

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, December 16, 2021, 7:00 PM, at the pavilion of Kathy's Korner, 9027 Southeast Frontage Rd, Sealy, TX. The public was invited to join 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
Bob Ray, Mayor Pro Tem
Sharon Smith, Alderwoman
Joe McSloy, Alderman
Neil Howard, Alderman
Richard Cheek, Alderman

Also in attendance was City Secretary Mary Lou Craig. Justin Reynolds, a representative for Skynet Wisp, an internet company, was present via Zoom. John Williams was present in person for a brief time.

4. Public Comments - None.

5. Old Business

a. Roads - Update; consideration and action as appropriate

Neil Howard reported that the cul-de-sac at the end of Pecan Ridge was buckling in places, thought to be caused by the garbage trucks turning around. Mayor Sykes reported that we should be prepared to start more road paving in the spring. It was noted that Pecan Grove and Standing Oaks were currently in need.

b. Culverts & drainage - Update; consideration and action as appropriate Joe McSloy reported that the ditch work completed recently by the county looked good. He made suggestions and is still investigating ways to get the culverts cleaned out.

c. Water department - Update; consideration and action as appropriate Richard Cheek reported that he and Mayor Sykes had met that morning with Allied Tank at the water plant. They inspected the area around the tank that seems to be leaking and were unable to locate a source of the water. After much discussion they determined that the best way forward is to monitor the area. Richard also reported that we are still waiting for D & T to contact us about coming out to install the new high-pressure tank. Mayor Sykes reported that he was still waiting for Colorado Oil to return his call. He discussed this with Matt Childress who offered to keep our fuel tank supplied and decided this was the best solution at this time. It was also reported that on November 23rd we were informed that the air compressor at the water plant failed and needed immediate replacement. Mayor Sykes and Alderman Cheek were able to quickly purchase a new compressor and install it before any loss of pressure was experienced. Council thanked them for their quick response to this problem.

At this time Mayor Sykes entertained a motion to recess. Bob Ray made a motion, seconded by Sharon Smith to take a brief recess for refreshments. Motion passed and council recessed at 7:33 pm.

At 7:52 pm Joe McSloy made a motion that council reconvene. Motion was seconded by Richard Cheek and motion passed. Mayor Sykes announced that council was back in session.

6. New Business

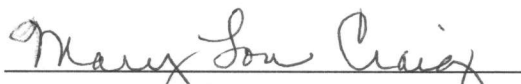
a. Internet update – Mayor Sykes asked Mr. Justin Reynolds for information about his company, Skynet Wisp. Mr. Reynolds gave council his email address and suggested someone communicate and collect information before the next council meeting about what his company could offer. Mayor Sykes thanked him for attending and reported that he is still investigating ways to acquire faster, more dependable internet service for the city. He reported that he had talked to Michael Polk, from ZochNet, a company based in Giddings, TX, which had acquired Jet Jet. Mr. Polk is working with the development of River Ridge Estates to provide fiber connectivity to those potential residents.

b. Lakes at River Ridge subdivision – update – Mayor Sykes reported that he had spoken to several people involved in this development. After research, it was discovered that the subdividing process begun in 2016 was completed and filed with Austin County for Lakes at River Ridge Section One and Section Two, but not for River Ridge Estates. The latter was never filed with the county because questions from the former mayor had never been completely addressed. According to City Ordinance 2003-02, time has lapsed for the subdividing of River Ridge Estates and the process will need to be restarted.

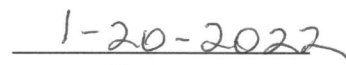
7. Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate –Neil Howard made a motion that the consent agenda, including November regular meeting minutes, General Fund and Water Fund financials, be approved. Bob Ray seconded and motion carried.

8. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary– It was noted that the January meeting is the 20th and it was suggested that council meet inside Kathy's Korner where it might be easier to hear.

9. Adjourn – Sharon Smith made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Richard Cheek. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.



Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary



Date