

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, January 16, 2020, 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. Mary Lou Craig offered an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

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
Steve Dorenbach, Alderman

Mayor Sykes certified there was a quorum.

Also present at the meeting were the City Secretary (Mary Lou Craig), Sandi Sykes and Gary Craig.

4. Public Comments - None.

5. Consent Agenda - consideration and action as appropriate -David Schultz made a motion to accept the minutes of the December meeting, the General Fund financials and the Water Fund financials as presented. Sharon Smith seconded and motion carried.

6. Old Business

a. City Audit - Consideration and action as appropriate

Curtis Craig presented a summary of the 2016-17 and 2017-18 audits along with representation letters. Recommendations were made in the audit and the mayor and city secretary will provide suggestions for compliance by the next meeting. Joe McSloy made a motion to accept the audits as presented. The motion was seconded by Neil Howard and motion carried.

b. Road Maintenance - Update on Sodolak and Pecan Ridge Road repairs by All Texas

Paving - City Secretary presented the returned certified letter sent to All Texas Paving regarding the dissatisfaction with the work done and request for adherence to the warranty promised. It was marked "unable to forward." Mayor Sykes reported that Sodolak was improved after the work he and Alderman Howard did to remove the excess gravel. Once the gravel is removed the roads will be swept and then reassessed.

c. Feral hog issues - The current contract will expire March 31, 2020. Mayor Sykes asked council to review the contract before the February meeting so a decision can be made whether to renew.

d. Water department - Mayor Sykes reported that he had questions about new invoices received from Ferguson Waterworks and new parts ordered for the water plant. An inventory and accounting of parts purchased and used was discussed.

e. Part-time contract person for city & water maintenance – consideration and possible action
Various jobs mentioned for this part-time position were helping with monitoring the inventory at the water plant, replacing meter boxes, installing new street signs, reading the water meters and mowing and ditch cleaning around the city. It was decided that Albert would talk to Buckshot first concerning the meter reading and then council will determine what amount can be allocated for this new hire.

f. City Map with ETJ – Update and possible action Mayor Sykes reported that he had met with Charles Kalkomey and they were working to correct errors on the current city map.

7. New Business

a. Street Signs – David Schultz reported to council with cost estimates to upgrade and replace the signs throughout the city. After discussion, Steve Dorenbach made a motion that the upgrades outlined in Alderman Schultz’s report including purchase of new signs, posts and brackets be made as presented. Joe McSloy seconded and motion carried. Joe McSloy then made a motion that council allot \$5,000.00 to proceed with this project. Neil Howard seconded and motion carried. Neil Howard then made a motion to transfer \$5,000 from line item 5710 – Contingency Reserve, to line item 5620 – Road Signs. Sharon Smith seconded and motion carried.

b. Ordinance 2020-01 Election – consideration and appropriate action – Sharon Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-01 to allow for the May 2nd election of three Aldermen at large positions. Neil Howard seconded and motion carried.

c. Interlocal Agreement with Austin County regarding road maintenance – consideration and action as appropriate

David Schultz made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Austin County with the correction in the agreement of the city address to reflect 329 Pecan Grove Road. Joe McSloy seconded and motion carried.

d. Cypress Creek Mosquito Control contract – consideration and action as necessary

After discussion David Schultz made a motion to send written notice of cancellation of the contract with Cypress Creek Mosquito Control. Joe McSloy seconded and motion carried.


e. City Emails – Mayor Sykes reported that all council members had new email addresses through the city website and asked that everyone get these set up before the February meeting.

f. Assess and suggest long-term plan for road maintenance

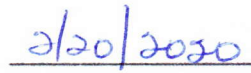
No discussion because of time.

8. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary – Sandi Sykes suggested that council consider a celebration this year to mark 20 years of incorporation as City of Brazos Country. Mary Lou reported that she will be out of the country February 1 through February 8. Sharon Smith let council know she would not be at the February meeting, which is scheduled for February 20th.

10. Adjourn – Sharon Smith made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Neil Howard. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 9:34 pm.



Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary



Date