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(Continued from previous page) The Mayor would like to discuss the process of abatements as laid out in the ordinance and make the process more concise. The nuisance ordinance will be added to the next meeting for the first reading.

Mayor's Report

The engineers came to visit and discuss plans for projects to be accomplished with the Community Development Grant. The Mayor and Superintendent would like to address road repairs and drainage issues with this grant, focusing on the streets in the southern part of town.

Secretary's Report

The Annual EDC and City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 6 pm. There were two code enforcement calls, one for loud noises and a dog at large. Both were resolved by CEO Martha Grimes. There were 10 follow ups for property abatements, 10 extensions were granted, two invoices were issued, and no violations were written. Street signs have been ordered and should be delivered in 3-4 weeks. **Superintendent's Report**

There were 40 work orders completed. Eleven poly poly carts were replaced, delivered, or removed. During January there were 21 disconnects performed. Two major leaks were repaired, one sewer stop cleared, and one illegal dumping reported in the recycling containers at 722 Houston. The next projects for the public works department will be road repairs on Austin Street and Houston, as well as addressing drainage issues.

The following items were requested to be added to a future agenda: 2022 Annual Audit, USDA application, nuisance ordinance.

A motion was made by Tracy Grantham to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm and was seconded by Josh Tennison. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

Bronte City Council meeting minutes told

The Bronte City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at the Housing Authority Community Center.

Mayor Paul Gohman called the regular meeting at 5:32 pm and a quorum was established. Those in attendance included Mayor Gohman; Council Members Gwen Dyess, Clabe F. Webb, Zach Davidson, Mike Bailey, and RA Morris; and Staff Members Teresa Ballard, Ricky Royall, and Tina Smith.

Mayor Gohman led the pledge and Mike Bailey offered the prayer.

There were no citizen comments.

There was not a fire department report.

There was not an EMS report.

Teresa Ballard gave the Sheriff's Office report and reported one warning and one

citation.

On the Municipal Court report, Teresa Ballard reported one warning and one citation.

Linda Scott gave the Economic Development report and said that the committee met and is in the final stages of the Forgiveness of Grant application and the loan grant application.

Brenda Hines reported that they are still painting and cleaning up at the cemetery as the weather permits.

Brenda Hines reported that there was not a Steering Committee meeting this month. They missed the cutoff for the January grants and will be working on a grant to be turned in in June.

Ricky Royall gave the Permit report and said there were 17 livestock, 11 fowl permits approved and two pending. The two pending are making the corrections and will be reinspected. There were no building permits for the month of January.

Stephanie Hamby, Executive Director of Galilee Community Development Corporation gave a presentation on the guidelines that qualify the families and what they offer through Galilee for new home construction, light rehab ad remodel of homes, handyman program, etc. Ms. Hamby explained how excited they are to start the building of the four-plex townhouse that is available through Galilee just west of the depot.

Clabe F. Webb started the conversation about annexing to help the community to grow. After a long discussion with the Council and citizens in attendance, the cost and time for annexing would not benefit the City or the citizens outside the city limits. The Council agreed that this was not the time to move forward with this.

Mike Bailey made the motion to proceed with the sale of property at Oak Creek (6.846 acres and 11.523 acres) to be sold as one with two wells and minimum bid of \$2,000 per acre, with a deadline of 4 pm on May 17, 2023. Sealed bids will be opened at the regular meeting on May 18, 2023.

Discussion was held regarding the renewal of the contract with the Coke County Sheriff's Office that ends March 31, 2023. After a long discussion about different options, the City staff will get clarification from the judge and city attorney as to what can be done for code enforcement and and update will be given at the March meeting.

Gwen Dyess made a motion to approve the January 19, 2023, meeting minutes and was seconded by Clabe F. Webb. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0.

Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve the January aging report and was seconded by Clabe F. Webb. The motion carried with a vote of 5 - 0. **Mayor's Report**

Paul Gohman reported that executive staff are still working on the ordinances. The subcommittee for manufactured homes will get clarification from the attorney.

Utility Director's Report

Ricky Royall reported that the Board of Appeals met and appointed a new chairperson. The executive staff will move with the letters on a few in habitable/dangerous buildings. There is a public hearing meeting (TxCDBG) on the completion of this project. The meeting will be held at 5 pm on February 28, 2023, at City Hall Chambers.

City Secretary's Report

Teresa Ballard reported that the last day to be placed on the ballot for the 2023 General and Special Election is Friday, January 17, 2023, at 5 pm. She gave a shout out to the Bronte businesses for the highest tax revenue since November 2018.

Mike Bailey mentioned some information about the ambulance service in Winters and that he had asked them some questions about how it worked well for them.

Clabe F. Webb asked to purchase a projector and screen for Council meetings. He was informed that the City has a projector and a screen.

With no further business, Mayor Gohman announced that the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

"Fishing Fools Day" Kicks Off April at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center

The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) is welcoming in the month of April with its annual "Fishing Fools Day" on Saturday, April 1. The event is designed to celebrate all things fishing, with activities scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event begins with the annual "Spawning Run," a onemile family fun run on a special route past the hatchery ponds and down the wetland trail, followed by a day packed with fishingrelated activities. There is a cost of \$15 to register for the run, with proceeds going to the Friends of the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, who supports outreach efforts of the TFFC.

Admission is included in the race fee. However, for those choosing not to participate in the race, the normal TFFC admission fee applies in order to attend the event and enjoy all the other activities.

"Whether you are a seasoned angler or just beginning, we'll have something new for you to learn or experience," said Katie Birk, TFFC event coordinator. "It's fun for the whole family!"

Anglers can test their skills on a casting course and get fishing tips from the experts. In addition, attendees can learn more about some of the Inland Fisheries Division's fish sampling techniques, such as electrofishing.

The event will also feature the Sea Center touch tank, Toyota ShareLunker program, Angler Recognition tank, bowfishing instruction, gar fishing tips, fish journals, fish art project, fly fishing instruction, fly tying and much more. Tacos Perez and Tom's Coffee (Kona Ice Coffee Truck) will be onsite offering food and beverage options for attendees to purchase.

"Texas offers so many amazing fishing opportunities and fisheries resources — you can spend your entire life exploring, trying something new and not experience it all," said Tom Lang, TFFC director. "We look forward to welcoming everyone at Fishing Fools Day and connecting them to a new fishing experience."

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