

Brenham City Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on Thursday, July 3, 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
Councilmember Leah Cook
Councilmember Paul LaRoche
Councilmember Adonna Saunders
Councilmember Albert Wright
Councilmember Steve Soman

Members Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem Clint Kolby

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 Bissette, Director of Finance Stacy Hardy, Director of Public Works Dane Rau, Chief Financial Officer Julie Flagg, Assistant Fire Chief David Cella, Interim Police Chief David Gott, Development Services Director Stephanie Doland, Economic & Community Development Director Teresa Rosales, Kyle Branham, Jason Lange, Steven Eilert, and Leigh Linden.

Citizens/Others Present:

Mary Ellen Arbuckle, Sherry Harbor, Katlyn Marburger, Stayton Scott, Korbin Scott, Donna Lehmann, Tam Le, Gem Nguyen, Lizeth Andrade, Alan Lehmann, and Shannan Canales.

Media Present:

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

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags - Mayor Atwood C. Kenjura**
- 3. Special Presentation by the City of Brenham Community Services Grant Recipient - Brenham Pregnancy Center**

4. Citizen Comments

Sherry Harber addressed City Council stating that the City is using taxpayer money to fund a public seating area that has no benefit to the general public. Harber requested that City Council have the parklet on Park Street, located on the side of Mescalito Coffee, removed.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Statutory Consent Agenda

5.a. Approve Ordinance No. O-25-008 on Its Second Reading Amending the Rate Tariff Schedules for the City of Brenham Water Utility Services

A motion was made by Councilmember Wright and seconded by Councilmember Saunders to approve Consent Agenda Item 5.a. as presented.

Mayor Kenjura called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Yes: Mayor Kenjura, Councilmember Cook, Councilmember LaRoche, Councilmember Saunders, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Soman

No: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Kolby

PUBLIC HEARING AND ASSOCIATED ACTION ITEM

6. Public Hearing, Discussion and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Amending Appendix A – “Zoning” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brenham Granting a Specific Use Permit to Lizeth Andrade and Jorge Mendez Vite for the Property Located at 1306 Ewing Street, to Allow an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Use in an R-1 Single-Family Residential Zoning District on Approximately 0.33 Acres of Land Addressed as 1306 Ewing Street, Being Further Described as Washington Terrace, Block 16, Lot PT 3, All 5 & 7, in Brenham, Washington County, Texas (Case Number SPCUSE-25-0008)

Director of Development Services Stephanie Doland presented this item. Doland stated that Lizeth Andrade and Jorge Mendez Vite, the property owners and applicants, are requesting approval of a Specific Use Permit to construct an 18'x22', 1-story (396 sq.ft.), detached accessory dwelling unit (ADU). Doland explained the proposed

detached ADU is intended to be utilized as accommodation for guests and family. Doland explained that in addition to meeting the building codes and the requirements for structures and uses within the R-1 District, Section 10.02(4) of the Zoning Regulations lists six additional development standards for ADUs. Doland advised that the proposed ADU met or exceeded each of the additional development standards.

Doland advised that during a site visit, it was found that the subject property was currently nonconforming to the off-street parking requirements for an existing single-family home. Doland explained that a condition that the subject property be brought up to the zoning code for off-street parking for the principal structure is recommended for approval of the Specific Use Permit.

Doland advised that on Monday, June 23, 2025, after conducting a Public Hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the SUP with the condition to provide two (2) off-street parking spaces for the principal dwelling unit per zoning regulation Section 16.01(1).

A motion was made by Councilmember Cook and seconded by Councilmember Saunders to approve an Ordinance on its first reading amending Appendix A – “Zoning” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brenham granting a Specific Use Permit to Lizeth Andrade and Jorge Mendez for the property located at 1306 Ewing Street, to allow an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) use in an R-1 Single-Family Residential Zoning District on approximately 0.33 acres of land addressed as 1306 Ewing Street, being further described as Washington Terrace, Block 16, Lot PT 3, All 5 & 7, in Brenham, Washington County, Texas (Case Number SPCUSE-25-0008), with the condition to provide two (2) off-street parking spaces for the principal dwelling unit per zoning regulation Section 16.01(1).

Mayor Kenjura called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Yes: Mayor Kenjura, Councilmember Cook, Councilmember LaRoche, Councilmember Saunders, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Soman

No: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Kolby

- 7. Public Hearing, Discussion and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Amending Appendix A – “Zoning” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brenham Granting a Specific Use Permit to Korbin Scott for the Property Located at 1604 Eldon Street, to Allow an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Use in an R-1 Single-Family Residential Zoning District on Approximately 0.24 Acres of Land Addressed as 1604 Eldon Street, Being Further Described as Meadow Park Sec II, Lot 23, in Brenham, Washington**

County, Texas (Case Number SPCUSE-25-0006)

Director of Development Service Stephanie Doland presented this item. Doland stated that Korbin Scott, the property owner and applicant, is requesting approval of a Specific Use Permit to construct a 18'x30', 1-story (540 sq.ft.), detached accessory dwelling unit (ADU). Doland explained that the proposed detached ADU is intended to be utilized as a home for his father. (See Attached Staff Report Exhibit G). Doland advised that the proposed ADU meets or exceeds each of the additional development standards, except that the proposed site does not provide a designated off-street parking space for the ADU as required.

Doland advised that on Monday, June 23, 2025, after conducting a Public Hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the SUP request as presented in the Staff Report, with the condition to provide a dedicated off-street parking space of concrete or asphalt for the ADU.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cook and seconded by Councilmember Wright to approve an Ordinance on its first reading amending Appendix A – “Zoning” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brenham granting a Specific Use Permit to Korbin Scott for the property located at 1604 Eldon Street, to allow an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) use in an R-1 Single-Family Residential Zoning District on approximately 0.24 acres of land addressed as 1604 Eldon Street, being further described as Meadow Park Sec II, Lot 23, in Brenham, Washington County, Texas (Case Number SPCUSE-25-0006), with the condition to provide a dedicated off-street parking space of concrete or asphalt for the ADU.

Mayor Kenjura called for a vote. The motion passed with Council voting as follows:

Yes: Mayor Kenjura, Councilmember Cook, Councilmember LaRoche, Councilmember Saunders, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Soman

No: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Kolby

REGULAR SESSION

8. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon RFP No. 25-010 for the Annual Wood Pole Inspection and Reinforcement Project and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

Electric Superintendent Jason Lange presented this item. Lange advised that in June 2025, the Purchasing Department opened two bids for the 2025 Wood Pole

Inspection Project. Lange explained that this project will allow for inspection of 641 wood poles which typically have integrity issues at the ground level. Lange explained that the contractor will re-inspect the poles and verify that they can be reinforced and then will attach the reinforcing mechanism, extending their life for another 10 to 15 years.

Lange advised that the RFP was only for pole inspection services, not reinforcement services. The City has budgeted \$61,000.00 for this project and will inspect as many poles as possible with the allocated funds.

A motion was made by Councilmember LaRoche and seconded by Councilmember Saunders to award RFP No. 25-010 for the Annual Wood Pole Inspection Project to Entrust Solutions Group in an amount not to exceed \$61,000.00 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, Councilmember Cook, Councilmember LaRoche, Councilmember Saunders, Councilmember Wright, Councilmember Soman

No: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Kolby

9. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

City Manager Carolyn Miller reported on the following:

- July 4th - City Holiday
- July 5th - Hot Night Cool Tunes
- July 17th - Regular City Council Meeting

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 1:56 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Section 551.071, Texas Government Code - Consultation with Attorney - Consultation with City Attorney Regarding Dustyn Banik, Alma Sanchez and Gerran Banik v. City of Brenham, Texas; Civil Action No. 4:25-cv-2487; United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division

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

**Consultation with City Attorney Concerning Claims of Illegality of the
Downtown Parklet Located in the 200 Block of Park Street, and Associated
Matters**

**12. Section 551.072, Texas Government Code - Deliberation Regarding Real
Property - Discussion Regarding the Purchase, Exchange and/or Acquisition
of Real Property for the City of Brenham Electric Department Improvements
and Facilities**

Executive Session adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

ADJOURN

Atwood C. Kenjura

Mayor



Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary