

## **Brenham City Council Minutes**

A Regular Meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on Thursday, May 2, 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 Paul LaRoche  
Councilmember Adonna Saunders  
Councilmember Albert Wright

### Members Absent:

None

### 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, General Manager of Public Utilities William Bisette, Assistant General Manager of Public Utilities Alton Sommerfield, Chief Financial Officer Julie Flagg, Director of Finance Stacy Hardy, Director of HR and Risk Management Susan Nienstedt, Interim Fire Chief Ray Cooper, Asst. Police Chief Lloyd Powell, Economic & Community Development Director Teresa Rosales, Robin Hutchens, Shawn Bolenbarr, Jessica Perez, Alex Saenz, Curtiss Schoen, Jason Lange, James Antowiak, Tiffany Anderson, Conner Caskey, Jason Derrick, Sierra Randle, Matthew Brown, Jose Perez, Tommy Kurie, and Mark Pierce.

### Citizens/Others Present:

None

### Media Present:

Sarah Forsythe with Banner Press and Josh Blaschke with KWHI.

## **1. Call Meeting to Order**

2. **Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags - Mayor Atwood C. Kenjura**
3. **New Employee Introductions**
  - ◆ **Julie Flagg - Chief Financial Officer**
  - ◆ **William Bisette - General Manager of Public Utilities**
4. **Service Recognitions**
  - ◆ **James Antkowiak - Electric Department - 25 Years**
5. **Special Recognition**
  - ◆ **Brenham Police Department**
6. **Proclamations**
  - ◆ **National Peace Officers Memorial Week**
7. **Citizen Comments**

No citizen comments were heard.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

8. **Statutory Consent Agenda**
  - 8.a. **Approve the Minutes from the April 18, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting**
  - 8.b. **Approve an Ordinance on Its First Reading to Grant a Non-Exclusive Franchise to Vacha Waste Management Services, LLC dba Texas Ranch Rolloffs to Operate a Roll-Off Container Service for the Residents, Businesses, and Industries Inside Brenham City Limits**
  - 8.c. **Approve an Ordinance on Its First Reading to Grant a Non-Exclusive Franchise to Purple Rentals to Operate a Roll-Off Container Service for the Residents, Businesses, and Industries Inside Brenham City Limits**

Mayor Kenjura removed item 8.c. from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wright and seconded by Councilmember Saunders to approve Consent Agenda items 8.a. through 8.b.

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 LaRoche, Councilmember Saunders, Councilmember Wright

**No:** None

**Absent:** None

## **REGULAR SESSION**

### **9. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-24-006 to Repeal Resolution No. R-04-013 Related to a Contract Between the City of Brenham and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP for the Collection of Delinquent Property Taxes**

City Secretary/Director of Administrative Services Jeana Bellinger presented this item. Bellinger advised that in March, staff was contacted by Chief Appraiser Dyann White about the City's contract with Brenham Independent School District (BISD) for the collection of property taxes. Bellinger advised that since the 1990s, the City has had an agreement with the Washington County Appraisal District (WCAD) - through BISD for the collection of the City's property taxes. Bellinger advised that also, since the 1990s, BISD has contracted with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP (Linebarger) to collect delinquent property taxes on behalf of the City and all the other taxing entities in Washington County.

Bellinger advised that in November 2023, BISD terminated the contract with Linebarger and entered into a new property tax collection agreement with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP (Perdue). Bellinger advised that upon reviewing contract documents and talking with representatives from Linebarger, it was discovered that the City had a separate contract with Linebarger from the 1990's that was amended in 2004.

Bellinger advised that staff recommends that the City's agreement with Linebarger be terminated so that the City's delinquent property taxes can be collected, along with all the other taxing entities in Washington County, by Perdue.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kolby and seconded by Councilmember LaRoche to approve Resolution No. R-24-006 to repeal Resolution No. R-04-013 related to a contract for the collection of delinquent property taxes between the City of Brenham and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP.

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 LaRoche, Councilmember Saunders, Councilmember Wright

**No:** None

**Absent:** None

**10. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Brenham and Brenham Independent School District for the Assessment and Collection of Property Taxes and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**

City Secretary/Director of Administrative Services Jeana Bellinger presented this item. Bellinger advised that upon reviewing the City's contract with Brenham Independent School District (BISD) for the assessment and collection of property taxes, it was discovered that the agreement had not updated since the 1990s. Bellinger advised that the new agreement still gives the Washington County Appraisal District, through BISD, the authority to assess and collect property taxes for the City but the language has been updated to reflect new state law requirements and the appropriate payment for these services.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kolby and seconded by Councilmember Wright to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Brenham and Brenham Independent School District for the assessment and collection of property taxes and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation.

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 LaRoche, Councilmember Saunders, Councilmember Wright

**No:** None

**Absent:** None

**11. Administrative/Elected Officials Report**

City Manager Carolyn Miller reported on the following:

- May 4th - Maifest Parade @ 10:00 a.m.
- May 16th - Next Regular City Council Meeting
- May 20th - Budget Retreat
- May 21st - Barnhill Speaker Series - Former Governor of Texas Rick Perry

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 1:23 p.m.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **12. Section 551.071, Texas Government Code - Consultation with City Attorney - Consultation with City Attorney Concerning the Brenham Municipal Airport, Its Operations and Services, and Associated Matters**

Executive Session adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

## **ADJOURN**

*Atwood C. Kenjura*

Mayor



*Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC*

City Secretary