

Brenham City Council Minutes

A special meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on Monday, July 12, 2022 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Morriss Hall in The Historic Simon Theater, 111 W. Main Street, Brenham, Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem Clint Kolby
Councilmember Shannan Canales
Councilmember Leah Cook
Councilmember Atwood Kenjura
Councilmember Adonna Saunders
Councilmember Albert Wright

Members Absent:

None

City of Brenham Staff present:

City Manager Carolyn Miller, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, Strategic Budget Manager Tim McRoberts, General Manager of Public Utilities Debbie Gaffey, Director of Finance Stacy Hardy, Director of Public Works Dane Rau, Deputy General Manager of Public Utilities Alton Sommerfield, Director of Economic Development Susan Cates, Director of Water and Wastewater Bobby Keene, Police Chief Ron Parker, Police Captain Dant Lange, Fire Roger Williams, Human Resources Director Susan Nienstedt, Jennifer Hill, Shawn Bolenbarr, Josh Daniels, Jerry Saldivar, Ande Bostain, Jason Lange, and Monique Breaux.

Citizens/Others Present:

None

Media Present:

Jason May, Brenham Banner Press; and Mark Whitehead, KWHI.

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. FY2022-23 Proposed Budget Discussions

City Manager Carolyn Miller welcomed the Council and introduced General Manager of Public Utilities Debbie Gaffey.

Gaffey presented the following FY2022-23 proposed Public Utilities budget information:

- Budget Challenges
- Growth
 - Accelerated Development
 - Electric Service Growth
 - Gas Service Growth
 - Water Service Growth
 - Wastewater Service Growth
- Inflation
 - Fuel Costs
 - Chemical Costs
 - Water Purchase Costs
 - Water Rate Increases of 5.5%
 - Natural Gas Prices
- Supply Shortages/Demands
- Labor
 - Turnover Ratios
 - Vacancies Impacting Overtime
 - Changes to State CDL license rules and regulations
- Capacity
 - Water Plant Treatment
 - Water Supply

Gaffey then went over each Public Utility department's individual line-item budgets and staff answered department-specific questions from City Council.

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr., Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary

