

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, February 25, 2021, 7:00 PM, via Zoom.

**1-2. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation** - Mayor Albert Sykes called the meeting to order at 7:02 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  
Bob Ray, Alderman

Richard Cheek and Neil Howard were absent.

Mayor Sykes certified there was a quorum.

Also in attendance were Jeff Van Pelt and City Secretary Mary Lou Craig.

**4. Public Comments** – None.

**5. Old Business**

**a. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** - Mayor Sykes reported that the roadwork approved at the February 4, 2021 Special Meeting was scheduled to take place March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**b. Culverts and Drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** – Joe McSloy and Bob Ray reported that 43 additional loads of rip rap had been added at the Hidden Creek outfall area so far and more is needed. The recent rains have required postponement until the trucks can safely drive down to the area. Joe McSloy also reported that the concrete work would be attempted next week in that same area.

**c. Water department – Update; consideration and action as appropriate**

Mayor Sykes reported that he and Richard Cheek had successfully insulated and winterized the exposed pipes at the water plant during the extreme weather conditions of last week. They were helped by Bob Ray and Jeff Van Pelt in assisting many residents with preparing for the frigid temperatures. Mayor Sykes reported that several residents had damage to their homes due to broken pipes, but fortunately the city sustained minimal damage. He proposed that a committee study the possibility of securing a generator for the water plant for future events requiring back-up power. Richard Cheek and Bob Ray will be joined by Mr. Van Pelt and possibly one other resident to study this proposal. Mayor Sykes set the date of March 15<sup>th</sup> for a Workshop Meeting on the water plant back-up generator. Joe McSloy made a motion that this committee be formed with the aforementioned assignment. Sharon Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

**d. Replats of Sodolak Lane – Update** – Mayor Sykes reported that the Sodolak family is still considering the requirements for a road on the property they want to subdivide.

**e. Replats of Warren property – Update** – Mayor Sykes reported that we are still waiting for the submission of the required documents for this subdivision of property.

6. **New Business**

a. **Lake Improvements – Discussion**

Mayor Sykes reported that he had met with several residents with different proposals and will update council at a later date.

b. **Ordinance 2021-02 Cancelling the Election – consideration and action as appropriate –**

Because there were no applications received by the deadline of February 18<sup>th</sup>, the election scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> (?) would not be necessary. The following candidates would be sworn in at the regular May meeting:

Mayor – Albert A Sykes  
Alderman at Large – Sharon Smith  
Alderman at Large – Richard Cheek

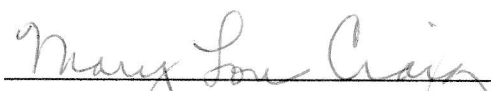
Bob Ray made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-02. Joe McSloy seconded and motion carried.

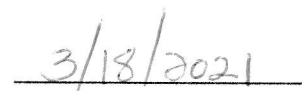
c. **Winding Creek Lane and Winding Creek Court – CenterPoint outage for service -** The scheduled outage to repair the switch was cancelled due to the inclement weather and is now rescheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>. CenterPoint will issue another letter to the affected residents and City Secretary was instructed to facilitate a robo call to alert these residents of the scheduled outage.

7. **Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate** – Sharon Smith made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from the January regular meeting, the January 28<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting and the February 4<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting, as well as the General Fund and Water Fund Financials. Joe McSloy seconded the motion. After answering a question raised by Bob Ray, the motion was voted on and was passed.

8. **Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary**– Jeff Van Pelt submitted several comments concerning areas of interest. Mayor Sykes informed council about the funds which will be available through FEMA due to Austin County being declared part of the disaster area due to the recent extreme weather conditions. Application for this money can be accessed through the notice posted on the city website.

9. **Adjourn** – Sharon Smith made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Bob Ray. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

  
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Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary

  
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