Webster | February 1997 - April 2000 |
| 8. | John Muegge | April 2000 - December 2000 |
| 9. | Terry Roberts | December 2000 - January 2018 |
| 10. | James Fisher | January 2018 - present |



EVENTS & GROWTH



Hot Nights Cool Tunes
Texas Arts & Music Festival



Gas Line Install
Baker Katz



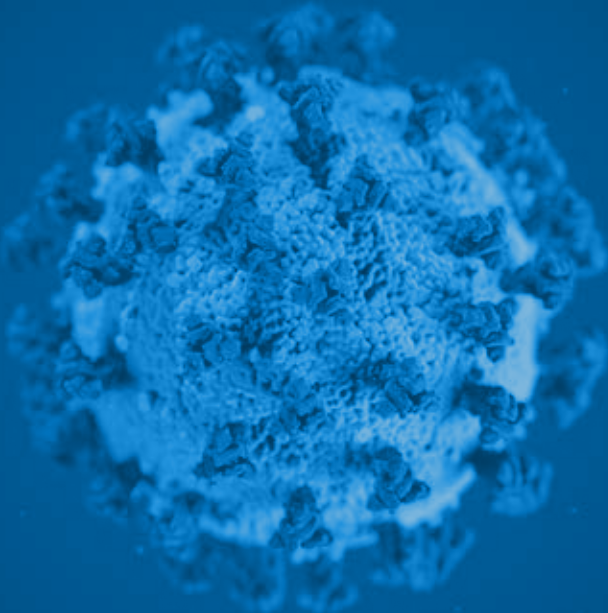
Water Install
Baker Katz

In the early months of this year...

...the novel coronavirus hit the world by storm, took center stage, and still dominates the headlines. We shifted, lifted, altered, reallocated, and everything in between to adjust to a new normal...for everything. The following is a brief synopsis of what the year looked like for us as a world, a nation, a state, and a city.

SARS-CoV-2 Synopsis

- December 2019 - WHO says mysterious pneumonia sickening dozens in China
- January 9 - First mention of "Novel Coronavirus" hit the news
- January 21 - First confirmed Case in the United States
- March 4 - First confirmed case in Houston surfaced
- March 11 - Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo shuts down
- March 25 - First confirmed case in Washington County
- Oil prices plummet
- Economy falters
- Hospitals report shortages of PPE
- ICUs doubled their reach, tents and makeshift medical facilities surged but sat empty
- Schools closed for months
- People hunkered down and hoarded toilet paper
- 14-days to Stop the Spread didn't work
- Parents became teachers
- Teachers went virtual
- Businesses closed, unemployment soared
- Long commutes became obsolete and employees learned to excel at working from home
- Kitchen tables replaced work buildings and offices
- Zoom replaced conference rooms
- Communities buckled down and supported local businesses
- Neighbors helped neighbors, strangers became friends
- December 15 - The first vaccine was put into an arm





FINANCE

11,726

A/P Invoices Processed
\$24,844,735 in accounts payable

Highlights

- Finished Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 with +\$500,000 budget surplus
- GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY 2019
- GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for FY 2020

6,683

Payroll Checks

2,456

A/R Invoices Generated
\$1,423,289 in accounts receivable

2,788

Misc. Payments & Deposits
\$4,778,171 processed by cashier



LIBRARY

Programming Through the Pandemic

In March, the Library was forced to close due to the COVID-19 emergency. Staff continued to work behind the scenes to serve the community and slowly re-open in phases. Traditional programming shifted to an online model. We focused on services that would meet the greatest community need such as help with online job searches, filing for unemployment, and classes on how to use Zoom.

When summer rolled around, our popular annual Summer Reading program had to be re-imagined and many city departments worked together to make the program a success. The "Imagine Your Story" program incorporated

outdoor activities, reading challenges, and weekly take-home kits for kids. All ages were encouraged to participate and help the Library to reach its community-wide reading goal of 100,000 minutes.



Summer Reading Program

309

Registered
participants in summer reading program

135,608

Minutes Read

1,962

Books Read



1,200

Take-Home Kits
distributed

Annual Statistics

42,000

Patron Visits

65,000

Material Checkouts



ANIMAL SERVICES



Contactless Service

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic brought about many changes in animal sheltering. Shelters across the nation as well as our own needed to place animals in permanent and foster homes. In the first month of the pandemic, the shelter population dropped from 70 animals to 21. Between March and April, 36 animals were adopted and 13 were placed in foster homes. Since that time, the shelter

population has remained low thanks to new programs put into place through the American Pets Alive! Human Animal Support Services (AmPA! HASS) coalition. We were accepted as a tier 2 shelter to the AmPA! HASS coalition in June. Since then, we have implemented new programs such as enhanced return to owner policies, 911 Foster, and Home to Home.

137

Animal Surrenders

442

Impounded Animals

24

Animals Born in Shelter

96

Bite Cases Investigated

\$13,000

Funds Raised

Through grants and fundraisers

1

Re-purposed Vehicle

603

Animals Processed

349 adopted

39 to rescues

116 returned home

35 adopted through Home to Home

30 community cats sterilized

44 year end population





PUBLIC UTILITIES

5.9

Miles of Copper Line
replaced - 2 miles remain to complete project

Highlights

- Munz Lift Station relocated and rebuilt
- Aeration Tanks at Wastewater Treatment Plant serviced to clear out sludge (20 year)
- Water Treatment Plant - the protective coatings applied to facility to increase longevity (15 - 20 years)
- Received the Gas Utility System 100% Performance Rating Award
- Public Service Announcement Video Winner - Award for Regional Champion, Texas811, SETX DPC Region

8,989

Utility Customers
average monthly billed customer count

Baker Katz Development

8,500

Feet of Gas Line
installed

272,249

MWH Electricity Sold

1,139 warrants cleared

407k

MCF Natural Gas Sold

prior to court

882.1

Million Gallons

treated drinking water

671.75

Million Gallons

treated waste water

2,183

811 Locates

375

Water Meters Replaced





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Highlights

- 67 inquiries for businesses interested in sites in Brenham
- 27 responses to those inquiries
- 15 site visits
- 13 projects still in the pipeline
- 54 small businesses supported with COVID Response Fund grants - thanks to \$118,613 donated by our community

363

Jobs Lost

source TexasLMI.com

22

Businesses Added

source TexasLMI.com

\$6.88M

Wages Paid

source TexasLMI.com



PUBLIC WORKS

Highlights

- Industrial Blvd Creek Crossing Upgrade
- Outsourcing of Sanitation to Brannon Industrial Group (BIG)
- Implementation of Drainage Utility Charge and creation of Drainage Fund - sets aside dedicated funding for drainage projects

6,500

Feet of Water & Sewer Line
installed

11

Street Reconstructions
completed

2

Detention Ponds

completed at Southwest Industrial Park and
Brenham Business Center



PARKS & RECREATION

Henderson Park

Improvements were completed (\$1M) including new play equipment, upgrades to the restrooms and concession areas, sidewalk connectivity, BBQ pit, and renovation of Henderson Field.

Grant Funds Awarded

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department - Local Park Grants funds awarded the City \$750,000 for Brenham Family Park - Proposed elements include a one-mile multi-use concrete trail, recreational lakes/detention ponds, wildflower

viewing areas, restrooms, parking, security lighting, road extension, a pedestrian bridge, utility infrastructure, and signage.

National Recreation Trail funds were also awarded in the amount of \$66,400 to complete the nature trail in Hohlt Park. The Crossover Nature Trail includes construction of a new .59-mile granite nature trail, a boardwalk, benches, and interpretive signage. Construction for both projects begins Summer 2021.

191

Total Park Acreage



3,563

Program Participants
Recreation Programming



27,713

Total Visits

Blue Bell Aquatic Center (BBAC)



11,450

Summer Visits
BBAC

403

KidFish Participants



Splash Pad
in Henderson Park



StoryWalk
in Fireman's Park

40,883

Out-of-Town Visitors
estimated for tournaments

868

Visiting Teams
for tournaments



Henderson Field
in Henderson Park

Programing Through the Pandemic

- Distributed 421 Hunt @home Easter Kits
- 485 youth served at Drive-Thru Trunk-or-Treat
- Distributed 1,600 goodie bags - Santa's Tour Through Town
- @home Recreation activities online - March - June

Resident Feedback

"Thank you so much for the StoryWalk! My grandson (age 4) enjoyed [This Way, Charlie](#), so much that he asked me to buy the book for him. I can't wait to share the two new stories with him on this next visit. What a wonderful way to install a love of reading and the outdoors at the same time."

-Carey Soderstrom



Wi-Fi
in Fireman's & Linda
Anderson Park



POLICE

Highlights

- Created a Police Citizens Advisory Board
- Completed Citizen Police Academy Class #34
- New positions created: Community Resource Officer, Police Action Committee, Chief of Staff, Operation Porch Guard
- K9 Officer Robbie Retired

2

Life Saving Awards
presented to officers

37

Sworn Officers

1 being new Police Chief Ron Parker

35,219

Service Calls





FIRE

16

Fire Museum Tours

1

New Command Vehicle

3,600

Hours of Training
completed

65

Public Relations Events
attended

1,150

Service Calls



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Code Compliance Statistics

1,552

Code Violations
at 1,339 properties

60

Outstanding Violations

1,279

Violations Now Compliant

11

Violations Escalated
to Municipal Court

962

Permits Issued
valued at \$90,864,963

86

Commercial
Plan Review Cases

94

Residential Homes
permitted

45

Requests & Cases
processed & approved by Planning and Zoning

2,595

Inspections
performed by our 2 officials

4

Variance & Exception
requests processed by Board of Adjustment

Airport Highlights

- Runway Repair Project completed
- REIL and PAPI lights replaced

6

T-Hanger Leases
processed

8

Ground Space Hanger Leases
processed



MAIN STREET & TOURISM

Highlights

- Developed an award winning website (Texas Association of Convention & Visitors Bureaus (TACVB) first place for website for DMO budgets under \$1M)
- Became a Texas Music Friendly Community

\$25,000

in Assistant Grants

distributed for retail assistance during pandemic



NO

Local Business Closures

due to COVID-19



MUNICIPAL COURT
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MUNICIPAL COURT

2,362

Cases Completed
prior to court

4,025

New Cases Filed
4,547 cases disposed

276

Pay Plans Established

4,038

Warrants Issued
1,139 warrants cleared

922

Cases Dismissed
after deferred disposition or driving safety course



HUMAN RESOURCES

1,045

Applicants Received

565

Documents Issued
for annual regulatory reporting

71

New Employees

31

Service Recognitions
19 - 5-15 years & 12 - 20-35 years

98

Outgoing Employees
retirements/resignations/terminations



CITY SECRETARY

519

Public Information

requests - resulting in 21,648 pages released

Highlights

- Implemented a web-based agenda management program for the compilation of all City Council agendas and packets
- Conducted first virtual City Council meeting
- Annexation of 52.428 acres for the construction of Vintage Farms Subdivision
- 31 liens processed; resulting in \$11,628 in revenues

69

Ordinances & Resolutions

written/amended

33

Council Meetings

generating 3,223 pages of documents

71

Permits Issued

for special events and alcohol



Stay

AT

home

for the

people

and our

COMMUNITY.

Together

we can

slow the

SPREAD.

We are

Brenham.

WE ARE

#BRENHAMSTRONG

CITY OF BRENHAM







Thank you to the many community partners that helped make 2020 a great year.

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