

Brenham City Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on February 17, 2022 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 Clint Kolby
Councilmember Shannan Canales
Councilmember Leah Cook
Councilmember Atwood Kenjura
Councilmember Adonna Saunders
Councilmember Albert Wright

Members Absent:

None

City of Brenham Staff present:

City Manager Carolyn Miller; City Attorney Cary Bovey; City Secretary Jeana Bellinger; Director of Public Works Dane Rau; Director of Finance Stacy Hardy; Human Resources Director Susan Nienstedt; Strategic Budget Officer Debbie Gaffey; Economic Development Director Susan Cates; Legal and Legislative Services Manager Karen Stack; Deputy City Secretary Alyssa Faykus; City Planner Shauna Laauwe; Officer Curtiss Schoen; Public Utilities Director Alton Sommerfield; Dant Lange; Shawn Bolenbarr

Citizens/Others Present:

Brian Fathauer, Amanda Fathauer, Ron Fathauer, Douglass Borchardt, Mary Hensley, Mary Barnes, Amy Warmke, Billy Rogers, Keith Herring, Lindi Braddock, Camaron Pmiatt, Blyss McGinely, Damantha Pietsch, Charles Moser, Karly Donnell, Wanda Majewski, Bruno Majewski, Cherry Fratus, Cindy Brannon, J.R. Johnson, Syndi Brannon, Savannah Gutierrez, DeeAnna Marek, Lauren Sinclair, Robin Scott, Blake Brannon and Shelly Moschak.

Media Present:

Jason May, Brenham Banner-Press; and Josh Blaschke, KWHI

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags – Councilmember Shannan Canales**
3. **Proclamations:**
 - Fair Housing Month
4. **Citizens Comments**

No citizen comments were heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Statutory Consent Agenda

5-a. Approve the Minutes from the January 20, 2022 and February 3, 2022 Regular City Council Meetings, the January 24, 2022 Special City Council Meeting, and the January 26, 2022 Workshop Meeting

5-b. Approve Ordinance No. 22-003 on Its Second Reading Adopting the 2022 Thoroughfare Plan, A supplement to the City of Brenham Comprehensive Plan ‘Historic Past, Bold Future: Plan 2040’

5-c. Approve the Following:

- i. **Resolution No. R-22-004 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Criminal Justice Grant Program, FY23, for a Portable Surveillance Kit;**
- ii. **Resolution No. R-22-005 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division, 2022 State Homeland Security Program – LEPTA Projects (SHSP-L), for an ICOR Technology Mini-Caliber Robot**
- iii. **Resolution No. R-22-006 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division, 2022 State Homeland Security Program – Regular Projects (SHSP-R), for a SeekerE MDK Detector**
- iv. **Resolution No. R-22-007 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for the Rifle Resistant Body armor Grant Program, 2023**

5-d. Approve Resolution No. R-22-008 Authorizing the Acceptance of a Grant in the Amount of \$66,400.00 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to Participate in the Recreational Trail Grant Program for Improvements to the Nature Trail at Hohlt Park

5-e. Approve Resolution No. 22-009 Designating Authorized Signatories for Contractual Documents and Documents Requesting Funds Related to the General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Grant Contract

5-f. Approve Resolution No. R-22-010 Related to the City of Brenham, Texas Participation in Federally Funded General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Projects and Adherence to the Regulations Described Therein

A motion was made by Councilmember Canales and seconded by Councilmember Saunders to approve the Statutory Consent Agenda Items 5-a. thru 5-f. 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 Clint Kolby	Yes
Councilmember Shannan Canales	Yes
Councilmember Leah Cook	Yes
Councilmember Atwood Kenjura	Yes
Councilmember Adonna Saunders	Yes
Councilmember Albert Wright	Yes

PUBLIC HEARING AND ASSOCIATED ACTION ITEM

6. Public Hearing, Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution No. R-22-011 Providing Support for KGC Development LLC’s Submission of an Application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Requesting 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits for The Bluebonnet Development

Mayor Tate began this item by asking Councilmembers to make their comments before the public hearing. All City Councilmembers spoke on the following topics:

- What the housing tax credits are, and how local taxes are not being used for this project.
- Citizen concerns over location, including increased traffic, as well as the proposed development’s proximity to Blinn College.
- Citizen concerns of too much subsidized housing in Brenham.
- An identified need for workforce housing from the Residential Needs Assessment

Citizens who addressed the City Council were Brian Fathauer, Douglas R. Borchardt, Amy Warmke, Blake Brannon, Charles Moser, Jeff Majewski, Shelly Moschak, and Neil Krebs. These citizens spoke in opposition to the development and addressed the following concerns:

- Too much subsidized housing in Brenham
- Its proximity to Blinn College
- A possible increase in crime

- People moving into Brenham and bringing poorly behaved children, which would further inundate Brenham ISD behavior problems
- If the development would be approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission with needed rezoning and other related development needs

Citizen Mary Barnes thanked the Councilmembers for their time and expressed her belief that they would make the right decision on this item.

Ina Spokas, Vice President of Development for KGC Companies, LLC, who is overseeing this project, addressed many of the citizen’s concerns and asked the Council for their support of this project.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kolby and seconded by Councilmember Canales to approve Resolution No. R-22-011 providing support for KGC Development LLC’s submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs requesting 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits for The Bluebonnet Development

Mayor Tate called for a vote. The motion failed to pass with Council voting as follows:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	No
Mayor Pro Tem Clint Kolby	Yes
Councilmember Shannan Canales	Yes
Councilmember Leah Cook	Yes
Councilmember Atwood Kenjura	No
Councilmember Adonna Saunders	No
Councilmember Albert Wright	No

WORK SESSION

7. Discussion and Presentation on the City of Brenham Facility Naming Policy

Manager of Legal and Legislative Services Karen Stack presented this item. Stack explained that the City has never had a policy for the naming of City-owned facilities; however, the with many naming opportunities potentially arising as the Brenham Family Park is developed, staff felt it was a good opportunity to implement a naming policy.

Stack explained that as the policy is currently written, proposed names would need to satisfy one of the six following criteria:

- 1) Be descriptive of the Facility or its location.
- 2) Commemorate historical events, groups or individuals.
- 3) Honor an individual’s community service or contribution to the Facility’s interest or purpose.
- 4) Have historical, social, or cultural significance.

- 5) Have already been commonly used in an unofficial capacity by citizens.
- 6) Recognizes a significant donation for the acquisition or construction of the Facility to be named.

Stack then provided the Council with the following information:

- Defined:
 - Significant donation
 - Facilities
 - Amenities
 - Features
- Naming Procedures for Facilities
- Overview of the Naming Rights Agreement for facilities, amenities and features

There being no recommended changes to the Policy by the City Council, Stack advised that this Policy would be brought back at the next meeting for adoption.

REGULAR SESSION

8. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Rejection of All Bids Submitted in Response to Bid No. 2021-04 Related to Hohlt Park and Henderson Park Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

Public Works Manager Shawn Bolenbarr presented this item. Bolenbarr explained that only one bid was received from TMI Coatings of Saint Paul, Minnesota at \$198,000.00 for repainting the pedestrian walk bridges at Hohlt Park and Henderson Park.

Bolenbarr stated that since the bid is considerably over budget, staff recommends the bid be rejected so that they can work with Stand Engineering to look at alternative scopes of work that may help get the project costs down.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kolby and seconded by Councilmember Kenjura to reject all bids submitted in response to Bid No. 2021-04 related to Hohlt Park and Henderson Park pedestrian bridge rehabilitation 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 Clint Kolby	Yes
Councilmember Shannan Canales	Yes
Councilmember Leah Cook	Yes
Councilmember Atwood Kenjura	Yes
Councilmember Adonna Saunders	Yes
Councilmember Albert Wright	Yes

9. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-22-012 Repealing Resolution No. R-82-010 Authorizing the Creation of the Brenham Airport Advisory Association and Associated Issues

City Secretary Jeana Bellinger presented this item. Bellinger stated that due to the City Council’s decision to disband the Airport Advisory Board, the city needed to repeal Resolution No. R-82-010 authorizing the creation of the Brenham Airport Advisory Association, in order to clean up the historical records.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kenjura and seconded by Councilmember Wright to approve Resolution No. R-22-012 repealing Resolution No. R-82-010 authorizing the creation of the Brenham Airport Advisory Association and associated issues.

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

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Clint Kolby	Yes
Councilmember Shannan Canales	Yes
Councilmember Leah Cook	Yes
Councilmember Atwood Kenjura	Yes
Councilmember Adonna Saunders	Yes
Councilmember Albert Wright	Yes

10. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Repealing an Order Providing for the Approval of By-Laws for the Airport Advisory Board of the City of Brenham, TX

A motion was made by Councilmember Saunders and seconded by Councilmember Cook to approve an Ordinance on its first reading repealing an Order providing for the approval of By-Laws for the Airport Advisory Board of the City of Brenham, Texas.

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

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Clint Kolby	Yes
Councilmember Shannan Canales	Yes
Councilmember Leah Cook	Yes
Councilmember Atwood Kenjura	Yes
Councilmember Adonna Saunders	Yes
Councilmember Albert Wright	Yes

11. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

- City Manager Carolyn Miller reported on the following:
 - Recognized the City’s financial team for receiving the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 13th consecutive year.
 - Reminded City Council about the upcoming Council Retreat on February 21-22 at Morriss Hall.

City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 2:32 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Texas Government Code Section 551.086 – Texas Government Code – Utility Competitive Matters – City of Brenham Gas Utility System – Gas Supply and Transportation Arrangements and Agreements, And Associated Matters

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 2:49 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.

Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary



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