

Front Porch Town



Town of Brantley

Steve Walker, Mayor

COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 16, 2026

The Town Council for the Town of Brantley met on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall 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 and several town residents.

Councilman Tompkins said prayer. Roll call was taken by Mayor Walker. All council members present.

MAYOR WALKER & COUNCIL COMMENTS & ACTIONS:

- **Motion was made by Councilman Bogen and seconded by Councilwoman Berry to approve June 9, 2026 Minutes and June 25, 2026 Minutes. Approved 5-0.**
- Emery Bogen spoke regarding appointment of several positions including Chief of Police, setting of Chief salary and decision of SRO and/or Chief; this appears to be racist; asked that the Mayor do what is best of the whole Town.
- Crisis Center opening for August 4, 2026 has been cancelled due to construction delay.
- Applied for Wiregrass grant but have not received any further information.
- Police Committee has decided to delay the abolishment of court until further notice (no objection made).
- Shift report/911 reports – Acting Chief Morgan provided a report issued from E911.
- Councilman Beck stated that a working police committee took place; Councilman Bogen stated that he attended and sat silent, however asked “wasn’t the Mayor to sit silent and not at table, since that would make it a quorum?” Councilman Beck stated that the three council members present made a quorum.
- Mayor mentioned need to proceed with annexation – which options to use. Survey would be needed and approach the town’s representative; was requested to proceed with the planning committee to begin process. Councilman Bogen suggested putting a council member from each district on the planning committee. **Motion was made by Councilman Tompkins and seconded by Councilman Bogen to have planning committee begin annexation project. Approved 5-0.**

- Troy Hudson is continuing to research grant for Well.
- Striping/asphalt is on hold for the present.
- Industrial Representative – former Mayor Sullivan does not want to be the Industrial Representative; Mayor and Councilman Tompkins met with a possible grant writer.
- Have not received any response from Jay Spurlin, S&P Communications, regarding installation of repeater.
- Brantley Food Mart and Hanna Taylor's residence (began Tuesday; completed by Friday) has been hooked up to the town's sewage; remaining funds from water/sewage grant were used to establish sewage service to both locations.
- Request Recreation financial from clerk for next meeting.
- Clerk asked about filling in pond at recreation field for parking purposes; discussions ensued regarding possible future plans/grants; Councilwoman Berry stated that town would have to be able to fund a certain percentage of grants.

COUNCILMAN BOGEN COMMENTS:

- Councilman Bogen suggested Mayor appointed Councilwoman Wiley to be on planning committee; Mayor approved same. Councilwoman Wiley is on the Adjustment Board (which is used when Planning Board has ties or problems needing the Adjustment Bd.).
- Stated that police department is doing a good job.
- Godwin Materials – a meter was not used to measure water used for washing trucks; no one can own a fire hydrant or use free water; **Motion was made by Councilman Bogen to report to clerk when hydrant water is used so it can be correctly invoiced and not to use until procedure to use is established. There was no second to motion.** Mayor stated that the use of hydrant was because of past accident (several years ago) that occurred and possibly of suit against Town.

COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS COMMENTS:

- Industrial Park – need process for establishing businesses; Cody Catrette is interested in placing a welding business (3 acres) in the Industrial Park (zoned for Business); Clerk needs to obtain map of Industrial Park; interested parties would need to attend a planning meeting.
- Walking Trail at Town Hall – needs correction to lighting, cracks in sidewalk; need more street lights throughout town.
- Speaking with a Consultant for Town; to further discussed.

COUNCILWOMAN WILEY COMMENTS:

- Need to set date to dedicate Armory – Roland H. Jones Municipal Complex; clerk stated that changing name might change the historical standing (Dow Sport); need to research if change of name will affect historical standing.

COUNCILMAN BECK COMMENTS:

- Motion was made by Councilman Beck and seconded by Councilman Tompkins to go into Executive Session. Approved 5-0.

Motion was made by Councilman Beck and seconded by Councilman Tompkins to leave Executive Session. Approved 5-0.

Motion was made by Councilman Beck and seconded by Councilwoman Berry to adjourn. Approved 4-0. (Councilman Bogen left earlier during executive session).



Mayor Steve Walker

8-18-2026
Date:

NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING: AUGUST 18, 2026

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