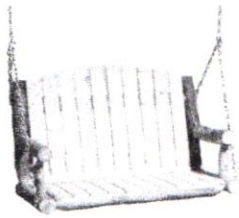


Front Porch Town



# Town of Brantley

Steve Walker, Mayor

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## COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 16, 2026

The Town Council for the Town of Brantley met on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brantley Armory with the following members present: Mayor Walker, Linda Berry, Scott Beck, Charles Tompkins (arrived at 6:42 pm), 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, Gary Peek and several town residents.

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

**Motion was made by Councilman Beck and seconded by Councilwoman Berry to approve the March 10, 2026 Minutes. Motion was tabled until next council meeting; Councilman Bogen stated that wording was incorrect regarding White property between Larry Mitchell and Timothy Harden; after listening to oral minutes, clerk informed (via text) Councilman Bogen that the wording stated by clerk was "health issues" and wording stated by Mayor was "health hazard". No mention of health department.**

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

- Attorney William Rayborn and Councilman Bogen spoke on Jerry White property cleanup; Atty. Rayborn stated that several times the town mowed and cleaned up White property, this in reply to Councilman Bogen stating on numerous times that Betty Pruitt had requested cleanup. Councilman Beck stated that he used his excavator to load trash behind Larry Mitchell into town's truck, also Timothy Harden has taken the fence down and placed back on property; suggested to send letter to Mr. Harden.
- Mayor stated that Bailey properties had been completed in removal of roof, etc.;
- Mayor reminded council of Economic Interest needs to be filed by April 30, 2026; Councilman Bogen questioned if it was necessary since he completed a form prior to election; Mayor stated that prior completed Economic Interest forms were for candidates running for office; a new Economic form would need to be completed.
- Mayor spoke with prior Mayor Sullivan about becoming the Industrial Representative; Mr. Sullivan would consider the position;
- Mayor stated that the potholes on East Emmett were filled with crush and residents were satisfied with results; will continue to monitor; Councilman Bogen said cold mix was needed.
- Striping was completed at ballpark

- Striping of streets; quote was given by County Commissioner Michelle Royals (\$850.00/mile – will not do striping until summer 2027), Ozark Striping (\$1,100/mile); will receive more quotes; two types of striping – paint (lasts for app. 2 years); thermo plastic (lasts 10-15 yrs., more costly);
- Police logs – Councilman Beck stated that shift reports were needed and have not received; Councilman Bogen said it was not necessary; Councilwoman Wiley stated that if it was a DHR situation, information was not going to be public; Chief Averett said that a CAD system was available and he would supply for council meetings;
- Recreation grant update; no notice;
- Tuberville Grant – requested two (2) cars; Rick’s Automotive has 2021 Tahoe for 2 years; Mayor will talk to Rick about said vehicle;
- 10 Year Water Tank Inspection – signed agreement

NEW BUSINESS:

- Well – shaft is not working properly; estimated job costs of \$121,000; work is not an option;
- Recommends a new well is needed (1.5 million estimate); will discuss at next meeting;
- Destruction of Election Materials – Code: 11-46-46 – The code doesn’t say we need to notify Archives. By statute it mandates the Clerk to destroy the records. **Motion was made by Councilman Beck and seconded by Councilwoman Berry to approve destruction of election materials. Approved 3-1 (Councilman Bogen opposed).**
- Limb/Landfill/Garbage Memo – Discussion of five (\$5.00) charge for electronic materials; **Motion was made by Councilman Bogen and seconded by Councilwoman Wiley to table for next meeting; Approved 4-1 (Councilwoman Berry opposed).**  
Lacy Colquitt spoke that landfill does check garbage load; Councilman Tompkins arrives;
- Ordinance 2-2026 – Rezoning from B-1 to R-1 (consists of 4 residences); **Motion was made by Councilman Bogen and seconded by Councilman Scott to waive ordinance review period. Approved 5-0.**
- **Ordinance 2-2026; Motion was made by Councilman Bogen and seconded by Councilman Tompkins to accept Rezoning Ordinance. Approved 5-0;**
- Brantley Food Mart has requested a liquor license; has concerns about distance from church (must be a 1,000 feet away); Mayor suggested to table until further information can be gathered. Councilwoman Berry asked if the liquor license was for the current products: beer/wine? Mayor answered that “hard” liquor was added to license. **Motion was made by Councilman Tompkins and seconded by Councilman Beck to table liquor license issue until next meeting. Approved 5-0.**
- Fuelworld – No one is interested in the fuel tanks at this time.

**SPEAKERS:**

**Adrian Daniels** – Secretary of NAACP, Goshen School Teacher

- Concern hiring process of the Town of Brantley; how jobs are posted?
- Liquor license – someone had applied for a liquor license and was denied that process;
- New playground areas on Sasser Street and another area on Mill St. that needs repairing;
- Issues were not addressed; Mayor will speak with Mr. Daniels next week;

**Lacy Colquitt** – owner of Love It Again

- Parking issue for her business and the salon;
- Had placed two signs behind her business stating two parking spaces; next morning signs were removed; wants permission to place signs for backstreet parking;
- Councilwoman Berry will meet with Lacy and Kaitlyn next day to compromise.

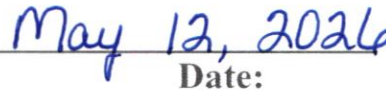
**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL:**

- **Councilman Bogen:**
  - o Wants copy of last council meeting tape re: wording of property cleanup (see paragraph 3 )
  - o Why is Fire Chief Keith Morgan cutting down tree using fire department equipment
  - o Wants to see invoice for Scotty Abadilla cleaning Bailey property
- **Councilwoman Wiley:**
  - o Entering E. Emmett from post office (no clear view on oncoming traffic)
  - o Behind church – Leaves need picking up
- **Councilman Beck:**
  - o Emmett St. near post office needs weeding
- **Chief Titus Averett:**
  - o Overtime police issue
  - o Pay raise

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



Mayor Steve Walker



Date:

**NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING: MAY 12, 2026**

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