

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, April 15, 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 7:00 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  
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, Bev Victory, Ray Chislett, Simon VanDyk, Linda Williams, Cheri Bumbera and City Secretary Mary Lou Craig.

**4. Public Comments** – Mayor Sykes introduced Mr. VanDyk who provided information regarding the ESD1 proposition which would be on the May 1<sup>st</sup> ballot.

**5. Old Business**

**a. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** - Sharon Smith expressed satisfaction with the road work done Friday by GMJ Paving.

**b. Culverts and Drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** – Joe McSloy reported that he and Bob Ray had submitted a list of culverts needing clean-out. This will be sent to the county office in a request for their assistance.

**c. Water department – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** Richard Cheek reported that the official report from the tank inspection had not been received, but the condition of the new tank was good and it did not require any repairs.

**ii. Acme Fabrication & Welding for water tank replacement – consideration and action as appropriate** – Mayor Sykes asked for the water tank replacement consideration to be addressed first and council agreed. Mayor Sykes referred council to the quote received from Acme Fabrication and Welding for a 3,000 gallon high pressure tank to replace the old tank for the cost of \$19,944.00 Richard Cheek made a motion to move forward with this purchase. It was seconded by Joe McSloy and motion carried.

**i. Total Energy Systems quote for generator – consideration and action as appropriate** – Council reviewed the quote from TES for a 150 kw diesel standby generator for the price of \$48,557. A short discussion followed and a motion to purchase the generator was made by Richard Cheek. It was seconded by Joe McSloy and motion carried with Neil Howard abstaining.

**d. Replats of Warren Family Ranch -Update** – Mayor Sykes reported that council’s concerns regarding this replat had been addressed and documents had been delivered for the replats of the Warren property. These were not received in time for the agenda to be amended, so he asked council about their availability to meet in special session Monday night, April 19<sup>th</sup>, to address these documents. Council agreed.

**6. New Business**

**Budget transfers – consideration and action as appropriate** Neil Howard made a motion to move \$10,000 from line item 8623, Field Repairs Contingency, \$10,000 from line item 8626, Meter Deposit Reserve, and \$27,800 from line item 8710, Contingency Reserve, to line item 8596, Water Plant Capital Reserves. Motion was seconded by Bob Ray and motion carried.

**7. Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate** –Mary Lou Craig explained a correction should be made on the Water Fund financials to change the Net Income on the March Profit and Loss page to -\$1,213.44. Bob Ray made a motion that the consent agenda be approved with the correction. Sharon Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**8. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary**– Mary Lou Craig reported that Chris Drymala had been contacted to spray the weeds growing along the streets in the neighborhood. He tentatively plans to do this Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was suggested that residents be informed that this will take place and they should mark their property if they do not want the spray applied in front of their house. Also, Max Zapalac was contacted to mow the grass and weeds in the lakebed. He will do this Saturday, if weather permits. And lastly, she asked council if there was interest in a resolution expressing opposition to SB 234 and HB 749. It was suggested they consider an example from another city and then vote at the special meeting Monday.

**9. Adjourn** – Richard Cheek made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Neil Howard. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

  
Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary

5-27-2021  
Date