

Front Porch Town



Town of Brantley

Steve Walker, Mayor

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## **COUNCIL MEETING: NOVEMBER 13, 2025**

The Town Council for the Town of Brantley met on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Brantley Armory with the following members present: Mayor Walker, Linda Berry, Scott Beck, Darryl Elliott, Dr. Charles Tompkins and Lorey Bogen. Notice of meeting was posted at Town Hall, U.S. Post Office and Brantley Library. Others present: Diane Mears, Chief Averett, Bill Rayborn and several town residents.

Mayor Walker said prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Mayor Walker.

Mayor Walker reminded council members that forty (40) hours of continuing education was needed over the next four (4) years. Some classes can be virtual. Mayor Walker stated that this meeting was mainly an organizational meeting (appointments by resolution).

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

#### **PRO TEM:**

Councilman Bogen nominated Councilman Elliott to be Mayor Pro Tem (1-0); Councilman Beck nominated Councilman Tompkins for Mayor Pro Tem (2-0). Councilman Tompkins was appointed Mayor Pro Tem.

#### **TOWN CLERK:**

Mayor Walker recommended Diane Mears be appointed Town Clerk. **Approved (5-0).**

#### **CHIEF OF POLICE:**

Mayor Walker recommended Titus Averett be appointed Chief of Police. **Approved (5-0).**

#### **FIRE CHIEF:**

Mayor Walker recommended Keith Morgan be appointed Fire Chief. **Approved (5-0).**

#### **JUDGE & PROSECUTOR:**

Mayor Walker recommended Brandon Coots be appointed Judge and William Rayborn be appointed Prosecutor. **Approved (5-0).**

## **TOWN ATTORNEY:**

Mayor Walker recommended William Rayborn be appointed Town Attorney. **Approved (5-0).**

Councilwoman Berry asked if Mr. Rayborn could be both Town Attorney and Prosecutor and how often court is held. Mayor stated that as attorney he would handle duties of town and as prosecutor he handled traffic and court cases; court is held once a month.

## **COMMITTEES:**

### **FINANCE:**

Mayor Walker recommended and appointed: **Lorey Bogen, Charles Tompkins and Linda Berry.**

### **POLICE:**

Mayor Walker recommended and appointed: **Darryl Elliott, Scott Beck and Linda Berry.**

### **RECREATION:**

Mayor Walker asked each council member to recommend an appointment for the Recreation Board: **Steven Walker, Hunter Royal, Chad Williamson, Emery Bogen, Marx Kendrick and Terry Kilcrease.** Mr. Emery Bogen said he had a conflict as his grandchildren were attending activity at Luverne. The Recreation Board would recommend a Recreation Director and must be approved by the council since it is a salaried position.

Mayor Walker stated that a Resolution can be read and passed at a council meeting however Ordinances have a review period of thirty (30) days. To approve the "Rules of Council Meeting Ordinance", a 100% attendance and a 100% approval to suspend thirty (30) period must be fulfilled. Motion was made by Councilman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Bogen to **approve suspension and accept Ordinance. Approved 5-0.**

Mayor Walker stated that there are some Ordinances to be considered: (1) Police of Chief needs to be salaried; information at next meeting; (2) Family Health Insurance (currently paying 100%); suggested that beginning January 1, 2026 (employee pay 1/3 and town 2/3 family), April 1, 2026 (employee pay 2/3 and town 1/3 family), and by June 1, 2026 employee pay 100% family. Councilman Bogen reminded that there is no retirement, however the town matches 3% when the employee contributes 3%; Clerk stated that once the employee reaches \$1,000, a check is issued to the employee. Mayor Walker suggested setting up an IRA for the employees.

Mayor Walker stated that raises had to be considered forty-five (45) prior to election. This was done as follows: Mayor (\$500.00/mo.), Pro Tem (\$200.00/mo.), Council (\$175.00/mo.), however the mayor is also the water superintendent in which the salary is currently \$1,200.00/mo. Mayor Walker stated that the water superintendent could be reduced or leave "as is". **Motion was made by Councilman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Bogen to continue the water superintendent salary at \$1,200.00/mo. Approved (5-0).**

Councilman Beck asked what were the duties of the Water Superintendent? Mayor replied overseeing water operations, seeking out grants and political connections.

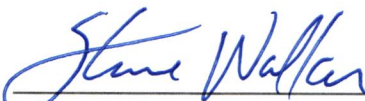
Councilman Elliott stated that the Bailey property must be on the agenda for the next council meeting. Appraisal has been completed, and Tim Daniels is ready to begin construction. Councilman Elliott stated that Mr. Daniels was told that property would be sold to him and doesn't see why we can't do it. Councilman Beck asked about type of business and Councilman Elliott stated "hair products". Councilman Elliott stated he would refer Tim Daniels to Mayor to discuss said property in detail.

Councilman Bogen asked about appointment for Brantley Housing Board. Mayor Walker stated that the Housing Board meetings were public (open to anyone). Councilman Bogen stated that all committee members were paid at \$25.00 per meeting. Councilman Elliott stated that it was up to the Mayor to have an ex officio or not. Matter was tabled.

Councilman Tompkins requested a list of town employees, duties and salaries. Councilman Tompkins also requested information on additional payment for committee meetings. Councilman Elliott stated that "you can always vote it out", ordinance would have to be changed.

Mayor Walker cautioned everyone of "Social Media".

Motion was made by Councilman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Bogen to adjourn. **Approved (5-0).**

  
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Mayor Steve Walker

11-13-2025  
Date:

**NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 9, 2025**