

## **Brenham City Council Minutes**

A Regular Meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on Thursday, April 16, 2026 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 Leah Cook  
Councilmember Paul LaRoche  
Councilmember Adonna Saunders  
Councilmember Steve Soman  
Councilmember Albert Wright

### Members Absent:

None

### City of Brenham Staff Present:

Interim City Manager Megan Mainer, City Attorney Cary Bovey, City Secretary/Director of Administrative Services Jeana Bellinger, General Manager of Public Utilities William Bisette, Director of Gas and Utilities Shawn Bolenbarr, Director of Water and Wastewater, 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, Police Chief Gary Boshears, David Cella, Gabriela Trejo

### Citizens/Others Present:

None

### Media Present:

Jason May, Brenham Banner Press, and Josh Blaschke, KWHI

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags - City Attorney Cary Bovey**
- 3. Citizen Comments**

No citizen comments were heard.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **4. Statutory Consent Agenda**

#### **4.a. Approve the Minutes from the March 30, 2026 Special City Council Meeting**

A motion was made by Councilmember Wright and seconded by Councilmember Saunders to approve the minutes from the March 30, 2026, Special City Council meeting.

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 Soman, Councilmember Wright

**No:** None

**Absent:** None

## **WORK SESSION**

### **5. Department Update: Airport and Engineering**

Megan Mainer, Interim City Manager, presented this item and provided the City Council with an update on the Brenham Municipal Airport operations and engineering projects.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

### **6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Award of Bid No. 26-005 Related to Vegetation Management Services and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**

Jared Beckendorf, Utility Project and Warehouse Manager, presented this item. Beckendorf stated that the Public Utilities Department is seeking approval to enter into an agreement for tree trimming and vegetation management services. The scope of work consists of trimming and removing trees and other vegetation as necessary to maintain proper clearance for distribution power lines within the established right-of-way.

Beckendorf advised that on March 3, 2026, the City opened bids for vegetation

management services. A total of five bids were received, ranging from \$226,814.32 to \$483,000.00 and Vegetation Management Services, Inc. submitting the lowest bid.

A motion was made by Councilmember Saunders and seconded by Councilmember Cook to award Bid No. 26-005 related to vegetation management services to Vegetation Management Services in the amount of \$148,120.02 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, Mayor Pro Tem Kolby, Councilmember Cook, Councilmember LaRoche, Councilmember Saunders, Councilmember Soman, Councilmember Wright

**No:** None

**Absent:** None

**7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Appointment of Members to Serve on the Brenham Community Projects Fund Board of Directors and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**

Jeana Bellinger, City Secretary, presented this item. Bellinger stated in 2016, the City Council formed the Brenham Community Projects Fund, Inc. (BCPF) to provide a process for the City to receive, accept, hold, invest, reinvest or administer gifts, grants or bequests of money or property of any sort or nature to be used to actively promote community projects or programs that preserve, foster and enhance the economic and social well-being of the community. The BCPF was approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity in January, 2017.

Bellinger stated that the bylaws of the BCPF require that the City Council appoint a Board of Directors to oversee all the activities of the BCPF as permitted by statutes, or outlined in their Certificate of Formation or bylaws. The Board of Directors shall consist of no less than three (3) members, and they will be appointed to staggered two-year terms.

A motion was made by Councilmember Saunders and seconded by Councilmember Wright to appoint the following members to serve on the Brenham Community Projects Fund Board of Directors and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation:

- President: Mayor Kenjura (term expired in 2025)
- Vice President: Mayor Pro Tem Kolby (term expires in 2026)
- Treasurer: Councilmember Saunders (term expires in 2026)

- Secretary/Asst. Treasurer: Interim City Manager Megan Mainer
- Asst. Secretary: Jeana Bellinger

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 Soman, Councilmember Wright

**No:** None

**Absent:** None

#### 8. **Discuss and Possibly Act Upon an Ordinance on Its First Reading Amending the City of Brenham's FY2025-26 Adopted Budget**

Julie Flagg, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item. Flagg stated that the Finance Department is recommending the following budget amendment to reflect budget items moved from FY2024-25 to FY2025-26, donations received, funding for Brenham Family Park Phase I, and other expenditures not included in the FY2025-26 Adopted Budget.

Flagg explained the following:

- **Fund 236 Capital/Non Routine Fund:** Net decrease to budgeted fund balance of \$277,956. Increase in total expenditures of \$277,956.
- **Fund 109 Hotel/Motel Fund:** Net increase to budgeted fund balance of \$44,920. Elimination of a budgeted Transfer Out of \$125,000 to the Donations Fund.
- **Fund 232 Donations Fund:** Elimination of a budgeted Transfer In of \$125,000 from the Hotel/Motel Fund.
- **Fund 234 Parks Capital Improvement Fund:** Net increase to the budgeted fund balance of \$1,600,000.
- **Fund 260 Brenham Community Projects Fund:** No change to the budgeted fund balance.
- **Fund 252 BCDC Capital Projects Fund:** No change to the budgeted fund balance.
- **Fund 102 Electric Fund:** Net decrease to budgeted fund balance of \$258,500.
- **Fund 103 Gas Fund:** Net decrease to budgeted fund balance of \$120,247.
- **Fund 104 Water Fund:** Net decrease to budgeted fund balance of \$228,652.
- **Fund 105 Wastewater Fund:** Net decrease to budgeted fund balance of \$271,252.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wright and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kolby to approve an Ordinance on its first reading amending the City of Brenham's FY2025-26 adopted budget.

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 Soman, Councilmember Wright

**No:** None

**Absent:** None

## **9. Administrative/Elected Officials Report**

Interim City Manager, Megan Mainer, reported the following:

- The next City Council meeting will be on Thursday, May 7th; however, the start time will be delayed to 2:00 p.m. due to the Brenham Police Department's 100th Anniversary Celebration that day from 11:00 to 1:30 at the Washington County Expo.

City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 1:44 p.m.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**10. Section 551.086, Texas Government Code, Utility Competitive Matters - Discuss and Consider the Amendment of the Wholesale Power Agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority**

**11. Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters - Discussion Concerning the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation and Duties of a New City Manager, and Associated Issues**

Executive Session adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

### **RE-OPEN REGULAR AGENDA**

### **ADJOURN**

*Atwood C. Kenjura*  
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Mayor



*Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC*  
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City Secretary