

*Front Porch Town*



# *Town of Brantley*

*Bernie Sullivan, Mayor*

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## **COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 8, 2025**

The Town Council for the Town of Brantley met on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brantley Armory with the following members present: Mayor Sullivan, Ashley Stewart, Georgia Bush and Lorey Bogen. Council members not present were: Steve Walker and Darryl Elliott. 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 Brantley residents.

Mayor prayer. Roll call was taken by Mayor Sullivan.

Motion was made by Councilman Bogen and seconded by Councilman Stewart to accept March 11, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes. **Approved (3-0).**

### Mayor's Comments:

- Mobile Food Pantry – Scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2025.
- Alabama Ethics Commission – Due April 15
- Four Byrd's LLC was sold and had met the rescission clause that was included in deed; Four Byrd's was to have paid in sales tax of \$31,000 within five (5) years of opening; amount collected was \$51,349.79;
- Spoke with individual that was interested in opening a business which would include a washateria, beach supplies, ice machine and has applied for a beer/wine license (location is where "Woodmen" is located);
- Received email from Congressman Figures: Meeting with Mayor on Tuesday, April 15 at 2:00 p.m. at Crenshaw County Courthouse; and meeting with Council Members on Tuesday, April 15 at 3:00 p.m. at the Crenshaw County Economic Industrial Development Authority at 3 South Forest Ave., Luverne, AL.;
- Dr. Thompkins was named "Citizen of the Year" to be held Tuesday, April 29, 2025;
- Paving Grant – had pre-construction, just waiting on work to begin;
- Property Appraisal of Bailey Property; review for next council meeting and possible executive session;
- Review following resolutions for next council meeting:
  - o 2025-2 "Establishing Use of Electronic Vote Counting Devices
  - o 2025-3 "Notice of Appointment of Election Officers"
  - o 2025-3 "Canvassing Election Results"
  - o 2025-4 "Method to Sale/Lease Real Town Property

- Read sections of Alabama League of Municipal article "Sale or Lease of Unneeded Municipal Property"; Section 11-47-20, Code of Alabama 1975; Councilman Bogen stated that "we" (council) have been doing wrong for years; Councilman Bogen suggested that this discussion be tabled till next council; Motion was made by Councilman Stewart and seconded by Councilman Bogen to table this discussion until next council meeting. **Approved (3-0).**

Speaker: Scotty Abadilla – discussed his desire to rebuild the two (2) Bailey properties at his expense (to be leased or purchased) with the idea of establishing businesses: office space (Woodmen, etc.) in one building; in the other building, a game room with food, drinks (no alcoholic beverages); he has purchased the two story building (old bank bldg..) on South Main St. Prefers the Town to continue ownership; Councilman Bogen suggested to wait for next council meeting to discuss and Mr. Abadilla agreed.

Speaker: Scott Beck – requested NOT to address the Council.

Councilman Stewart stated that he might not be readily available since his mother had fallen and broke her hip and is also blind.

Police Chief Averett asked if the Police Committee had addressed his issues that were brought up at previous council meeting. Councilman Stewart stated that nothing had not been discussed and Chairman of Police Committee was not present.

Motion was made by Councilman Stewart and seconded by Councilman Bogen to adjourn. **Approved (3-0).**



Mayor Bernie Sullivan

4-8-25

Date

**NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING: MAY 13, 2025**

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