

Brenham City Council Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on Thursday, June 18, 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:

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 Jerry Saldivar, Chief Financial Officer Julie Flagg, Fire Chief Mark Donovan, Police Chief Gary Boshears, Development Services Director Stephanie Doland, Gabriela Trejo, David Cella, Ande Bostain, Mark Pierce, Sara Hill, Shauna Laauwe, David Doelitsch, Allen Jacobs, and Tammy Jaster.

Citizens/Others Present:

Doug Marino, Brian Frazier, Allen McBride, Diek Jones, Ryan Goerlitz, Steve Sefcik, Chelsea Bowie, Jeremy Bowie, Craig Adams, Hugh Jackson, and Kevin Mitsche.

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 Steve Soman**
- 3. Service Recognitions:**

- **Vincent Estrada — Gas Department — 10 Years**

4. Proclamations

- **Camp For All**

5. Citizen Comments

No citizen comments were heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Statutory Consent Agenda

6.a. Approve the Minutes from the June 1, 2026 Workshop Meeting

A motion was made by Councilmember Wright and seconded by Councilmember Saunders to approve Consent Agenda Item 6.a.

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

7. Discussion and Presentation of the Proposed Design and Aesthetics of the US 290 at SH 36 Interchange Project

Stephanie Doland, Director of Development Services, presented this item. Doland introduced Dog Marino, Director of Transportation and Planning and Development for TXDOT. Marino presented the following information on the US 290 at SH 36 Interchange from FM 389 (Prairie Lea) to CR 49 (Windy Acres Rd.)

- **Project Overview:**
 - 3.25 miles

- \$361 Million
- Contract award in June 2028
- 59 of 85 parcels in possession
- US290/SH36 Interchange and Berlin Road Improvements
- Typical Bridge/Roadway Sections
- Aesthetics
- Landscaping

8. Discussion and Presentation of Second Quarter FY2025-26 Financial Reports

Julie Flagg, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item. Flagg stated the financial performance for the second quarter financial report ending March 31, 2026, is as follows:

- The General Fund posted new revenue of \$4,882,361.00 compared to the budgeted net revenue of \$3,078,962. Second quarter expenditures were favorable at 93.9% of the budget amount.
- The Electric Distribution Fund posted net revenues of \$230,989, which was \$371,612 greater than the budgeted net loss of \$140,623.
- Gas Distribution Fund posted an actual net loss of \$60,693, which was greater than the budget net loss of \$34,530, primarily due to a shortfall in revenue caused by the mild winter weather.
- Water Fund posted net revenues of \$140,211, which was \$263,963 better than the budgeted net loss of \$123,752.
- Wastewater Fund posted net revenues of \$415,000, which was \$161,238 higher than the budgeted net loss of \$160,823.
- Sanitation Fund posted second quarter net revenues of \$249,912, which was favorable compared to the budgeted net revenues of 239,401.
- The Drainage Fund posted net revenues of \$90,390, which was lower than budgeted net revenues of \$167,806.

The second quarter of FY2025-26, the City experienced favorable performance in five of seven funds, with the Gas Fund missing their budgeted net revenue due to decreased billings and the Drainage Fund missing their budgeted net revenue due to the timing of in-house concrete work.

9. Department Update: Development Services

Stephanie Doland, Director of Development Services, presented the following department update:

- Department Organization
- Goals and Objectives

- Historical Permit Information (Commercial and Residential)
- New Construction (Commercial and Residential)
- Update on Boards and Committees
- Code Compliance Information
- Health and Sanitation Update
- Department Key Priorities

REGULAR SESSION

10. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Ordinance No. O-26-011 on Its Second Reading Amending the City of Brenham's Official Zoning Map of the Code of Ordinances to Change the Zoning District Classification from Local Business Mixed Residential District (B-1) and Mixed Residential District (R-2) to Planned Development District (PD) on Approximately 5.733 Acres of Land Being Described as Tract 32 of the Arrabella Harrington Survey, A-55, and Being Further Described as 708 Seelhorst Street, Brenham, Washington County, Texas. (REZONE-26-0003)

Stephanie Doland, Director of Development Services, presented this item. Doland stated that this item is the second and final reading of an Ordinance to assign a zoning classification of Planned Development District for the development of a single-family cluster housing subdivision. The subject property, owned by Jeremy and Chelsea Bowie / Chelsea Build, LLC., is a 5.733-acre vacant tract of land generally located on the south side of Seelhorst Street, west of S. Chappel Hill Street and east of Dark Street. Doland explained that during the May 4, 2026 City Council meeting, the Ordinance was approved on first reading with the following amendments, which have all been made for the second reading and final approval:

- To reduce the required masonry on the dwelling unit façade from 80% to 40% (Section III.B.)
- To remove the language regarding *masonry-like materials* from the variety of building articulations (Section III.C.)
- To remove the requirement that the dwelling unit roofs be constructed with a 30-year asphalt shingle (Section III.D.)
- To remove the requirement that the dumpster shall be placed 30-feet from the western property line (Section III.K.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Cook and seconded by Councilmember LaRoche to approve Ordinance No. O-26-011 on its second reading amending the City of Brenham's Official Zoning Map of the Code of Ordinances to Change the Zoning District Classification from Local Business Mixed Residential District (B-1) and Mixed Residential District (R-2) to Planned Development District (PD) on approximately 5.733

acres of land being described as Tract 32 of the Arrabella Harrington Survey, A-55, and being further described as 708 Seelhorst Street, Brenham, Washington County, Texas. (REZONE-26-0003).

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

11. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-26-019 Authorizing the Acceptance of a Grant Through the Office of the Governor (OOG), State Homeland Security Program - Regular Projects (SHSP-R) FY25 for the Purchase of Three (3) 5-Gas Monitors with Three (3) Year Maintenance Service Contracts for the City of Brenham Fire Department

Mark Donovan, Fire Chief, presented this item. Donovan stated that the Brenham Fire Department is seeking approval to accept a grant from the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division, for the FY2025 State Homeland Security Program – Regular Projects for the purchase of three (3) gas monitors and to fund the first year of a three (3) year maintenance service contract.

Donovan explained that the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) provides funding to support state, tribal, and local preparedness activities that address high-priority preparedness gaps across all core capabilities where a nexus to terrorism exists. Donovan explained that the City has already purchased the monitors so acceptance of the grant would reimburse the City.

A motion was made by Councilmember Saunders and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kolby to approve Resolution No. R-26-019 authorizing the acceptance of a grant through the Office of the Governor (OOG), State Homeland Security Program - Regular Projects (SHSP-R) FY25 for the purchase of three (3) 5-gas monitors with three (3) year maintenance service contracts for the City of Brenham Fire Department 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

12. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Award of RFP No. 26-010 Related to the City-Owned Hangar Lease and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation

Stephanie Doland, Director of Development Services, presented this item. Doland stated that the City of Brenham issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for qualified parties interested in leasing the City-Owned hangar located 3101 Aviation Way at the Brenham Municipal Airport on Thursday, March 26, 2026. The lease site is a box style approximately 8,100 square-foot hangar with office space and two restrooms.

Doland stated that the city received two proposals, one from Aviators Plus/Triton Air and the other from Brenham Aero Tech. The evaluation panel consisted of three city employees and two City Council members. Evaluations were totaled in early May and Brenham Aero Tech received 445 points total or (89%). Aviators Plus/Triton Air received 375 points (75%).

Doland explained that Brenham Aero Tech proposed a flight training operation based out of the hangar aimed at strengthening the airport's role as an economic driver for the surrounding community with daily aircraft operations, consistent student scheduling, and instructor-led training occurring throughout the week. Brenham Aero Tech intends to maintain a long-term presence and contribute to Brenham Municipal Airport revenue by leasing an underutilized hangar, encouraging daily activity, and increasing fuel sales.

Doland explained that Brenham Aero Tech's proposal aligns with the objectives outlined in the Brenham Municipal Airport Master Plan. They are also committed to operating responsibly and consistently with existing tenants, Brenham Municipal Airport Minimum Standards, and Texas Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration regulations. Doland stated that the initial lease term is five (5) years with an option to renew for two additional terms of two years each with written notice not less than 90 days prior to expiration of the then-current term.

City Attorney Cary Bovey noted there was one minor correction needed in the agreement in Section 8. The language "quarterly" in subsection 7 needs to be corrected to read "annually".

A motion was made by Councilmember Saunders and seconded by Councilmember Cook to award RFP No. 26-010 related to the city-owned hangar lease to Brenham Aero Tech, with the change as recommended by the City Attorney, 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

13. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, reported the following:

- City facilities will be closed for the Juneteenth Holiday; however, the Aquatics Center will be open from 1:00 to 5:00.
- Juneteenth Parade is on Saturday, June 20th at 10:30 a.m.
- The Advisory Board appreciation dinner on June 25, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Morris Hall.

City Council adjourned in Executive Session at 2:50 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. 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 4:08 p.m.

ADJOURN

Atwood C. Kenjura

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Mayor

Gabriela Trejo

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Deputy City Secretary