

Brenham City Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on Thursday, October 17, 2024 beginning at 1:00 PM in the Brenham City Hall, City Council Chambers, at 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mayor Atwood Kenjura
Councilmember Paul LaRoche

City of Brenham Staff Present:

City Attorney Cary Bovey, City Secretary/Director of Administrative Services Jeana Bellinger, General Manager of Public Utilities William Bisette, Assistant General Manager of Public Utilities Alton Sommerfield, Director of Water/Wastewater Bobby Keene, Director of Finance Stacy Hardy, Director of Public Works Dane Rau, Director of HR and Risk Management Susan Nienstedt, Fire Chief Mark Donovan, Assistant Fire Chief David Cella, Assistant Police Chief Curtiss Schoen, Economic & Community Development Director Teresa Rosales, Robin Hutchens, Shawn Bolenbarr, Richard O'Malley, Leigh Linden, and Kevin Schmidt.

Citizens/Others Present:

None

Media Present:

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

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags - Mayor Pro Tem Clint Kolby**

3. Citizen Comments

No citizen comments were heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Statutory Consent Agenda

- 4.a. Approve the Minutes from the October 3, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting**
- 4.b. Approve Ordinance No. O-24-028 on Its Second Reading Granting a Variance to Section 23-22(5)(a) of the City of Brenham Code of Ordinances, Chapter 23, Subdivisions (Case No. P-20-029)**
- 4.c. Approve Resolution No. R-24-017 Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the City of Brenham and the Texas Department of Transportation for the Temporary Closure of the State Right-of-Way in Connection with the 2024 Downtown Christmas Stroll and Lighted Parade to be Held on December 7, 2024**
- 4.d. Approve a Two-Year License Agreement Between the City of Brenham and Quicklert, Inc. for the Internal Phone Paging System in the Amount of \$3,704.00 and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**

A motion was made by Councilmember Wright and seconded by Councilmember Saunders to approve Consent Agenda Items 4.a. through 4.d. as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Kolby called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

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

No: None

Absent: Mayor Kenjura, Councilmember LaRoche

REGULAR SESSION

- 5. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Authorizing the Placement of a Stop Sign on Muse Street at Its Intersection with Harrington Street**

Director of Public Works Dane Rau presented this item. Rau explained that this “T” intersection currently does not have a stop sign on Muse Street and technically should. Rau explained that the City has received several requests about the placement of a stop sign due to vehicles not stopping and just making the turn onto Harrington Street. Rau advised that once City staff looked at the intersection, a stop sign could easily be added which would make it mandatory to stop on Muse Street.

A motion was made by Councilmember Canales and seconded by Councilmember Cook to approve an Ordinance on its first reading authorizing the placement of a stop sign on Muse Street at its intersection with Harrington Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Kolby called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

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

No: None

Absent: Mayor Kenjura, Councilmember LaRoche

6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Providing No Parking Zones on West Fifth Street in the City of Brenham

Director of Public Works Dane Rau presented this item. Rau stated that no parking is recommended beginning at 805 W. Fifth westward, approximately 700 foot, ending at the intersection of W. Fifth and Prairie Lea (FM 389). Rau explained that these “No Parking” areas will coordinate with Blinn’s Parking Plan and help keep students dedicated to specific parking lots. It will also help emergency vehicles maneuver better in these areas along with adding protection for pedestrians/students by not blocking roadways and improving visibility.

Rau added that City staff will erect signs and Blinn will paint curbs as necessary to reflect the described areas for enforcement purposes once the second reading of this ordinance is approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Canales and seconded by Councilmember Saunders to approve an Ordinance on its first reading providing No Parking Zones on West Fifth Street in the City of Brenham.

Mayor Pro Tem Kolby called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Yes: Mayor Pro Tem Kolby, Councilmember Canales, Councilmember Cook,

Councilmember Saunders, Councilmember Wright

No: None

Absent: Mayor Kenjura, Councilmember LaRoche

7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Award of Bid Related to the Rehabilitation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Project No. 66C-16C, and the Rehabilitation of the Process Aeration Blowers, Project No. 66C-17C and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

Public Utilities Project Manager Shawn Bolenbarr presented this item. Bolenbarr explained that in September 2024 the City opened bids for the rehabilitation of the old Wastewater Treatment Plant and the UV light disinfection system. Bolenbarr stated that of the three bids received, Stolz Mechanical Contractors, LLC came in lowest at \$3,755,500.00. Bolenbarr explained that these projects exceeded the amount of the ARPA grant funding and after some discussion with staff it was determined that the difference would be made up with FY2024 water bond proceeds.

A motion was made by Councilmember Saunders and seconded by Councilmember Wright to award a bid related to the Rehabilitation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Project No. 66C-16C, and the Rehabilitation of the Process Aeration Blowers, Project No. 66C-17C to Stolz Mechanical Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$3,755,500.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Kolby called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

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

No: None

Absent: Mayor Kenjura, Councilmember LaRoche

8. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Award of Bid Related to Groundwater Supply Phase I, Project No. 63C-22C and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

Public Utilities Project Manager Shawn Bolenbarr presented this item. Bolenbarr explained that in September 2024 the City opened bids for Groundwater Supply-Phase 1 which consists of rehabilitating the existing Loesch Street Jasper Aquifer water well and constructing one new Catahoula Aquifer water well. Bolenbarr explained that Hydro Resources-Mid Continent, Inc. submitted the lowest bid of \$1,864,560.00, which came in over the initial bond funding amount. Bolenbarr explained that this project will be paid

for with FY24 Bond proceeds.

A motion was made by Councilmember Saunders and seconded by Councilmember Wright to award the bid related to Groundwater Supply Phase I, Project No. 63C-22C to Hydro Resources-Mid Continent, Inc. in the amount of \$1,864,560.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Kolby called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

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

No: None

Absent: Mayor Kenjura, Councilmember LaRoche

9. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Purchase of a Virtual Server Host and Storage System Equipment for the City of Brenham Information Technology Department through Contract No. DIR-TSO-3763 and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

IT Manager Kevin Schmidt presented this item. Schmidt explained that this proposal is for hardware and services to replace our virtual server hosts and storage system equipment. Schmidt explained that the new system will allow for continued growth of the IT needs of the City. Schmidt stated that the VM Environment system contains all the City's internal server applications and data storage and that the current system will be end-of-support early next year, and the replacement needs to be configured and tested prior to this time.

A motion was made by Councilmember Canales and seconded by Councilmember Cook to approve the purchase of a virtual server host and storage system equipment for the City of Brenham Information Technology Department from Weaver Technology through Contract No. DIR-TSO-3763 in the amount of \$199,607.13 and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Kolby called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

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

No: None

Absent: Mayor Kenjura, Councilmember LaRoche

10. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

Director of Administrative Services/City Secretary Jeana Bellinger stated there were no items to report on.

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Clint Kolby

Mayor Pro Tem

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary