

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, May 27, 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 was City Secretary Mary Lou Craig.

**4. Public Comments** – None.

**5. Old Business**

**a. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** - Council noted concern about the spraying done by BluGreen along the roadways for the purpose of killing the weeds creeping into the asphalt. There were many gaps where the weeds closest to the road were not sprayed, and yet the dead grass extended too far toward the ditch. The road committee will monitor the growth and council will revisit this in the fall.

**b. Culverts and Drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** – Mayor Sykes reported that he had met with County Commissioner Chip Reed and had given him the list of addresses where culvert clean-out is needed. Commissioner Reed suggested that it might be August before he could get to this work.

**c. Water department – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** Mayor Sykes reported that the high pressure tank had been built and would be sent for painting soon. Delivery of the tank would be postponed until installation of the generator could be completed. He also reported that Mercer would be coming to work on the control panel since only one pump was currently working. The router for the Wifi at the plant had to be replaced. The concrete pad for the generator could not be installed until the ground dried from the recent rains.

**d. Resolution 2021-01 – Resolution of the City Council Opposing SB234 and HB749** – Recognizing that Governor Abbott was going to attempt to extend the legislative session beyond the May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, council decided to approve this resolution. Joe McSloy made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-01. Richard Cheek seconded and motion passed.


**6. New Business**

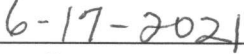
**a. Mosquito Spraying – consideration and action as appropriate** Discussion concerning city resuming spraying for mosquitoes. No action.

**b. ESD-1 Proposition A vote – Discussion** Mayor Sykes reported that he had talked with the district president as well as the fire chief at the San Felipe station. He reported low morale at the station, as well as a decrease in the number of firemen now volunteering. Discussion followed and suggestions for helping the department were solicited.

**c. 20 year(+1) anniversary of city celebration at Reserve – Discussion** – Mayor Sykes reminded council that the year 2020 marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City of Brazos Country incorporation and suggested that a neighborhood celebration might be in order. Discussion followed and several suggested that it be held in the fall instead of around the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

7. **Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate** –Sharon Smith made a motion that the consent agenda be approved. Bob Ray seconded and the motion carried.
8. **Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary**– None
9. **Adjourn** – Bob Ray made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Sharon Smith. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

  
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Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary

  
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