

Town of Brantley Bernie Sullivan, Mayor

COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 10, 2025

The Town Council for the Town of Brantley met on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brantley Armory with the following members present: Mayor Sullivan, Steve Walker, Ashley Stewart, Darryl Elliott, Georgia Bush and Lorey Bogen. 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 said prayer. Roll call was taken by Mayor Sullivan.

Motion was made by Councilman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Stewart to accept May 13, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes. Approved (5-0).

Mayor's Comments:

- Explained rule for public speaking stated Alabama Code 25a council meeting is not a public hearing; meeting is open to public to observe; most council set aside a time for citizens to speak however Alabama law does not require this option; Open Meeting Act allows citizens to be present at public meetings but does not grant the right to express their opinion; Councilman Bogen stated that he believed the council members knew this but public may not be aware of this law.
- Goals downtown revitalization (Ms. Wooley's project); annexation (completed); community center (completed); following Robert's Rules of Order; infrastructure (water/sewage is going on); paving plus Davis cemetery; Crisis Center (in progress);

Councilman Bogen asked about Elm Street - not part of current paving grant;

Drill Hall - roof has been replaced; possible renovation and leasing of portion of drill hall for a dance studio and other events - two bathrooms, three sets of double doors, polished floors, septic tank (\$46,000);

August 16 – Bad Boyz Car Show in Pecan Grove

- Fuelworld spoke with Vance Bailey; need to get appraisal; Mr. Bailey is thinking about selling Dixieland for \$135,000;
- Employee Insurance information, police citations and police schedule were given to council
- Going to contact School Superintendent re: SRO and their need to employ someone;

- Public hearing for grant June 11 at 10:00 a.m. re: water/sewage on School Drive;
- Recreation field has been cleaned thanks to Dr. Kilcrease and Scotty Abadilla in hopes of bringing activities back to Brantley:
- Recreation fund raising event on June 28 at the recreation field; 28 vendors signed:
- Fire Hydrant had a discussion with Jerry Godwin about free water usage; in 1963 Godwin Materials started its business in Brantley; largest employer of jobs in Brantley; was approached to move business but chose to stay; the present Administrator of Brantley at that time agreed to allow free water; the Town also uses for garbage truck and other town vehicles; Godwin stated that he paid \$40,000 to keep Brantley from being sued due to tire accident on a town's vehicle; the fire hydrant aided the ISO rating; Godwin was recently approached to move but chose to stay because of Brantley and his son; the current sewage project as stated by Troy Hudson regarding the hydrant in question will be moved and a 2" flush valve will be metered for billing; Councilman Bogen stated that the fire hydrant was already there (1963?):
- Motion was made by Councilman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Stewart to approve Resolution 2025-5 - Sale and/or Lease Town Property"; (Approved 5-0);
- Notice of Election Election is August 26, 2025; polls will be open 7:00 am 7 pm at Brantley Housing Authority, 81 Maple Street, Brantley, Alabama; period of candidate(s) qualification commences at 8 a.m. on June 10, 2025 and ends at 5 p.m. on June 24, 2025; if you have already filed an ethics form there is no need to file another ethics form.

Speaker: Scotty Abadilla

Spoke about the June 28 recreation event - games/vendors/fireworks; has relocated David Lowery (Woodmen) to new location; has spoken with Tim Daniels about the two Bailey properties and sharing of same; does not want to buy but to lease for a certain time frame; Mr. Abadilla would do all structural work on his own dollar and split the space with Mr. Daniels.

Mayor Bernard Sullivan

7-9-2025

NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 8, 2025

TOWN OF BRANTLEY

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-7

2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RESOLUTION

To accept a proposal for the provision of professional engineering services for the Town of Brantley, "Sanitary Sewer Improvements", and to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents related to the execution of the contract.

WHEREAS, the Town of Brantley contacted known qualified firms to obtain proposals for the provision of engineering services for a project titled "Sanitary Sewer Improvements", a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application; and

WHEREAS, the selection process was conducted in a manner providing full and open competition, and no conflicts of interest exist in accordance with federal and Town procurement policies; and

WHEREAS, the procurement process has been conducted in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, including but not limited to sections 200.318 through 200.320 governing procurement by non-federal entities using federal funds; and

WHEREAS, only one proposal was received, reviewed, deemed to have met all of the requirements, and therefore, recommended for award; and

WHEREAS, Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc., the only firm to submit a proposal, has been verified as not debarred or suspended in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR Part 180, as confirmed through the System for Award Management (SAM) at SAM.gov; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to award a contract to Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc. for a PY 2025 CDBG Application, and CDBG Post-Application services contingent upon awarding of the grant.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that, in accordance with the most recent guidance issued by the CDBG and Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding procurement procedures, the acceptance of the proposal of Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc. for the provision of professional services for PY 2025 CDBG Project, has been determined to be in the best interest of the Town.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as follows:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That the Town of Brantley hereby elects to select and award Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc. for the provision of engineering services pending the receipt of CDBG funds and CDBG contract approval as required.

 $\underline{\text{SECTION 2}}$. That this action is based on the current interpretation of CDBG procurement policy which is acknowledged by this resolution and CDBG policy and memorandum on file.

<u>SECTION 3</u>. That Bernie Sullivan, Mayor, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said contract on behalf of the Town of Brantley.

ADOPTED this 8th day of July, 2025.

Bernie Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Mears, Town Clerk

TOWN OF BRANTLEY RESOLUTION NO. 2025-6 2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

To authorize the filing of an application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Community Development Block Grant Program for Economic Development funds; to commit a local match for the project; and to authorize the Mayor of Brantley to sign all documents related to the filing of the PY 2025 CDBG Application.

WHEREAS, the Alabama Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program has been established to assist local governments in meeting community development and housing needs consistent with the objectives set forth in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Brantley, acting by and through the Town Council, proposes to apply for Community Development Block Grant Small City (CDBG) funds to make critical sanitary sewer improvements along Old School Drive, improving public health and infrastructure reliability; and

WHEREAS, under the terms and provisions of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Town of Brantley, as a recipient of these funds, is required to designate and appoint a Financial Officer to perform certain duties in the administration of said grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF BRANTLEY as follows:

- THAT, Bernie Sullivan, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute and submit an
 application with appropriate assurances to the State of Alabama Department of Economic
 and Community Affairs, requesting Program Year 2025 CDBG funds in the amount of
 \$400,000; and
- THAT, the Town of Brantley hereby commits to provide cash resources in the amount of \$40,000 for the local share of the project; and
- THAT, Bernie Sullivan, or the current Mayor, be and is hereby designated and appointed
 as Financial Officer under the terms and pursuant to the provisions of Title I of the
 Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and is directed and
 empowered to make necessary assurances and to perform, on behalf of the Town of
 Brantley, those acts and assume such duties as are consistent with said position.

ADOPTED this _	8th day of	July	,2025.	
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			Bernie Sullivan, Mayor	-

ATTEST:

Diane Mears, Town Clerk