

Brenham City Council Minutes

A special / workshop meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on Monday, July 21, 2025 beginning at 8:30 AM 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 Leah Cook
Councilmember Paul LaRoche
Councilmember Adonna Saunders
Councilmember Albert Wright
Councilmember Steve Soman

Members Absent:

None

City of Brenham Staff Present:

City Manager Carolyn Miller, Assistant City Manager Megan Mainer, City Secretary/Director of Administrative Services Jeana Bellinger, General Manager of Public Utilities William Bisette, Director of Gas and Utilities Shawn Bolenbarr, Director of Finance Stacy Hardy, Director of Public Works Dane Rau, Chief Financial Officer Julie Flagg, Director of HR and Risk Management Susan Nienstedt, Fire Chief Mark Donovan, Assistant Fire Chief David Cella, Economic & Community Development Director Teresa Rosales, Jessica Perez, Debbie Gaffey, Kyle Branham, Tammy Murphy, Stephen Draehn, Casey Redman, Tammy Jaster, Brian Smith, Leigh Linden, Kevin Schmidt, Jim Halley, Joshua Daniels, Jerry Saldivar, Jason Lange, Stephen Scheffer, Christy Korth, Terrence Johnson, Kathryn Brisco and Ande Bostain.

Citizens/Others Present:

None

Media Present:

None

1. Call Meeting to Order

REGULAR SESSION

2. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Amending Chapter 25, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brenham to

Amend the Hours of Controlled Speed Limits in Designated School Crossing Zones

Director of Public Works Dane Rau presented this item. Rau advised that Brenham Independent School District's (BISD's) Director of Transportation Services Manager, Brian Gibson, notified the City that the school zone times related to school zones be reconsidered since BISD bell schedules have shifted over the years. Rau advised that staff received the bell schedules from BISD. Most schools start at 8:00 am, with Brenham High School and Brenham Junior High starting earlier. Rau explained that staff reached out to Brooke Trahan and Superintendent Clay Gillentine, and both agreed that a change in the morning school zone times would serve better to be shifted back to aligning with earlier bell schedules and when traffic is the heaviest.

Rau advised that currently, the ordinance states that school zones begin at 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. with afternoons being from 2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Rau explained that due to the earlier bell schedules, heavier traffic and buses running earlier, all parties agree that a change in the morning times be shifted to 7:15 am-8:15 am. Rau advised that the City of Brenham will modify the current school zone signs to reflect the new times once approved. Rau advised that TXDOT will adjust their school zone beacons on TXDOT roadways to reflect the new time changes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cook and seconded by Councilmember Wright to approve an Ordinance on its first reading amending Chapter 25, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brenham to amend the hours of controlled speed limits in designated school crossing zones.

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

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

No: None

Absent: None

WORK SESSION

3. FY2025-26 Proposed Budget Discussions

Chief Financial Officer Julie Flagg presented the FY25-2026 proposed budget.

General Fund

- Economic Outlook
- Frozen Property Taxes
- Budget Overview
- General Fund Summary
- Budget Priorities
 - Public Safety
- Property Tax Rate
- Revenue Trends
- General Fund 101 Revenues/Other Sources
- General Fund 101 Expenditures
- Revenue and Expenditure History
- Personnel
- New Positions
- General Fund Department Review
- General Fund Sub-funds Review
- Special Revenue Funds Review
- Capital Project Funds Review
- Internal Service Funds Review
- BCDC Review

Utility Funds

- Budget Overview
 - Utility Outlook
 - Financial Overview of All Utility Funds
 - Financial Summary of Operating Funds
- Operating Department Review
- Water Capital Projects Update

ADJOURN

Atwood C. Kenjura

Mayor



Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary