

Bronte City Council meeting minutes told

The Bronte City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at the Housing Authority Community Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Gwen Dyess called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and a quorum was established. Those in attendance included Gwen Dyess, Council Members Clabe F. Webb, Zach Davidson, and Mike Bailey; and Staff Members Teresa Ballard, Ricky Royall, and Tina Smith. Council Member RA Morris was absent.

Gwen Dyess led the pledge and Mike Bailey offered prayer.

There were no citizen comments.

There was not a Fire Department report.

There was not an EMS report.

Teresa Ballard gave the Animal Control report and said that it was slow in December.

The Municipal Court Report was given by Teresa Ballard and she noted one citation on November 30 for a loose dog. There were no citations or warnings for December.

Linda Scott reported on the Economic Development Corporation and said that the met and discussed the report and that the new owner of the motel is starting work on Friday. EDC is working on the grant application and hope to get it completed to help get some more vendors/businesses in town.

The Cemetery Committee report was given by Brenda Hines and she said that they have continued the clean up process and it is looking good. They are asking if the City can contact TxDOT to ask if they can come out and do a location of lines to continue working on the brush removal. Solar lights

have been purchased to help with the cemetery to not be so dark.

Ricky Royal reported a total of five permits - two for fences, one to upgrade solar panels, one carport, and one pending RV living while building a new home.

Mike Bailey made the motion to accept Bryce Short's board resignation from EDC 4A, with Zach Davidson seconding. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

Clabe Webb made the motion to approve Katie Meeks to serve on both EDC 4A and EDC 4B, Cynthia Robinson to serve on EDC 4A, and Stacy Kelton to serve on EDC 4B. He was seconded by Mike Bailey and the motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

Linda Scott reported that they are going to move forward with the Historical Commission on the renovations to the depot. Mike Bailey made a motion to approve the Steering Committee to apply for grants on the depot and to approve Teresa Ballard to open the bank account titled Depot Account. He was seconded by Zach Davidson and the motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

Zach Davidson made the motion to approve six months for a temporary RV permit for Orlando DeLaGarza while building a house on the property. Clabe F. Webb seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

The sale of City property at Oak Creek (6.846 acres and 11.523 acres) was tabled until next month's agenda. After discussion, the Council asked for the City to research the market value of the properties.

Mike Bailey made the motion to purchase a generator from

Clifford Power using the ARPA grant money and going through BuyBoard. Zach Davidson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

Clabe F. Webb made the motion to approve to host the Fort Concho Water Utility District Association meeting on June 14, 2023, with Zach Davidson seconding. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

Zach Davidson made the motion to enter an interlocal agreement between Bronte ISD and the City to provide early voting at City Hall for the 2023 election. He was seconded by Mike Bailey and the motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

Mike Bailey made the motion to order the 2023 General and Special elections and was seconded by Clabe F. Webb. The motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

Clabe F. Webb made the motion to approve the November 17, 2022, minutes and December financials as presented. Zach Davidson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 3 - 0.

Mayor's Report

Gwen Dyess reported that Mayor Paul Gohman is sick and to keep him in your prayers.

Utility Director's Report

The City closed the CDBG Grant and phase one is completed and phase two is currently being worked on. The pilot study on the water plant is moving forward. Annual Livestock/Fowl permit applications are coming into the office with about half of them back and inspections will be done soon.

City Secretary's Report

Teresa Ballard reported that she has received her certification of completion for her online courses for Accounting

Fundamentals I and II. She attended the Texas Election Law Seminary January 10 - 13 and will be attending Public Investment Act training January 24 - 25. The filing period for the elections is January through 5 pm on February 17, 2023, for a place on the ballot. The motel has been closed and will be opening this summer as the Ivey Courts.

Mike Bailey discussed the letter he received from Steve Salmon stating that he was a little confused about what he was trying to say regarding the EMS.

The following items are to be placed on a future agenda:

Review of the agreement ending March 31, 2023, with the Coke County Sheriff's Office Annexing north and south of the city limits.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

ShareLunker Season Keeps Rolling With Two More Legacy Class Entries

O.H. Ivie reached the double-digit mark for Legacy Class Lunkers in the 2023 Toyota ShareLunker collection season Friday and Sunday with two more massive largemouth bass. The lake boosted its total to 11 Legacy Class fish and increased the overall collection season tally to 13.

Angler Nolan Sprengeler of Plymouth, Minnesota, hauled in 13.89-pound ShareLunker 644 Friday, followed by Brandon Vaughan of Jacksboro with 14.5-pound ShareLunker 645 on Sunday.

ShareLunker 644 is unique from the other O.H. Ivie entries this year — it's a recapture from the 2021 collection season and now has two ShareLunker designations. The fish was

originally caught by Jim Smith of Weatherford on March 14, 2021, and weighed in at 14.42 pounds to become ShareLunker 601.

"A common question asked is if any of these Lunkers from O.H. Ivie have been recaptures — we know that ShareLunker 644 was entered into the Toyota ShareLunker Program back in the 2021 season since she had a passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag," said Natalie Goldstrohm, Toyota ShareLunker program coordinator. "Having a recaptured Lunker tells us a few important things about the survival and growth of these Lunkers over time."

Sprengeler and a few friends made the trip down from Minnesota in search of a catch of a lifetime. He's the third angler this season who crossed multiple states to get to O.H. Ivie and land a Legacy Lunker. Two days of slow fishing and struggling to get bites didn't dampen their spirits. Sprengeler had fished for muskie with friend Josh Jones this past summer; one afternoon, Jones showed him around O.H. Ivie and provided some pointers.

"A couple of days after meeting with Josh, we stumbled upon a pack of big fish," said Sprengeler. "I pitched in there and one of the big ones came out of the group and grabbed the swim bait. The fish came in pretty easy, but when my friend scooped it up in the net, I had never seen a largemouth bass that big before. I weighed her on my hand scale. When we realized she was over 13 pounds, we called up Elm Creek and brought her in for an official weigh in."

Sprengeler was impressed with the ShareLunker program and excited to be a part of it.

"It was neat to see the process that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) staff conducts when they arrive to take the fish," said Sprengeler.

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