

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, October 20th, 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 7:00 PM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. Bob Ray 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
Joe McSloy, Alderman
Richard Cheek, Alderman

Mayor Sykes certified there was a quorum.

Also present were Mary Lou Craig and 4 others who observed the meeting via Zoom.

4. Public Comments – None

5. Old Business

a. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate – Mayor Sykes reported that he had talked with Arthur Saucedo of GMJ Paving and the cost of asphalt had decreased since the spike observed during the summer months. He also confirmed that his crew would now have the time to do the road repaving. A question was raised as to the decision to start with Pecan Grove Road without going all the way to Hidden Creek. Mayor Sykes reported that he would get the requested estimate and then recalculate based on the additional length. He would then report back to council. Sharon Smith reported that she had noticed considerable amounts of grass growing into the road in places. Mayor Sykes would speak with Matt Childress about addressing this.

b. Culverts & drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate – It was reported that David Schultz had completed the clean-out of the culvert on Brazos Hill by 1291 Brazos Oaks Ct, as well as the one in front of 204 Creekside Ct. Bob Ray and Joe McSloy suggested he continue working on the identified culverts needing clean-out as time permits.

c. Water department – Update; consideration and action as appropriate – Richard Cheek reported that the new pumps were up and running. The main issue still needing to be addressed is the groundwater storage tank.

6. New Business

a. SLFRF Funding – consideration and action as appropriate Mayor Sykes clarified that this item refers to the Covid relief funding available to small cities in Texas for which the city had applied beginning in 2020. He reported that the second deposit of the grant money had occurred September 26 in the amount of \$58,841.33.

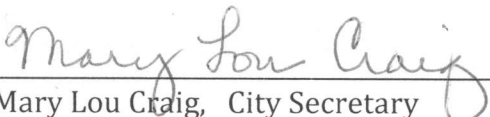
b. Reliant contract renewal – review and action as appropriate City Secretary Mary Lou Craig reported that the contract with Reliant for the electricity at the water plant expires February

2023. She detailed information from Reliant about offers to renew at 12.2 cents per kilowatt hour versus a quote discovered from NRG, Reliant's parent company, for 7.2 cents per kilowatt hour. Discussion followed. Joe McSloy made a motion to accept the contract with NRG, to begin in February 2023, at 7.2 cents per kwh. Richard Cheek seconded and motion carried.

c. Outdated equipment – handheld meter reader and file cabinet – consideration and action as appropriate - Mary Lou Craig asked council about proper procedure to dispose of outdated handheld reader as well as a metal filing cabinet no longer needed for city records. Council agreed these two items held no significant value and they could be disposed of in a way convenient to the secretary.

d. Water System & Plant Public Meeting – consideration and action as appropriate – Richard Cheek reported that he had prepared information to be shared at the public meeting on Thursday, October 27th, at Kathy's Korner. Secretary Mary Lou Craig reported that the Gordon Memorial Library was no longer available for use after the regular hours of the library. Notice of the meeting has been posted on the public notice boards at the entrances to the subdivision, at Kathy's Korner, and on the HOA website.

7. **Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate** – Bob Ray made a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting and to table the financial reports for September until further editing and to be presented at the November council meeting. Sharon Smith seconded and motion passed.
8. **Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary**– Mayor Sykes reported that the tower equipment had been removed from the water plant site. He also noted that he is still hearing reports of bad internet service within the neighborhood/city. It was suggested that the council meetings be moved back to the third Wednesday of the month beginning in November.
9. **Adjourn** – Bob Ray made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Richard Cheek. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.


Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary

11-16-22
Date