

Brenham City Council Minutes

A special meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on Thursday, May 25, 2023 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Brenham City Hall, City Council Chambers, at 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Atwood C. Kenjura
Mayor Pro Tem Clint Kolby
Councilmember Shannan Canales
Councilmember Leah Cook
Councilmember Dr. Paul F. LaRoche, III
Councilmember Adonna Saunders
Councilmember Albert Wright

Members Absent:

None

City of Brenham Staff present:

City Manager Carolyn Miller, City Secretary Jeana Bellinger, General Manager of Public Utilities Debbie Gaffey, Director of Finance Stacy Hardy, Strategic Budget Officer Tim McRoberts, Human Resource Director Susan Nienstedt, Teresa Rosales, Steven Eilert, Kyle Branham, Cherry Cash Prewitt, Melinda Gordon, Curtis Schoen, and Lloyd Powell

Citizens/Others Present:

DeeAnna Marek and Brenda Lowery

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 Albert Wright**

3. Citizens Comments

Citizens DeeAnna Marek and Brenda Lowery, both residing on S. Baylor Street, addressed City Council requesting a light pollution ordinance. The citizens advised that a citizen on S. Baylor Street has excessively bright spotlights in their front yard which shine directly into the homes across the street. Marek and Lowery stated that the City has been out to talk to the home owner but there has been no resolution to the problem.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Statutory Consent Agenda

- 4-a. Approve the Minutes from the April 26, 2023 Special City of Brenham, Brenham Independent School District (BISD) and Washington County Commissioners Joint Meeting, May 4, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting, May 9, 2023 Special City Council Meeting, May 15, 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting, and May 16, 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting**

A motion was made by Councilmember Canales and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kolby to approve the Statutory Consent Agenda Item 4.a. as presented.

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

Mayor Atwood C. Kenjura	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Clint Kolby	Yes
Councilmember Shannan Canales	Yes
Councilmember Leah Cook	Yes
Councilmember Dr. Paul F. LaRoche, III	Yes
Councilmember Adonna Saunders	Yes
Councilmember Albert Wright	Yes

REGULAR SESSION

- 5. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Ordinance No. O-23-018 on its Second Reading Nominating Blue Bell Creameries L. P. to the Office of the Governor Economic Development and Tourism as a Texas Enterprise Zone Project**

Economic Development Specialist Teresa Rosales presented this item. Rosales explained this was the 2nd reading of the Ordinance to designate Blue Bell Creameries, L. P. as a Texas Enterprise Zone Project to the Office of the Governor.

Rosales stated that Blue Bell plans are to invest \$10,000.00 in capital investments by way of new construction, facility improvements, and equipment upgrades which will qualify them to be designated. Designation will allow Blue Bell to qualify for reimbursement of the State portion of sales and use tax paid; however, no local sales tax is rebated to the company. Rosales added the designation would be for a period of five (5) years.

A motion was made by Councilmember Saunders and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kolby to approve Ordinance No. O-23-018 on its second reading nominating Blue Bell Creameries L.P. to the Office of the Governor Economic Development and Tourism as a Texas Enterprise Zone Project.

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

Mayor Atwood C. Kenjura	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Clint Kolby	Yes
Councilmember Shannan Canales	Yes
Councilmember Leah Cook	Yes
Councilmember Dr. Paul F. LaRoche, III	Abstain
Councilmember Adonna Saunders	Yes
Councilmember Albert Wright	Yes

6. **Discuss and Possibly Act Upon on an Amendment to the State Plan of Operation Between the City of Brenham and the State of Texas Related to the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Program and Authorize the Mayor to Execute Any Necessary Documentation**

City of Brenham Police Department Sergeant Steven Eilert presented this item. Eilert stated this amendment was originally approved by City Council on December 15, 2022; however, due to the election of May 6, 2023 creating a change in the Mayor, this Amendment to the Plan needs to be approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Canales and seconded by Councilmember Saunders to approve an Amendment to the State Plan of Operation between the City of Brenham and the State of Texas related to the law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Program and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation.

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

Mayor Atwood C. Kenjura	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Clint Kolby	Yes
Councilmember Shannan Canales	Yes
Councilmember Leah Cook	Yes
Councilmember Dr. Paul F. LaRoche, III	Yes
Councilmember Adonna Saunders	Yes
Councilmember Albert Wright	Yes

7. Administrative/Elected Officials Report

- City Manager Carolyn Miller reminded everyone City offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023, for Memorial Day.

The meeting was adjourned.

Atwood C. Kenjura
Mayor



Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary