

Brenham City Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on Thursday, June 26, 2025 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 Leah Cook
Councilmember Paul LaRoche
Councilmember Adonna Saunders
Councilmember Albert Wright
Councilmember Steve Soman

Members Absent:

Mayor Atwood Kenjura

City of Brenham Staff Present:

City Manager Carolyn Miller, City Attorney Cary Bovey, Assistant City Manager Megan Mainer, General Manager of Public Utilities William Bisette, Director of Finance Stacy Hardy, Chief Financial Officer Julie Flagg, Fire Chief Mark Donovan, Assistant Fire Chief David Cella, Interim Police Chief David Gott, Development Services Director Stephanie Doland, Economic & Community Development Director Teresa Rosales, Robin Hutchens, Karen Stack, Kyle Branham, Shawn Bolenbarr, Richard O'Malley, Stephen Draehn, and Kelvin Raven.

Citizens/Others Present:

Sherry Harber, Jes'SeKah Kimble, Regina Grant Richardson, Shawn Richardson, and Joshua Peters (sign language interpreter).

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 Manager Carolyn Miller**
- 3. Citizen Comments**

Regina and Shawn Richardson addressed Council regarding an issue with

people parking in front of their home on Simon Street. The Richardson's both stated that they attempted to resolve the issue amicably but were unable to do so and ended up needing to get the police involved. The Richardson's then stated that this did not work either, which led them to contacting city staff about their options. Public Works Director Dane Rau suggested extending the width of the street by five feet and adding a curb, which will stop people from parking in the grass. The Richardson's stated that they are agreeable to the City's plan; however, they would like the width of the street to be extended two feet instead of five feet.

Jes'SeKah Kimble addressed City Council requesting that they consider waving Impact Fees for her father's property on Carrington Lane. Kimble stated that her father has owned the property since 1995 and it was annexed in 2008 with the City making minimal improvements since then.

Sherry Harber addressed Council stating that the downtown parklets are a land grab of public parking and ignoring the need for more parking. Harber stated that these parklets are harmful to downtown businesses causing less parking for visitors and are unattractive to the area. Harber requested that City Council require the removal of parklets.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Statutory Consent Agenda

- 4.a. Approve the Minutes from the June 9, 2025 Workshop Meeting and the June 12, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting**
- 4.b. Approve the Purchase of a Chevrolet Silverado 3500 Pickup Truck for the City of Brenham Water Construction Department from Lake Country Chevrolet Through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Contract No. 240901 in the Amount of \$80,826.25 and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**
- 4.c. Approve the Purchase of a Chevrolet Silverado 3500 Pickup Truck for the City of Brenham Wastewater Construction Department from Lake Country Chevrolet Through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Contract No. 240901 in the Amount of \$111,105.25 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.c as presented.

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

Yes: Mayor Pro Tem Kolby, Councilmember Cook, Councilmember LaRoche, Councilmember Saunders, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Soman

No: None

Absent: Mayor Kenjura

REGULAR SESSION

5. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution R-25-018 Adopting A Fee Schedule for the Production of Records Under the Public Information Act

Legal and Legislative Services Manager Karen Stack presented this item. Stack stated that the Texas Public Information Act (PIA) allows citizens to access most records held by the City of Brenham and the Attorney General's Office monitors local governments to ensure compliance with the PIA. Stack advised that in addition, the AG sets maximum costs that citizens may be charged for copies or access to records.

Stack explained that the City has previously charged only for voluminous requests. Stack explained that, however, in the last five years, the number of requests received by the City has almost doubled with the most notable increase is in the number of videos requested. Stack advised that videos are the most time-consuming type of record to produce, as they must be viewed in full and usually edited for release. Stack explained that the City is also noting an increased number of requests made for commercial or litigation purposes causing the assistance of a part-time employee to help with record production.

Stack explained that the City Secretary's Office has determined that it is necessary and appropriate for the City to begin charging allowed costs for all requests in order to recoup some of the taxpayer expenses associated with record production. Stack explained that these revenues will also help to offset the future purchase of specialized software to help manage the increased volume of requests.

A motion was made by Councilmember LaRoche and seconded by Councilmember Cook to approve Resolution No. R-25-018 adopting a Fee Schedule for the production of records under the Public Information Act.

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

Yes: Mayor Pro Tem Kolby, Councilmember Cook, Councilmember LaRoche, Councilmember Saunders, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Soman

No: None

Absent: Mayor Kenjura

6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Amending the Rate Tariff Schedules for the City of Brenham Water Utility Services and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

General Manager of Public Utilities William Bisette presented this item. Bisette explained that this matter is being returned to Council due to an oversight in the original rate calculation. Bisette advised that a review has identified an error in Rate Schedule W-I (Yard Sprinkler System Service – Urban) requiring correction and reconsideration to ensure accuracy. Bisette advised that Rate Schedule W-I is the rate that all commercial and industrial customers receiving water service through a permanent meter installation, which serves only a yard sprinkler system are charged.

A motion was made by Councilmember Saunders and seconded by Councilmember Wright to approve an Ordinance on its first reading amending the rate tariff schedules for the City of Brenham water utility services 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 Cook, Councilmember LaRoche, Councilmember Saunders, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Soman

No: None

Absent: Mayor Kenjura

7. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

City Manager Carolyn Miller reported on the following:

- July 3rd - Regular City Council meeting
- July 4th - City Holiday
- July 5th - Hot Night, Cool Tunes

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 1:24 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. Section 551.071, Texas Government Code - Consultation with Attorney -

**Consultation with City Attorney Concerning the Brenham Municipal Airport,
Its Operations and Services, and Associated Matters**

Executive Session adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

ADJOURN

Clint Kolby

Mayor Pro Tem



Robin Hutchens

Deputy City Secretary