

*Front Porch Town*



# *Town of Brantley*

*Steve Walker, Mayor*

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## **COUNCIL MEETING: MAY 12, 2026**

The Town Council for the Town of Brantley met on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brantley Armory with the following members present: Mayor Walker, Linda Berry, Scott Beck, Charles Tompkins, Lorey Bogen and Alfredia Wiley. Notice of meeting was posted at Town Hall, U.S. Post Office and Brantley Library. Others present were: Diane Mears, Bill Rayborn, Chief Averett, and several town residents.

Councilwoman Tompkins said prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Mayor Walker. All council members present (5).

**Motion was made by Councilwoman Berry and seconded by Councilman Beck to approve the March 10, 2026 Minutes. Approved 5-0.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Beck and seconded by Councilman Tompkins to approve the April 16, 2026 Minutes. Approved 5-0.**

### **MAYOR WALKER & COUNCIL COMMENTS & ACTIONS:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mayor Sullivan was approached by Mayor Walker to discuss possibility of becoming the town's Industrial Representative; Mayor Sullivan wanted some time to think on the matter.
- Limb/Landfill/Garbage Memo (\$5.00 for electronics has been removed);
- Striping/Asphalt – Council to update for next meeting so a quote can be obtained
- Probably be July before news on Recreation Grant;
- Troy Hudson is researching for a Well Grant (digging of well); Shaft repair has been started;
- Brantley Food Mart – liquor license – 992.97 feet from church; will table until zoning rules are reviewed; Councilman Bogen stated that previous owner had a “hard” liquor license prior to this request; Mayor recalled that a wine and beer license was approved several years ago.
- Fuelworld tanks – no one interested at this time; Councilman Bogen asked when property was given to town; Mayor replied after his becoming mayor as he had to sign documentation; Councilman Bogen asked if the council agreed to accept the Fuelworld property; Mayor replied that he believes the previous council had approved;
- Annexation – **Motion was made by Councilman Tompkins and seconded by Councilman Beck to annex further north on Hwy. 331 as far as admissible. Approved 5-0.**

- S&P Communications – Repeater needs to be placed on water tank; was promised app. two years ago;
- Naming Armory – tabled until June meeting.
- 2021 Police Tahoe as been repaired by Rick Bryan;
- Councilman Bogen asked about Attorney General opinion on committee checks; Motion approved at February 10, 2026 is as follows: **Motion was made by Councilman Beck and seconded by Councilman Tompkins to eliminate any and all meeting fees (Finance Committee, Police Committee, Representation at other affiliated meetings, etc.). Approved 4-0.**; also subject of Ellis St. cleanup was mentioned; photos were passed around;
- **Councilman Bogen stated that Betty Pruitt had complained for years about White property behind her residence**

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Scotty Abadilla had informed clerk of the erosion problem, fallen headstones and tree growth at Davis Cemetary; Ms. Dot Baugh stated that there was a Davis committee; Ms. Baugh replied to Councilman Bogen that funds were split between the churches.
- Councilwoman Berry informed the council of training that she attended; stated that historical properties were very important in promoting your town; a solid plan needs to be decided on and built on; the planning committee had made a plan in 2023 – the river along with trails, and other various activities; Councilwoman Berry is working on getting a Waffle House interested in moving to the town; needed is a grant writer;
- Mayor stated that the Finance Committee meeting discussed increase to Dozier's contract due to fuel cost and, landfill costs; possibility of increase to Brantley's water/sewage/garbage rates; **Motion was made by Councilman Beck and seconded by Councilman Tompkins to increase Dozier's contract from \$2,100 to \$2,500 a month. Approved 4-1; Councilman Bogen abstained.**
- Councilman Bogen asked about garbage service in and out of Dozier; clerk stated that there are garbage services offered when the resident calls the Town; we do not seek new business, the public asks for service; the public is always informed that the county has garbage contract for residents in the county and reaffirmed that the Town of Brantley was contacted by those wanting the town's service; no exemption to outside city limits.
- Working with Lisa Harris for Wiregrass Grant (\$5,000) regarding front of Bailey buildings;

#### COUNCILMAN BECK:

- Housing parking lot on E. Emmett needs further repairs;
- Flooding on School Drive; estimates will be obtained for correcting drainage;
- Main St. (Titus' building) with chunks of concrete; Titus states that he would need to go across sidewalk for removal; Councilman Beck asked if a guard could be erected to prevent children from playing around same; Councilman Beck stated to Titus that he would have to hire a contractor that would be insured for any damage to sidewalk.
- Asked if the town could put up American flags and if there was a plan for America's 250 Anniversary;
- Was Redflex fixed? Clerk read text to council in which there was a wiring problem and unit is now up and running;
- Has raises and insurance issues been resolved? Clerk stated that raises were given but paperwork for insurance has not been completed by officers.

**COUNCILMAN BOGEN:**

- James St. grate needs cleaning;
- Asked about Fire Chief cutting trees;
- Camera at the school (taken down immediately)

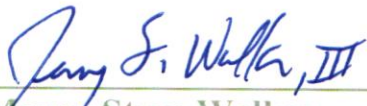
**COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS:**

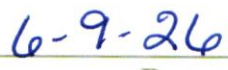
- During recent finance meeting, Councilman Tompkins stated that during the next month decisions will be made to deal with current costs and ways to increase revenue; Annexation will aid with increase in revenue; has been contacted regarding new businesses and those interested in our school;

**ADRIAN DANIELS:**

- Mayor did contact Mr. Daniels regarding hiring process; Mayor explained that we accept applications and if there is an opening we review applications; Mr. Daniels asked that posting of job be placed on the Town's Facebook page; clerk agreed. Councilman Bogen asked for a state audit; Mayor stated that the town has an annual audit (Gibson & Carden); asked the council to be aware of their language used during council meeting.

**Motion was made by Councilman Tompkins and seconded by Councilman Beck to adjourn.  
Approved 5-0.**

  
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Mayor Steve Walker

  
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**NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 9, 2026**