

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, March 18, 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, Alderman
and Neil Howard, Alderman

Mayor Sykes certified there was a quorum.

Also in attendance were HOA President Brian Olivier 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 road work to be done by GMJ Paving is now scheduled for Friday, April 2nd. He requested that residents affected by the work be advised through Blackboard Connect so they could plan accordingly. Mayor Sykes also requested that BluGreen be contacted to schedule spraying of the weeds along the roads.

b. Culverts and Drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate – Bob Ray asked if it was necessary to transfer funds in the budget to cover the expenses recently incurred with the work at the Hidden Creek outfall. It was pointed out that the amount not covered by the monies budgeted in Drainage Improvements (line item 5640) could be paid from the Drainage Improvements Capital Reserve (line item 5645.)

c. Water department – Update; consideration and action as appropriate Richard Cheek reported that he had received a quote from Sealy Butane of \$2,800 for a 1,000 gallon propane tank. He reminded council that the tank and the generator would require a concrete slab. The committee is still researching this project and investigating types and capacities of generators. Richard also reported that the inspection of the two tanks at the water plant would take place Friday, March 26th. The cost for the inspection will be \$600 and this company would be able to do the repairs as needed.

d. Replats of Sodolak Lane – Update – Mayor Sykes reported that the Sodolak family has decided that the road requirements are cost prohibitive for their family. We are still waiting for the completed forms from the Warren property.

6. **New Business**

a. **Winter Storm – Discussion and Update** – Mayor Sykes reported that he is submitting documentation for the purpose of filing for financial assistance from FEMA for the costs incurred during the February freeze.


b. **Lake Improvements – Discussion**

Mayor Sykes reported that this project is now on hold due to the expenses incurred during the freeze and the recognition of the need for a permanent generator at the water plant.


7. **Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate** –Richard Cheek made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from the February regular meeting, the General Fund and Water Fund Financials. Sharon Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. **Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary**– Mary Lou Craig reported that it had been suggested that a clean-up crew be formed to collect trash along Chew Road. Comments were made concerning one major clean-up needed at a residence in the neighborhood and also about another house which seems to have been abandoned.

9. **Adjourn** – Sharon Smith made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Joe McSloy. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.



Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary



Date