

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, November 18, 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 7:01 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
Neil Howard, Alderman
Richard Cheek, Alderman

Joe McSloy was absent. Mayor Sykes certified there was a quorum.

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

4. Public Comments – None.

5. Old Business

a. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate

No report. The mayor asked about the Pecan Grove/Hidden Creek corner and it was noted that it might need a “touch-up.”

b. Culverts & drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate Since county commissioner Chip Reed has not been able to come out to help with the drainage ditches, Bob Ray asked if we should consider hiring someone to help with this.

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

i. Approve contract for HP tank installation – consideration and action as

appropriate – Richard Cheek reported to council concerning the two quotes received for installation of the new HP tank. His recommendation was to accept the quote from D & T Electric with a cap on the expense of \$20,000. Bob Ray made a motion that the mayor sign the quote as a contract with D & T Electric not to exceed \$20,000. Neil Howard seconded and motion carried.

ii. Options for disposal of old HP tank – consideration and action as appropriate

Mayor Sykes pointed out that council should consider what to do with the tank being replaced. It does not meet specifications for potable water, but it does have value as a possible storage tank. Richard Cheek mentioned it could possibly be used to store water to be used in case of fire.

Mayor Sykes also reported he has attempted to contact Colorado Oil as a possible source for fuel for the water plant generator. So far he has been unable to reach anyone.

There was discussion about this process, which helps maintain the integrity of the roads, since many of our residents do not keep the grass in front of their property from growing into the asphalt. Richard Cheek pointed out that a solution of vinegar is effective in killing these grasses and weeds. It was suggested that Matt Childress be contacted to see if he would be interested in addressing this problem.

6. New Business

a. Engagement letter from Curtis Craig, CPA, for audit of year 2020-2021; consideration and action as appropriate – Sharon Smith made a motion to accept the engagement letter from Curtis Craig, CPA, to audit the city records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. Bob Ray seconded and motion carried.

b. Spraying of weeds along roads – consideration and action as appropriate - Mary Lou Craig reported that Matt Childress was interested in providing the service to the city. He indicated he would spray the weeds by hand and this would take him longer than the previous provider and he did not have an estimate of the cost. Council encouraged Mary Lou to speak with him again and ask him to provide council with a “ballpark” estimate of what he would charge.

c. Budget adjustments – consideration and action as appropriate – Noting that line item 8595 had exceeded budget allotment on the water fund side, city secretary encouraged council to consider adjusting that line item. Bob Ray made a motion to move \$10,000 from line item 8710 Contingency to item 8595 Water Plant Maintenance. Richard Cheek seconded and motion carried.

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

8. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary– none

9. Adjourn – Sharon Smith made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Bob Ray. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.


Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary

12-16-21
Date