

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 7:00 PM, via Zoom.

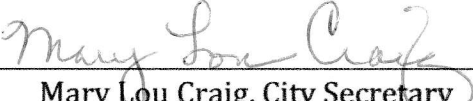
- 1-2. **Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation** - Mayor Albert Sykes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. Mary Lou Craig offered the invocation.
3. **Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum** Council members present were:
Albert Sykes, Mayor
Joe McSloy, Mayor Pro Tem
Sharon Smith, Alderwoman
Steve Dorenbach, Alderman
David Schultz, Alderman

Neil Howard was absent.

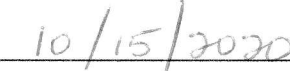
Mayor Sykes certified there was a quorum.
Also in attendance were Curtis Craig, Richard Cheek, San Felipe Fire Chief Steve Silver, Officer Eric Bryant of the Austin County Peace Officers Association, John and Linda Williams, Gary Williamson, Dean Armitage and City Secretary Mary Lou Craig.
4. **Public Comments** – Dean Armitage introduced himself and indicated that he is interested in helping with city business.
- 5a. **Audit – Curtis Craig, CPA – consideration and action as appropriate** – Mr. Craig presented the draft of the fiscal year 2018-19 audit and gave a summary of his report. He answered questions from council as well as offering to answer questions that might arise after the meeting. Sharon Smith made a motion to accept the audit presented for the fiscal year 2018-2019. Dave Schultz seconded and motion carried.
- b. **Presentation of year-end contributions – San Felipe Fire Department, Austin County Peace Officers Association, Austin County EMS and Gordon Memorial Library** City Secretary Mary Lou Craig reported that the checks for the 2019-2020 donations to these entities had been mailed earlier this week. Fire Chief Silver and Officer Bryant were thanked by the mayor and council for the work they do to keep our community safe.
- c. **Adopt 2020-21 General Fund Budget – consideration and action as appropriate** -- Joe McSloy made a motion to adopt the 2020-21 General Fund Budget and it was seconded by Sharon Smith. Voting “yea” were: David Schultz, Sharon Smith, Steve Dorenbach and Joe McSloy. There were no “nays.”
- d. **Consideration and action as appropriate on Ordinance 2020-03, an ordinance setting the fiscal year 2020-21 property tax levy** – David Schultz made a motion that Ordinance 2020-03, setting the tax levy for the 2020-21 fiscal year at 0.08628 per \$100 valuation. Joe McSloy seconded the motion. Voting “yea” were Sharon Smith, Steve Dorenbach, Dave Schultz and Joe McSloy. There were no “nay” votes.
- e. **2020-01 Water Fund Budget – consideration and action as appropriate** -- Sharon Smith made a motion that the 2020-21 water fund budget be approved as amended at the Budget

Workshop Meeting held on September 4, 2020. Steve Dorenbach seconded the motion and it carried.

6. **Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate** – Sharon Smith made a motion that Council approve the consent agenda and it was seconded by Joe McSloy. Motion carried.
7. **Old Business**
 - a. **Water Plant Update – Richard Cheek** – Mr. Cheek gave a summary of the report he sent to council with his findings after meeting Buckshot at the plant. He informed council of items needing attention.
 - b. **New Water Tank Repair – Update – consideration and action as appropriate** – Referring to information from 7a above there was discussion about steps moving forward to address the repair of the new tank. Joe McSloy made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$6,025 + 10% more (\$6,627.50) to allow for increase of the quoted amount, for Allied Tank to repair the new tank. Dave Schultz seconded the motion and it carried with none opposed.
 - c. **Hidden Creek Outfall – Update/Discussion – consideration and action as appropriate**
Mayor Sykes reported that he had talked to a representative from Webber Engineering about some concrete available to the city which could be used to fill the area where the drainage from Hidden Creek flows into the Brazos River. He said a bulldozer would be made available through Austin County Highway Department and Commissioner Reed, who had offered to help with the drainage issue.
8. **Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary** – Mayor Sykes gave a brief explanation concerning the presentation by ACESD1 which would be available through a Zoom meeting. This tax increase will be on the November 3rd ballot. He also informed council that Alderman Steve Dorenbach would be turning in his resignation to the city secretary because of his increased work schedule and family obligations.
9. **Adjourn** – Sharon Smith made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Joe McSloy. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.



Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary



Date