

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, January 20th, 2022, 7:00 PM, via Zoom.

1-2. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Mayor Albert Sykes called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, Alderman

Mayor Sykes certified there was a quorum.

Also in attendance were Brian Olivier, Gary Williamson, Chip Reed, and City Secretary.

4. Public Comments – Mayor Sykes introduced Austin County Commissioner Chip Reed who gave us a brief history of his time serving the community and his plans for future projects in the county. Mayor Sykes thanked him for his help to Brazos Country in the past.

5. Old Business

a. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate

No report.

b. Culverts & drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate Joe McSloy reported that a Brazos Country resident had recently retired and is interested in working on projects for the city part-time. They are talking to him about helping with the clean-out of culverts which have been identified as possibly interfering with efficient drainage. This will be added to the February meeting agenda.

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

Richard Cheek reported that the work to install the new high pressure tank at the water plant had been suspended because it was discovered that the foundation for the tank was cracked. Equipment was brought in by Bill Del Zotto and also with assistance from Matt Childress the tank was moved and the concrete removed. The foundation will be replaced and then the installation will resume.

d. City Broadband Internet – Update Mayor Sykes reported having met with Roger Turner from ZochNet and shared with council the plans to begin installation required to offer fiber optic connectivity in the neighborhood. Mr. Turner indicated these installations should begin toward the end of February.

6. **New Business**

a. Interlocal Agreement for Road Maintenance between Austin County and City of Brazos Country – consideration and action as appropriate – Sharon Smith made a motion to accept and approve this agreement with the correction of the address of the city within the agreement. Joe McSloy seconded and motion carried.

b. Renew City Secretary Salt Grass Chapter dues – consideration and action as appropriate - Mary Lou Craig reported the dues for the city secretary organization are due and are \$70 per year. Joe McSloy made a motion that council approve the payment of these dues. Richard Cheek seconded and motion passed.

c. Maintenance Contract for City Water Plant Equipment – consideration and action as appropriate – Mayor Sykes reported that Matt Childress had presented council with an estimate for work he could do to maintain the equipment at the water plant. It was pointed out that an addition to the work covered should include changing the fuel filter when needed. Richard Cheek made a motion to approve the corrected contract with Mr. Childress. Sharon Smith seconded and motion carried.

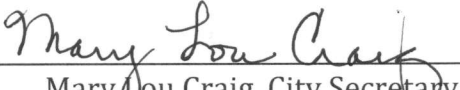
d. Ordinance 2022-01 Election – consideration and action as appropriate After dates for applications to be submitted for the three aldermen at-large positions were noted Neil Howard made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-01 setting the date for the city election as Saturday, May 7th, 2022. Joe McSloy seconded and motion passed.

e. Ordinance 2022-02 Amending Ordinance 2019-04 to increase minimum construction elevation – consideration and action as appropriate Mayor Sykes reported that many surrounding cities had changed their required elevation for construction after the flooding experienced in the past several years. After discussion, Richard Cheek made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-02. Bob Ray seconded and motion passed.

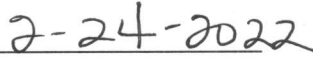
7. **Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate** –An error in the spreadsheet reporting profit and loss in the water department was noted. With this correction, Sharon Smith made a motion that the consent agenda, including December regular meeting minutes, General Fund and Water Fund financials, be approved. Joe McSloy seconded and motion carried.

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

9. **Adjourn** – Neil Howard made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Richard Cheek. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.



Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary



Date