

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, August 15, 2019, 7:00 PM, at River Ridge Golf Club Pavilion, 3133 Brazos Oak Ln, Sealy, Texas.

- 1-2. **Call to Order - Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** - Mayor Albert Sykes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. Joe McSloy offered an invocation.
3. **Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum** Council members present were:
Albert Sykes, Mayor
Joe Mc Sloy, Mayor Pro Tem
Neil Howard, Alderman
David Schultz, Alderman
Steve Dorenbach, Aldermman

Sharon Smith was absent. Mayor Sykes certified there was a quorum.

4. **Public Comments** – Resident Fred Garcia asked that the council introduce themselves as he did not recognize the new members. Introductions were made and Mayor Sykes thanked Mr. Garcia for attending the meeting.
5. **Consent agenda – Minutes, General and Water Fund Financials**
David Schultz offered a correction to the July minutes regarding the paragraph under new business as to his burglary update report. Alderman Schultz then made a motion that the minutes be approved as corrected. Neil Howard seconded and the motion passed. Neil Howard made a motion that the General Fund payables in the amount of \$9,651.93 and the Water Fund payables in the amount of \$1,427.97 be approved. Steve Dorenbach seconded and the motion carried.
6. **Old Business** –
 - a. **Hidden Creek/River Ridge drainage** Joe McSloy reported that he had received a contract from Blue Sky Right of Way and that he and Mayor Sykes would review and sign. He also reported that Mr. Mullins had said that, weather permitting, work should begin between September 11 and 14, and he estimated that the work would take 3-4 days.
 - b. **Road maintenance** – John Williams sent a report with Joe McSloy that work should begin toward the end of August on Sodolak Lane and Pecan Ridge. Council reviewed a list of road signs sent by John Williams. There was some discussion about contracting with someone who could be available for maintenance of various equipment, road signs, etc. when needs arise. Joe McSloy made a motion to replace missing road signs and repairs ones that were damaged. David Schultz seconded and motion carried.
 - c. **Culverts and drainage** – No action.
 - d. **Water plant alarm automation** - Steve Dorenbach reported that the panel in the water plant building did not have an ethernet port but he thinks he has some equipment that can facilitate cell phone alert when certain problems arise at the water plant. He will continue to pursue this.

e. Feral hogs – Neil Howard reported that he had talked to Mr. Stribling about the traps and future plans.

f. Public safety – David Schultz gave an update on the recent incidents in and around the neighborhood and recommended that council consider increasing hours of patrol within the city.

7. New business –

a. Transfer of funds from Water Fund Contingency to Water Plant Maintenance – Joe McSloy made a motion to transfer \$1,000 from the Contingency fund in the Water Fund to the Water Plant Maintenance line. David Schultz seconded and motion carried.

b. Create Code Enforcement Officer position

c. Appoint Charles Kalkomey Code Enforcement Officer

Mayor Sykes entertained a motion to table 7b and 7c after a discussion with Mr. Kalkomey. David Schultz made a motion that these two items be tabled and Joe McSloy seconded. Motion carried.

d. Floodplain Ordinance – Steve Dorenbach made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-04 with the change of wording in Article 4 Section A to read “The Mayor, or his or her designee, is hereby appointed the Floodplain Administrator...”. Joe McSloy seconded and motion carried.

e. Proposed Budgets for 2019-20 Several corrections were made to both proposed budgets and David Schultz made a motion to approve the proposed budgets for the General Fund and the Water Fund for 2019-20. Neil Howard seconded and motion carried.

f. Public Hearing Date for 2019-2020 Budgets - Joe McSloy made a motion that September 16, 2019, 7 pm, would be the date for the public hearing for the 2019-2020 budgets. Neil Howard seconded and the motion carried.

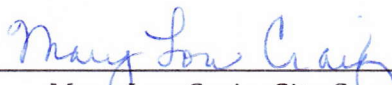
g. Preliminary Operations and Maintenance Tax Rate for 2019-2020 – Mayor Sykes explained the Sample Tax Rate Calculation worksheet provided by Austin County Appraisal District. David Schultz made a motion that council recommend the effective tax rate of 0.08672 per \$100 valuation. Joe McSloy seconded and motion carried.

h. Public Hearing date for 2019-2020 Tax Levy - Joe McSloy made a motion that September 16, 2019, 7 pm, be the date for the public hearing for the 2019-2020 tax levy. Neil Howard seconded and motion carried.

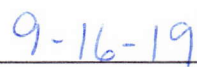
8. Public Comments – None.

9. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary - None

10. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.



Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary



Date