

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, July 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 7:02 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
and Neil Howard, Alderman

Mayor Sykes certified there was a quorum.

Richard Cheek joined the meeting after a few minutes of its beginning.

Also in attendance were Brian Olivier, HOA President, City Secretary Mary Lou Craig and approximately 3 residents.

4. Public Comments - None.

5. Old Business

a. Mosquitoes – A & M extension agent – Mary Lou Craig reported that Dr. Sonja Swiger, an entomology professor who works with the Austin County extension agent will attend the August meeting to share information.

b. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate - Neil Howard asked if we could get some dirt and rocks to help with the ongoing patching of low spots in our roads. Mayor Sykes said he would ask Webber what they could get for us.

c. Culverts and Drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate – Joe McSloy reported that Commissioner Chip Reed and his assistant had shot the elevation grades between the properties of Bob Ray and Barbara Farley for the purpose of helping with the drainage in that area. Bob Ray suggested that he and Joe needed to examine the Hidden Creek outfall area.

d. Water department – Update; consideration and action as appropriate Mayor Sykes reported that the generator was in place and that it could be started in an emergency. Keith Oliver has told us he just doesn't have the man power to do the electrical set-up for us at this time.

e. Budget review – Mayor Sykes called council's attention to the worksheets which have been created and studied for several months. The main focus was that the Water Fund is low and that the revenue expected from water payments will not cover the expenses incurred this fiscal year.

6. New Business

a. Budget transfer – consideration and action as appropriate

Consider transfer from General Fund to Water Fund

Mayor Sykes pointed out that the \$20,000, which had been approved as a transfer in June would not be adequate to cover the expenses currently incurred while addressing necessary repairs/updates at the water plant. Joe McSloy made a motion to transfer an additional \$30,000 from the General Fund to the Water Fund. Richard Cheek seconded the motion and it passed.

b. Donations 2021 – Consideration and action as appropriate

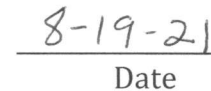
Gordon Memorial Library and others

No action.

- 7. Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate** –Neil Howard made a motion that the consent agenda be approved. Bob Ray seconded and the motion carried.
- 8. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary**– One resident suggested that council approve a 3% property tax rate. Mary Lou Craig reported that Buckshot had mentioned the areas of the recent leak repairs might need dirt added. She also mentioned recent problems with Blackboard Connect efficiency. HOA President Brian Olivier asked if anyone had received information from the 2020 census. No information has been received by the city as yet.
- 9. Adjourn** – Richard Cheek made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Sharon Smith. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.



Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary



Date