

Brenham City Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on Thursday, April 18, 2024 beginning at 1:00 PM in the Brenham City Hall, City Council Chambers, at 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Atwood Kenjura
Mayor Pro Tem Clint Kolby
Councilmember Shannan Canales
Councilmember Leah Cook
Councilmember Adonna Saunders
Councilmember Albert Wright

Members Absent:

Councilmember Paul LaRoche

City of Brenham Staff Present:

City Manager Carolyn Miller, City Attorney Cary Bovey, City Secretary/Director of Administrative Services Jeana Bellinger, General Manager of Public Utilities Debbie Gaffey, Director of Finance Stacy Hardy, Director of Public Works Dane Rau, Interim Fire Chief Ray Cooper, Interim Police Chief Lloyd Powell, Development Services Director Stephanie Doland, Karen Stack, Shawn Bolenbarr, Shauna Laauwe, Curtiss Schoen, Stephen Draehn, Jason Lange, and Steven Loving.

Citizens/Others Present:

Dwayne Gajewski

Media Present:

Sarah Forsythe with Banner Press, and Joshua Blaschke with KWHI.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags - City Manager Carolyn Miller**
- 3. Special Recognitions**

- ◆ **Stephen Draehn - Volunteer Firefighter**
- ◆ **Jason Lange - Volunteer Firefighter**

4. Citizen Comments

No citizen comments were heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Statutory Consent Agenda

- 5.a. Approve the Minutes from the April 4, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 5.b. Approve Ordinance No. O-24-010 on Its Second Reading to Grant a Non-Exclusive Franchise to Waste Falcon, LLC to Operate a Roll-Off Container Service for the Residents, Businesses, and Industries Inside Brenham City Limits**
- 5.c. Approve Ordinance No. O-24-011 on Its Second Reading Amending Chapter 26, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances Establishing Rules and Regulations Regarding Sanitation and Pollution Control of the Areas in Proximity to the City of Brenham's Public Water Supply Wells**
- 5.d. Approve Ordinance No. O-24-012 on Its Second Reading Amending Appendix A - Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brenham Granting a Specific Use Permit to Allow an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) in an R-1 Single-Family Residential Use Zoning District on Property Addressed as 503 Walnut Hill Drive, and Described as Walnut Hill, Block 1, Lot 2, in Brenham, Washington County, Texas (Case Number P-24-004)**
- 5.e. Approve Change Order No. 2 for Project No. 2021-06-A to Dudley Construction, LLC in the Amount of -\$3,504.25 for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Improvements-Stone Hollow Lift Station Replacement and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**
- 5.f. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Final Payment for Project No. 2023-01 to Texas KB Utilities LLC in the Amount of \$11,242.59 for the Drainage Improvements on Progress Drive and Valley Drive and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**
- 5.g. Approve the Acceptance of a Grant Through the Community Development Partnership Program (CDPP) Grant Offered by the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) in the Amount of \$25,000.00 for Two (2) Electronic Message Board Signs for Various City Departments and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**

A motion was made by Councilmember Wright and seconded by Councilmember Saunders to approve Statutory Consent Agenda Items 5.a. through 5.g. as presented.

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

Yes: Mayor Kenjura, Mayor Pro Tem Kolby, Councilmember Canales, Councilmember Cook, Councilmember Saunders, Councilmember Wright

No: None

Absent: Councilmember LaRoche

WORK SESSION

6. Discussion and Presentation of the City of Brenham Police Department's 2023 Racial Profiling Report

Interim Police Chief Lloyd Powell presented this item. Powell explained that the report is required under State and Federal law and provides details on traffic stops, citations issued, arrests made, and searches conducted by the Brenham Police Department.

Powell stated that Brenham PD had a total of 10,609 traffic stops in 2023 and that in only 0.71% of them did the officers know the race of the driver. Powell advised that the 10,609 stops had the following racial breakdown:

- Alaska Native/American Indian: 00.10% (12 stops)
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 02.03% (215 stops)
- Black: 25.17% (2,670 stops)
- White: 48.36% (5,130 stops)
- Hispanic/Latino: 24.34% (2,582 stops)

7. Discussion and Presentation on the City of Brenham Charter Article I, Incorporation; Form of Government; Boundaries, and Article II, Powers

City Secretary/Director of Administrative Services Jeana Bellinger presented this item. Bellinger provided the following information on the review of City's Charter in preparation for a Charter Election in May 2025:

- 2024 Charter Review Process
- Reviewing the Charter one Article at a time

- Article I - Incorporation, Form of Government, Boundaries
- Article II - Powers
- Cities of Reference: Addison, Bay City, Boerne, Kerrville, Manor, Seagoville
- Explained Proposition No. 18 approved by the voters in the 2015 Charter Election allowing City Council to make minor changes to the Charter through the passage of an Ordinance, instead of a Proposition on the ballot.
- Presented the following recommended changes to the Charter
 1. Changing the title of the Charter to "Home Rule Charter" - this can be done by Ordinance
 2. Correcting Article I, Section 2, to reflect that the City will annex property as allowed by state and federal law - this would be a Proposition on the ballot
 3. Correction of grammar and punctuation in Sections 1 and 2 of Article II - this can be done by Ordinance

Bellinger explained that these three recommended changes will be brought back to City Council for final approval.

10. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

City Manager Carolyn Miller presented the following:

- April 18th at 6:00 p.m. - Museum on Main, Camptown, Let Your Voice Be Heard
- April 25th at 5:30 p.m. - Prayer Vigil for the victims of the DPS Incident
- May 2nd at 1:00 p.m. - Regular Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 8. Section 551.072 - Texas Government Code - Deliberation Regarding Real Property - Deliberation Related to the Sale of Approximately 0.0143 Acres to TXDOT for the US Highway 290 Cloverleaf Project (RCSJ No. 0114-09-096) in Brenham, Washington County, Texas**

Adjourned into Executive Session at 1:37 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

- 9. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Sale of Approximately 0.0143 Acres of Land to TXDOT for the US Highway 290 Cloverleaf Project in Brenham, Washington County, Texas and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**

Executive Session was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kolby and seconded by Councilmember Saunders to approve the sale of approximately 0.0143 acres of land to TXDOT for the US Highway 290 Cloverleaf Project in Brenham, Washington County, Texas and authorize the Mayor to approve and execute the final documents related to the sale.

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

Yes: Mayor Kenjura, Mayor Pro Tem Kolby, Councilmember Canales, Councilmember Cook, Councilmember Saunders, Councilmember Wright

No: None

Absent: Councilmember LaRoche

ADJOURN

Atwood C. Kenjura
Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary