

Brenham City Council Minutes

A Special Meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on Thursday, February 22, 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 Albert Wright
Councilmember Paul LaRoche

Members Absent:

Councilmember Adonna Saunders

City of Brenham Staff Present:

City Manager Carolyn Miller, City Secretary/Director of Administrative Services Jeana Bellinger, General Manager of Public Utilities Debbie Gaffey, Assistant General Manager of Public Utilities Alton Sommerfield, Strategic Budget Officer Tim McRoberts, Director of HR and Risk Management Susan Nienstedt, Interim Fire Chief Ray Cooper, Acting Police Chief Lloyd Powell, Development Services Director Stephanie Doland, Robin Hutchens, Shauna Laauwe, and Daniel McCracken.

Citizens/Others Present:

None

Media Present:

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

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags - Councilmember Albert Wright**
- 3. Citizen Comments**

No citizen comments were heard.

WORK SESSION

4. Discussion and Presentation on the City of Brenham Charter

City Secretary/Director of Administrative Services Jeana Bellinger presented this item. Bellinger advised that the work session is to provide an introduction to the City's Charter and history. Bellinger stated that the Charter mandates that it be reviewed every five (5) years for any possible revisions or updates and was last reviewed in 2019; however, the last time the Charter was amended was in 2015.

Bellinger presented the following:

- What is a Home Rule City
- What is a Home Rule Charter
- History of Brenham's Charter
- What's in the City of Brenham's Charter
- Should the City Change it
- How Does the City Change it
- When Does the City Change it
- What's the Process

REGULAR SESSION

5. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Ordinance No. O-24-003 on Its Second Reading Adopting Chapter 28, Impact Fees, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brenham, Texas

Director of Development Services Stephanie Doland presented this item. Doland advised that the Ordinance had not changed since the last reading. Doland advised that the recommendation is still as follows:

- Impact Fees for Water at ninety percent (90%) the Maximum Assessable Rate;
- Impact Fees for Wastewater at twenty percent (20%) the Maximum Assessable Rate; and
- To accept the results of the Roadway Impact Fee Study and not to adopt an Impact Fee for Roadways.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kolby and seconded by Councilmember Wright to approve Ordinance No. O-24-003 on its second reading adopting Chapter 28, Impact Fees, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brenham, Texas.

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 Wright

No: None

Absent: Councilmember Saunders

6. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

City Manager Carolyn Miller reported the following:

- The City's bond rating remained AA-
- March 4th - Fire Department Tours at New Braunfels and San Marcos
- March 7th - Regular City Council Meeting

ADJOURN

Atwood C. Kenjura
Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary