

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, December 17, 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 7:01 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
Neil Howard, Alderman
Bob Ray, Alderman

Richard Cheek was absent.

Mayor Sykes certified there was a quorum.

Also in attendance were President of BC HOA, Brian Olivier, Fire Chief Steve Silver, Richard Matarazzo, Vice President of ESD-1, Kim Silver, Treasurer of ESD-1, and City Secretary Mary Lou Craig.

- 4. Public Comments** – Brian Olivier commented that the HOA was aware of the water leak in the flower bed at the entrance to Section 5 and they were addressing it. He also reported that the awards had been given to the various winners in the Christmas decorations categories.
- 5. ESD-1 Updates and discussion – Chief Silver, San Felipe FD & OEM Ray Chislett** – Mr. Chislett was unable to attend. Reports were given by Chief Silver and Mr. Richard Matarazzo concerning the status of the Fire Department as a result of the recent storms, COVID and multiple accidents on I-10 due to the construction. They also outlined the future effects resulting from the proposition to raise the cap of the tax for the department from 3 cents to 10 cents failing to receive the necessary 51% of the votes cast in the November election. Mr. Matarazzo reported that of the 1,543 votes cast, 44% were in support of the proposition and 56% were against. This will be on the ballot again in May 2021 and council was urged to help with support in order to provide the best service for our neighborhood.
- 6. Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate** –After a brief review Bob Ray made a motion that Council approve the consent agenda, including minutes from the October and November meetings and the Financial reports for the month of November. Sharon Smith seconded and motion carried.
- 7. Old Business**
- a. Roads – Update & discussion** - After discussion Joe McSloy made a motion that we ask for a bid to repair Pecan Ridge (West side), Pecan Ridge cul-de-sac, Spruce Ct., Creekside Ct., and Cottonwood Ct. and that we also ask for a bid to do all the aforementioned roads with the addition of Willow Oak Ln. Neil Howard seconded and motion carried. Mayor Sykes reported that the roads had not been sprayed for weed control because the contractor was behind with other work and by the time he could put us on his schedule, the cold weather had killed most of the grass already.

b. Culverts and Drainage – Update & discussion–Joe McSloy reported that they had received 3 bids to do the concrete work at the River Ridge outfall area. He suggested council accept the bid from Juan Concrete for \$10,750. Neil Howard made a motion that the Juan Concrete bid be accepted. Sharon Smith seconded and motion carried with Joe McSloy abstaining.

c. Water department – Update and action as appropriate

Mayor Sykes reported that Richard Cheek had requested quotes from several contractors to handle the inspections and repairs needed at the water plant. He also is working on the availability of a generator for use at the plant in the event of a significant power outage.

8. New Business

a. Replats of properties – Update; consideration and action as appropriate

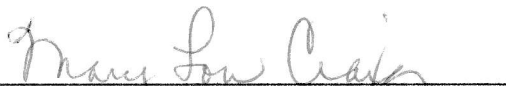
Mayor Sykes reported that there were still questions about the plats received from the Brett Warren property and those questions will be resolved with appropriate paperwork to be submitted soon to council. He also reported meeting with Mrs. Fran Sodalak and her brother concerning the replatting of their property and progress had been made.

b. I-10 Construction Update – Mayor Sykes reported that he would post the latest news about the I-10 construction on the city website. He gave council details about the next phase which will affect traffic flow when returning to Brazos Country from the east. Once 1458 underpass is complete the Mlcak/Chew exit, westbound, will no longer be accessible. The current plan involves the new bridge over the river to be complete by summer 2021.


9. Public comments – none

10. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary– Joe McSloy encouraged council to consider helping the Fire Department and EMS communicate the need for the proposition to pass in May. The secretary commented that the mowing of the lake did not take place because of the rain we received, which made the mowing impossible. Mayor Sykes gave some information about the soon-to-be-available vaccines for Covid-19. Neil Howard commented that the Sealy ISD had voted to decrease the homestead exemption for the school tax by 10%.

11. Adjourn – Sharon Smith made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Joe McSloy. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.



Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary



Date