

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, May 21, 2020, 7:00 PM, at River Ridge Golf 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 7:08 PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. Mary Lou Craig offered the invocation.

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

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

Mayor Sykes certified there was a quorum.

Also present at the meeting were the City Secretary (Mary Lou Craig), John Williams, and Justin Holub.

4. **Oath of Office**

a. **Oaths** - City Secretary, Mary Lou Craig, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Aldermen Joe McSloy, Neil Howard, and David Schultz.

b. **Election of Mayor Pro Tem** - Neil Howard made a motion that Joe McSloy be appointed Mayor Pro Tem. It was seconded by Steve Dorenbach and motion carried.

5. **Public Comments** - Mayor Sykes informed those present that with a new law, attendees from the public are allowed to comment at any time during the meeting.

6. **Consent Agenda - consideration and action as appropriate** - David Schultz made a motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting, the March 23rd Special Meeting, and the March 29th Emergency Meeting, the General Fund financials and the Water Fund financials as presented. Sharon Smith seconded and motion carried.

7. **Old Business**

a. **Road Maintenance - Update on Sodolak and Pecan Ridge - consideration and possible action** - Mayor Sykes updated council concerning the status of these two roads and presented and explained the two quotes he had obtained. One was from Sealy Paving in the amount of \$48,864 and the other was from GMJ Paving Co in the amount of \$43,120. After discussion, David Schultz made a motion to accept the quote from GMJ Paving in the amount of \$43,120. Steve Dorenbach seconded and motion carried.

b. **Feral hog issues - Contract review - consideration and possible action** Joe McSloy reported that he had phoned SHS Wild Hog Service owner, Steve Stribling, several times and had not actually talked to him. Neil Howard reported that he had talked to him again and Mr. Stribling planned to come inspect the traps next week. Brazos Country neighbor Justin Holub commented that he might be interested in buying or servicing the traps and would present a proposal at the June council meeting.

c. **Water meters - Update** - City Secretary Mary Lou Craig reported that there are now 43 iPerl meters installed in the city and 22 of the 100 meters recently ordered had been installed. Mayor Sykes reported that installation will be paused, except for non-working meters, for a few months.

8. **New Business**

a. **Proposed 2020-21 Budgets - Discussion** Council was presented with copies of the proposed budgets for the 2020-21 fiscal year. Mayor Sykes commented concerning several line items and proposed changes.

b. **Water plant management platform - Steve Dorenbach** Alderman Dorenbach reported that he had installed the Field Panel Web Server at the water plant and explained how it works. Noting that the line item for Communications/Technology in the water fund budget would be insufficient, and that there were other shortages upcoming, Joe McSloy made a motion to transfer \$500 to 8320 Communications/Technology, \$200 to 8330 Printing & Copying, \$1500 to 8590 Operations, \$1000 to archived line item number 8580 Engineering Services, and \$10,000 to 8620 Repairs. This would total \$13,200 from 8710 Contingency Reserve. Sharon Smith seconded and motion passed.

c. **Water tanks - Update, consideration and possible action** - Mayor Sykes updated council concerning leaks in both city water tanks and reviewed the quote from Superior Tank Company in the amount of \$1,824.00 to repair.

d. **Comcast - Update** - Mayor Sykes reported that although he had spoken to one of the field technicians as they explored our city, he had been unable to reach anyone who could provide us with pertinent information as to their intentions.


e. **Audit update - Extension of contract by mayor under Disaster Declaration** - Mayor Sykes reported that with email notification of council, and with no expressed objections, under the Declaration of Disaster, he renewed the contract for Curtis Craig, CPA, to proceed with the 2018-19 audit.

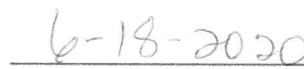
f. **Water fund budget - Amend as recommended; consideration and possible action** - This item was addressed in 8b above.

g. **Declaration of Disaster - Review and possible action** - Mayor Sykes reported that he no longer saw the need for this declaration. David Schultz made a motion to rescind the Declaration of Disaster as described in Resolution 2020-01 approved March 29, 2020. Joe McSloy seconded and motion carries.

9. **Comments - Mayor/Council/City Secretary** - Mayor Sykes thanked Alderman Schultz for the work he did to install the new street signs in the city. It was also explained that the city secretary will be requesting council members to deliver deposits to the bank in an effort to provide more accountability in the finances of the city.

10. **Adjourn** - Sharon Smith made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Neil Howard. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.


Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary


Date