

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, September 16, 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
Sharon Smith, Alderwoman
Bob Ray, Mayor Pro Tem
Joe McSloy, Alderman

Neil Howard was absent and Richard Cheek joined the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Mayor Sykes certified there was a quorum.

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

4. Public Comments – Brian Olivier reported that several residents had been contacted by the HOA Property Management Company regarding high grass and weeds and other unsightly issues needing attention.

5. New Business

a. Presentation of year-end contributions: San Felipe Volunteer Fire Department, Austin County Peace Officers Association, Austin County EMS and Gordon Memorial Library – Mayor Sykes noted that none of the invited representatives from these organizations were logged on. City Secretary Mary Lou Craig reported that the checks were mailed to these organizations today.

b. Ordinance 2021-03 Property Tax Rate – consideration and action as appropriate Joe McSloy made a motion that the Ordinance 2021-03 setting the tax rate at 8.628% be adopted for the year 2021-2022. Sharon Smith seconded the motion and the “yea” votes were Joe McSloy, Sharon Smith and Bob Ray. Neil Howard and Richard Cheek were not present to vote.

c. 2021-2022 General Fund Budget – consideration and action as appropriate Mayor Sykes suggested that line item 5710 Contingency Reserve be increased to \$75,000 from the proposed amount of \$25,000. Bob Ray made a motion that the General Fund Budget for 2021-2022 be adopted as amended with line item 5710 Contingency Reserve as \$75,000. Joe McSloy seconded the motion. The affirmative votes were Bob Ray, Joe McSloy and Sharon Smith. Neil Howard and Richard Cheek were not present to vote.

d. 2021-2022 Water Fund Budget – consideration and action as appropriate Questions were asked during the discussion about the cost of installation of the high pressure tank. Mayor Sykes reported that we do not currently have a quote for that. Bob Ray made a motion that the Water Fund Budget for 2021-2022 be adopted as proposed. Sharon Smith seconded. The affirmative votes were Bob Ray, Joe McSloy, Sharon Smith and Richard Cheek. Neil Howard was absent.

e. American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 & the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Grant – update & discussion

Mayor Sykes described the paperwork and process of applying for this grant money over the last few months. He reported that funds available through this grant totaled \$117,450.54. Documentation for use of the funds is still in process and half the money is supposed to be deposited next week.

6. Old Business

a. July Regular Meeting Minutes – error correction; consideration and action as appropriate

City Secretary Mary Lou Craig reported that in the July meeting minutes Joe McSloy was identified as Mayor Pro Tem. The correction would be to list Bob Ray as Mayor Pro Tem. Bob Ray made a motion for this correction to be made in the approved minutes. Richard Cheek seconded the motion and it passed.

b. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate

No update.

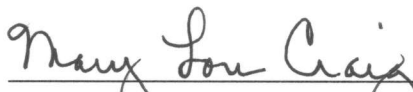
c. Culverts & drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate

Joe McSloy reported that we are still waiting for the county assistance for improved drainage on Standing Oaks.

d. Water department – Update; consideration and action as appropriate

Bob Ray reported that the generator had performed just as expected when the power was interrupted by CenterPoint last week. Bob pointed out that we still need a contract for the service of the generator. It was suggested that council request quotes from several companies for this contract, as well as for the fuel service.

- 7. Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate** –After several questions were answered concerning the financial report Sharon Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Richard Cheek seconded and the motion carried.
- 8. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary**– Mayor Sykes reported that Ray Chislett had resigned as Austin County EMS director and has been replaced by Roy Mercer.
- 9. Adjourn** – Sharon Smith made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Joe McSloy. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.



Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary

10-21-21
Date