

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, March 17th, 2022, 7:00 PM, at 329 Pecan Grove Rd, Sealy, TX.

**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

Mayor Sykes certified there was a quorum.

Richard Cheek joined the meeting in progress. Joe McSloy was absent.

Also in attendance were Gary Williamson, John Williams, Jerry and Julie Ebers, Charles and Sandra Boulet, Jon Parrella of Encompass North America and the City Secretary.

**4. Public Comments** - Jerry Ebers introduced himself as the Treasurer of the South Frydek community and explained that he and his wife serve on the city council. They expressed concern about a tax being proposed by ESD1 and noted that our two cities might need an information campaign to educate voters. Also, their community is interested in having better internet options.

**5. New Business**

**a. Presentation - Encompass North America - Wifi/Broadband company - consideration and action as appropriate** Jon Parrella described his company and the services they could offer Brazos Country residents and is interested in erecting a tower at the water plant and entering into a lease contract for the space and electricity required to operate the tower. He described the internet service he could offer and answered questions from council as well as residents in attendance. Richard Cheek made a motion that council move forward to draft a contract, to be reviewed by our attorney, for a ten-year lease for space for a WiFi broadband tower. Bob Ray seconded the motion and it carried.

**b. Resolution 2022-01 - Authorize HGAC to create Hazardous Waste Mitigation Plan - consideration and action as appropriate** Mayor Sykes explained the scope of this resolution which was sent to council by Roy Mercer, Austin County Emergency Management officer. Bob Ray made a motion to approve the resolution and Richard Cheek seconded. Motion carried.

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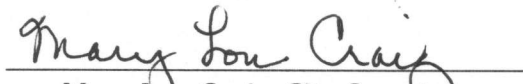
**a. Roads - Update; consideration and action as appropriate** - Mayor Sykes reported that the Roads council members had suggested that one of the suggested roads be done this year with the other repaved next fiscal year. The road selected is Pecan Grove from Brazos Hill to Standing Oaks at an estimated cost of \$77,485. Bob Ray made a motion that the city go out for bids for this job. Sharon Smith seconded and motion carried.

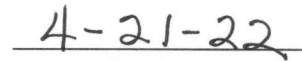
**b. Culverts & drainage - Update; consideration and action as appropriate** Mayor Sykes reported that Dave Schultz had cleaned four culverts at a cost of \$550 and these were extremely

clogged with roots and debris. These first ones were expected to be the most time-consuming so future ones would probably not require as much time on the job. It was decided that future clean-outs be delayed until the ditches were cleaned first.

**c. Water department - Update - consideration and action as appropriate** - Richard Cheek updated council on progress at the water plant and reported that a warning light had appeared on the control panel. Mercer had come out and discovered that a breaker contact had gone bad and would need replacing. The part has been ordered. There is still painting to be done on the tanks when the weather permits.

7. **Consent Agenda - consideration and action as appropriate** - Bob Ray made a motion that the consent agenda, including February regular meeting minutes, General Fund and Water Fund financials, be approved. Richard Cheek seconded and motion carried.
8. **Comments - Mayor/Council/City Secretary**- Jon Parrella made a few more remarks concerning the timing of his offer. Mayor Sykes reported that he would ask that the May meeting date be moved to the 18<sup>th</sup>.
9. **Adjourn** - Bob Ray made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Richard Cheek. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

  
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Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary

  
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