

Front Porch Town



# Town of Brantley

Steve Walker, Mayor

## COUNCIL MEETING: JANUARY 13, 2026

The Town Council for the Town of Brantley met on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brantley Armory with the following members present: Mayor Walker, Linda Berry, Scott Beck, Charles Tompkins and Lorey Bogen. Notice of meeting was posted at Town Hall, U.S. Post Office and Brantley Library. Others present were: Diane Mears, Chief Averett, Bill Rayborn and several town residents.

Councilman Tompkins said prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Mayor Walker.

### MAYOR WALKER COMMENTS:

- Water and Sewage Projects are basically completed;
- 152 N. Sasser has sewage problems and town will have to assist with solution;
- Stated that Town has no authority over the Brantley Housing Authority, other than appointing a board member to serve (public meeting), thus there is no need to have a paid representative attend BHA meetings;
- Financial committee meeting on Thursday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Armory;
- Court Schedule – considering change to a quarterly court and possibly turning court over to the district court; Judge Coats suggested these options to the Mayor; Councilwoman Berry asked if we could try this method with the understanding that we could revert back to original schedule should this not work; **Motion was made by Councilman Beck and seconded by Councilman Tompkins to have court change to a quarterly schedule. Approved (4-0).**
- Recreation committee met last week; discussion of baseball, softball, soccer and possibility of peewee football and basketball; looking at two or three different leagues; have to have a Recreation Board Director; the Board nominated **Austin Brook** and Mayor had spoken with Austin regarding same and Mr. Brooks agreed to a salary of **Seven Hundred Fifty (\$750.00/mo.)** a month; Councilman Beck asked if this was a 12 month contract and it is; Councilman Tompkins stated that he was surprised at the number of children signed up, both boys and girls; Councilman Bogen asked if this would be travel ball also; Mayor stated that in the future that may happen but it would be short distances; Mayor stated that his discussion with Austin regarding the work to be performed and that Scotty Abadilla was employed to cut, spray and weed eat the ballfields; Mayor told clerk that a contract would be drafted regarding tasks to be done; **Motion was made by Councilman Bogen and seconded by Councilman Tompkins to contract with Austin Brook as Recreation Director. Approved (4-0).**

- Mayor stated that the Tim Daniels/Bailey Property will be tabled till next month when there is a full council;
- **Resolution 2026-1 (SSUT Lawsuit) – Motion was made by Councilman Tompkins and seconded by Councilman Beck to accept joining lawsuit. Approved 4-0.**

Councilwoman Berry stated that the Planning Committee wanted to apply for a WRC&D grant (\$5,000 to \$15,000) with no funds committed by the Town, however the committee wanted to obtain the town's approval prior to applying for grant; not sure at this time what grant project will be developed. Council did not have any opposition to applying for grant.

Councilman Beck asked if street lines would be painted on N. Sasser Street; Mayor replied that this would be handled once the water/sewage project was complete.

Councilwoman Berry asked if a motion to separate the SRO from Police Chief was needed since a Finance meeting was scheduled; Mayor stated that now was not the time to take this action.

Betty Pruitt addressed council – “she ran for town council in the election; paid the money and advertised for position; believes she should be next in line to be council member”; Councilman Bogen spoke (not sure what was said); Mayor told Ms. Pruitt that just because someone was on the ballot and lost does not guarantee they would fill a council board vacancy, that she would still be considered for the council position; it is up to the council to appoint an individual to fill the council vacancy; Mayor read the law statement regarding same.

**Motion was made by Councilman Tompkins and seconded by Councilman Bogen to go into executive session. Approved 4-0)**

Resume council meeting:

Mayor asked for nominations for council vacancy - Councilman Bogen nominated Alfredia Wiley; Councilman Beck nominated Betty Pruitt. **Motion was made by Councilwoman and seconded by Councilman Tompkins to close nominations. Approved 4-0.**

**Motion was made to appoint Betty Pruitt; approved by Councilman Beck and Councilwoman Berry (2-0); Motion was made to appoint Alfredia Wiley; approved by Councilman Tompkins and Councilman Bogen (2-0); Mayor Walker voted to break the tie; the Mayor voted for Alfredia Wiley, thus Ms. Wiley now occupies the council vacancy for District 1 (3-2).**

**Motion was made by Councilman Bogen and seconded by Councilwoman Berry to approve December 9, 2025 Minutes. Approved (4-0).**

**Motion was made by Councilman Bogen and seconded by Councilwoman Berry to adjourn.  
Approved ( 4-0).**

  
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Mayor Steve Walker

February 10, 2026  
Date:

**NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING: FEBRUARY 10, 2026**