

Brenham City Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on Thursday, February 20, 2025 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 William Bisette, Chief Financial Officer Julie Flagg, Director of HR and Risk Management Susan Nienstedt, Fire Chief Mark Donovan, Assistant Fire Chief David Cella, Police Chief Lloyd Powell, Assistant Police Chief Curtiss Schoen, Economic & Community Development Director Teresa Rosales, Director of Tourism and Marketing Jennifer Eckermann, Robin Hutchens, Shawn Bolenbarr, Richard O'Malley, Nancy Joiner, and Steven Eilert.

Citizens/Others Present:

Ingrid Cuero, Allan Oberrender, and Sam Sommer.

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 - City Attorney Cary Bovey**
- 3. Proclamations**
 - ◆ **Sharon Brass Appreciation Day - Postponed**

4. Citizen Comments

No citizen comments were heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Statutory Consent Agenda

- 5.a. Approve the Minutes from the February 6, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 5.b. Approve the Use of Seized Narcotic Funds in the Amount of \$3,762.90 for the Purchase of Surveillance Equipment from B&H Photo and Electronics Corp and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**
- 5.c. Approve a Recommendation from the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) No. 1 Board to Approve TIRZ Funding Corrections, in the Amount of \$399,949.99, for Fiscal Years 2020-2024 Due to Revised Property Valuations 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 5.a through 5.c 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 LaRoche, Councilmember Saunders, Councilmember Wright

No: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING AND ASSOCIATED ACTION ITEM

- 6. Public Hearing, Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance on Its First Reading for the Creation of Reinvestment Zone Number 53 Requested by Del Sol Food Company, Inc. for Commercial Tax Phase-In Incentive on a Certain 29.153 Acre Tract or Parcel of Land Being Comprised of Lot 1A of the Brenham Business Center, Phase 1 in Brenham, Washington County and**

Being Located at 3015/3151 S. Blue Bell Road, Brenham, Texas with Boundaries Further Described in Exhibit "A" of the Ordinance Creating Reinvestment Zone Number 53, and Designating This Property as Qualifying for Tax Phase-In

Economic and Community Development Director Teresa Rosales presented this item. Rosales explained that Del Sol Food is requesting the Tax Phase-In Reinvestment Zone No. 53 for the expansion of their facility which will create 20 plus new jobs and a total capital investment estimated at \$14,000,000.00. Rosales stated that all the tax phase-in requirements have been met.

A motion was made by Councilmember Canales and seconded by Councilmember Saunders to approve an Ordinance on its first reading for the creation of Reinvestment Zone Number 53 requested by Del Sol Food Company, Inc. for Commercial Tax Phase-In Incentive on a certain 29.153 acre tract or parcel of land being comprised of Lot 1A of the Brenham Business Center, Phase 1 in Brenham, Washington County and being located at 3015/3151 S. Blue Bell Road, Brenham, Texas with boundaries further described in Exhibit "A" of the Ordinance creating Reinvestment Zone Number 53, and designating this property as qualifying for Tax Phase-In.

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

WORK SESSION

7. Discussion and Presentation for the Visit Brenham First Quarter FY2025 Report

Director of Tourism and Marketing Jennifer Eckermann presented this item. Eckermann reported on the following:

- DMO & Visitor Center statistics
- Visit Brenham/WC Website
- Visitor Center
- E-Newsletter

- Happening This Week Flyer
- Social Media Statistics
- Digital Marketing
- Print Ads
- Digital Ads
- Bonus Media
- The Barnhill Center - Entertainment, Rentals, and Fundraising Event
- Smithsonian Wrap-Up
- Geiger Media Tour Update

REGULAR SESSION

8. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

City Manager Carolyn Miller reported on the following:

- February 10th - Received AA - credit rating from Standards & Poor
- February 26th - Washington County Day at the Capital
- March 6th - Regular City Council Meeting

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 1:34 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 9. Section 551.071, Texas Government Code - Consultation with Attorney - Consultation with City Attorney Concerning City of Brenham's Police Department Operations, Personnel, and Associated Matters**
- 10. Section 551.071, Texas Government Code - Consultation with Attorney - Consultation with City Attorney Regarding Demand Letter Received by City of Brenham, and Associated Matters**
- 11. Section 551.072, Texas Government Code - Deliberation Regarding Real Property - Discussion Regarding the Purchase, Exchange and/or Acquisition of Real Property for City of Brenham Sanitary Sewer Improvements and Facilities**
- 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 3:08 p.m.

ADJOURN

Atwood C. Kenjura

Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary

