

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, December 19, 2019, 7:00 PM, at 329 Pecan Grove Rd, 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. Mary Lou Craig offered an invocation.

3. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum Council members present were:

Albert Sykes, Mayor
Neil Howard, Alderman
Joe McSloy, Alderman
Sharon Smith, Alderwoman
David Schultz, Alderman

Mayor Sykes certified there was a quorum. Alderman Dorenbach was absent. Also present at the meeting were the City Secretary (Mary Lou Craig), John Williams and Gary Craig although Dr. Craig and Mr. Williams left before the meeting adjourned.

4. Public Comments - None.

5. Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate – City Secretary reported there was a correction on the November water fund income to include an additional deposit. Mayor Sykes pointed out the tax percent noted on the General Fund Revenue sheet needed to be updated to the 2019-2020 rate. Joe McSloy made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting, the General Fund financials and the Water Fund financials as presented. David Schultz seconded and motion carried.

6. Old Business

a. Road Maintenance – Update on Sodolak and Pecan Ridge Road repairs by All Texas Paving – Mayor Sykes reported there has been no response regarding the certified letter sent to All Texas Paving concerning the work done on Sodolak and Pecan Ridge Lane. Mayor Sykes also reported that he and Alderman Howard had worked on half of Sodolak, removing the excess gravel, and it was definitely improved. Several options were discussed as to the best plan moving forward. Mayor Sykes recommended that he and Alderman Howard finish their work on Sodolak and urged Council members to check out the results after their work. John Williams presented proposals from Sealy Paving for further work on these two roads. Mayor Sykes asked council members to review these proposals before the January meeting. Alderman Schultz also requested that a report to the Better Business Bureau be filed regarding the City's experience with All Texas Paving.

b. Feral hog issues – Relocating automated traps and contract – Neil Howard reported that he had talked with Steve Stribling of SHS Hog Service that very morning by telephone. Mr. Stribling plans to be in Brazos Country Monday or Tuesday of next week to facilitate moving one of the traps.

c. Culverts and drainage – Alderman McSloy brought to the attention of council the need to be prepared to provide access to the engineers who have offered to give the city rip rap left over from the I 10 construction.

d. Water department – No action.

e. Part-time contract person for city & water maintenance – consideration and possible action
Council discussed hiring someone who could perform recurring tasks for the city. Everyone was asked to create a list of tasks and time estimates for the possible job position to be presented at the January regular meeting.

f. City Map with ETJ – Update and possible action Mayor Sykes reported that we should receive a city map from former mayor Charles Kalkomey.

g. City Website – Update and possible action Mayor Sykes reported he was working on the website in order to comply with new state regulations. The map will be added to the website as soon as we receive it from Mr. Kalkomey. Mayor Sykes also reminded council that members and contact information would be added and it was decided to use the city email address and phone number for this contact information.

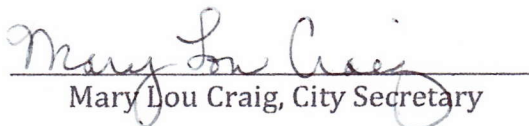
7. New Business

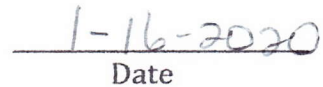
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b. City audit – Draft audit packets were presented to council for review. Mr. Curtis Craig will be asked to attend the January meeting to answer questions.

8. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary – Alderman Schultz asked for clarification of city's goal for Constable Clark's increased hours for neighborhood patrol. Council agreed that the goal is that the patrol be three days. Alderman Schultz also requested that a new business item for next month be consideration of a long-range plan for city roads.

10. Adjourn – Sharon Smith made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Neil Howard. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.


Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary


Date