

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, February 24th, 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 7:01 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, Alderman

Mayor Sykes certified there was a quorum.

Also in attendance were Brian Olivier, and the City Secretary.
4. **Public Comments** – Brian Olivier reported that the HOA meeting which was scheduled for February 17th, 2022, could not be held due to lack of a quorum. He informed council that there are two vacant seats on the HOA board.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** - Neil Howard reported that he, Sharon Smith and Mayor Sykes had met to study the city roads to determine those most in need of replacement. They had discussed the possibility of repaving part of Pecan Grove (from Brazos Hill to Brazos Creek) and the same stretch of Standing Oaks. He suggested council consider doing all of one of those streets, with the other left for next year. It was decided to concentrate on one of them, possibly Pecan Grove, with the idea they would recalculate the estimated cost and then advertise the job for other bids.
 - b. **Culverts & drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** Joe McSloy reported that Dave Schultz had performed an experiment on one of the culverts and had proposed to the city that he would be willing to perform this job for \$25/hour, along with other tasks he might be assigned. Bob Ray made a motion that Mr. Schultz be asked to clean out up to five culverts, if possible, before the March council meeting. Richard Cheek seconded and the motion carried.
 - c. **Water department – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** - Richard Cheek reported, with a detailed PowerPoint presentation, concerning the recent work at the water plant. This included the unexpected problem encountered concerning the pad upon which the new high-pressure tank would sit. This pad had to be replaced due to lack of structural integrity and also that it was not level. Once this was accomplished the tank was moved onto the new pad. The test of maintaining the pressure for 24 hours was unsuccessful and Richard reported that this new issue would be addressed Friday, February 25, 2022. Following a successful test, water samples would be collected and sent to the lab with the help of Buckshot Wied.

d. Zochnet Fiber Internet rollout – Update Mayor Sykes reported having talked again with Roger Turner from ZochNet. The plans are still that the fiber connection should be offered within the city sometime during the next one hundred days.

6. New Business

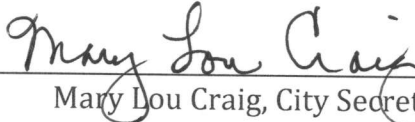
a. Ordinance 2022-03 Cancel Election – consideration and action as appropriate – Mayor Sykes reported that there were no additional applications for council positions submitted, so the election scheduled for May 7th, 2022 could be cancelled. Sharon Smith made a motion that Ordinance 2022-03 cancelling the election be approved. Joe McSloy seconded and motion carried.

b. 2022 Road Repaving Project – Consideration and action as appropriate – Mayor Sykes reported that this information was shared under **5a** above and there was no additional report.

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

8. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary– City Secretary Mary Lou Craig reported having received a letter from James Griffin of Texas Disposal Systems reminding us that the garbage rates would increase as of April 1, 2022, as per our contract.

9. Adjourn – Sharon Smith made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Richard Cheek. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.



Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary

3-17-22
Date