

Brenham City Council Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on Thursday, May 21, 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 Gas and Utility Shawn Bolenbarr, Director of Water and Wastewater Jerry Saldivar, 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, Economic & Community Development Director Teresa Rosales, Scott Houston, Gabriela Trejo, Shauna Laauwe, Tammy Murphy, Steven Loving, David Cella, Christine Simich, Leigh Linden, Kevin Boggus

Citizens/Others Present:

Phyllis Glasscock, Debbie Schmitz, Barbara Rudolf, Marie Patterson, Kathryn Seefort

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 - Councilmember Adonna Saunders**
- 3. Citizen Comments**

No citizen comments were heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Statutory Consent Agenda

- 4.a. Approve Ordinance No. O-26-008 on Its Second Reading Amending Appendix A — "Zoning" of the Code of Ordinances by Amending Part I, General Provisions, Section 5.02, Definitions, to Add a Definition for Data Center Uses; and Amending Part II, Division 2, District Regulations, Section 7, Specific Uses, to Add Section 7.03(1) Adding the Use of a Data Center to the List of Uses Allowed With Prior Approval of a Specific Use Permit within the Industrial District and to Define Additional Requirements and Restrictions Related to Data Centers Within the City Limits of the City of Brenham**
- 4.b. Approve Ordinance No. O-26-009 on Its Second Reading Amending the Rate Tariff Schedules for City of Brenham Water Utility Services**
- 4.c. Approve a Guaranteed Pricing Agreement Between the City of Brenham and ADP, Inc. Related to Services Currently Provided by ADP, Inc. 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.

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: Economic Development

Teresa Rosales, Director of Community & Economic Development, and Leigh Linden, Main Street Manager, presented the following:

- Economic Development Strategic Plan and New Targeted Industries Research

- Main Street America Designation
- Main Street Advisory Board's Transformation Strategies and Committees

REGULAR SESSION

6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon The Acceptance of a Donation From The Fortnightly Club For The Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library and Authorize The Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

Tammy Murphy, Librarian, presented this item. Murphy stated that the Fortnightly Club of Benham is donating to the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library a check in the amount of \$35,000.00. Murphy explained that this money was raised through fundraising efforts that included book sales and donations from the community. Murphy stated that the club works extremely hard every year to support the Library.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cook and seconded by Councilmember Soman to accept a donation from The Fortnightly Club for the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library in the amount of \$35,000.00 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, Mayor Pro Tem Kolby, Councilmember Cook, Councilmember LaRoche, Councilmember Saunders, Councilmember Soman, Councilmember Wright

No: None

Absent: None

7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Ordinance No. O-26-010 on Its Second Reading Amending Chapter 6, Buildings and Structures, of the City of Brenham Code of Ordinances to Amend Article VI, International Plumbing Code, Section 6-61.1, Same-Plumbing Code Local Amendments to Add Section (12), Car Washes, to Define Additional Requirements and Restrictions Related to Car Washes and Amending Appendix A - "Zoning" of the Code of Ordinances by Amending Part II, Division 2, District Regulations, Sections 4.02 and 4.03, Amending the Use of an Automobile (Car) Wash as a Use Allowed Only with Prior Approval of A Specific Use Permit Within the City Limits of the City of Brenham, Texas

Shauna Laauwe, City Planner, presented this item. Laauwe stated that this item is the second and final reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 6 - Building and

Structures and Appendix A - Zoning of the Brenham Code of Ordinances related to car washes. Laauwe explained that if approved, the Ordinance would make the following amendments to the City's Code of Ordinances:

- Amend Chapter 6 (Plumbing Code) to adopt standards for car washes related to water recycling systems, renovation guidelines and drought restrictions; and
- Amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow car washes only with prior approval of a Specific Use Permit in the B-2, Commercial Research and Technology District.

A motion was made by Councilmember Saunders and seconded by Councilmember Cook to approve Ordinance No. O-26-010 on its second reading amending Chapter 6, Buildings and Structures, of the City of Brenham Code of Ordinances to amend Article VI, International Plumbing Code, Section 6-61.1, Same-Plumbing Code Local Amendments to add Section (12), Car Washes, to define additional requirements and restrictions related to Car Washes and amending Appendix A - "Zoning" of the Code of Ordinances by amending Part II, Division 2, District Regulations, Sections 4.02 and 4.03, amending the use of an Automobile (Car) Wash as a use allowed only with prior approval of a Specific Use Permit within the city limits 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 Cook, Councilmember LaRoche, Councilmember Saunders, Councilmember Soman, Councilmember Wright

No: None

Absent: None

8. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-26-018 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants (WSIG) Program for the 2027 State Water Plan

Jerry Saldivar, Director of Water and Wastewater, presented this item. Saldivar explained that in February 2026, Public Utilities was notified by Public Management, Inc. of a grant opportunity through the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) under the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants (WSIG) Program associated with the 2027 State Water Plan. Eligible projects include those related to water supply, treatment, and distribution infrastructure. Saldivar stated that staff would like to submit a grant application for the Highway 36 South Elevated Water Storage Tank and needs City Council support with the adoption of a Resolution.

A motion was made by Councilmember Soman and seconded by Councilmember Saunders to approve Resolution No. R-26-018 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants (WSIG) Program for the 2027 State Water Plan 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

9. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

Interim City Manager Megan Mainer, reported the following:

- City offices will be closed on May 25th in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.
- Monday, June 1st, Special City Council meeting for 5-year capital plans.

ADJOURN

Atwood C. Kenjura

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Mayor



Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC

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City Secretary