

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Wednesday, November 16th, 2022, 7:00 PM, at Kathy's Korner, 9027 S E I-10 Frontage 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 Charles and Sandra Boulet, Sandi Sykes, Fay McSloy, Ann Ray, Gary and Mary Lou Craig. There were none 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 received an estimate from GMJ Paving to repave Pecan Grove from Brazos Hill to Standing Oaks. He presented the printed quote to council. He also shared that the Road Committee had met and, based on the estimate, had discussed including the repaving of Standing Oaks to the 4-way stop at Brazos Hill. Discussion followed, in particular concerning quote to include bonding. Bob Ray made a motion that council move forward, asking Alderman Cheek to write a detailed proposal, including bonding, for acquisition of other bids to repave Pecan Grove and Standing Oaks as described. Sharon Smith seconded and motion passed.

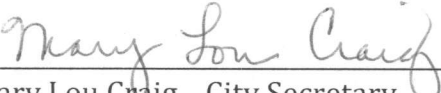
b. Culverts & drainage - Update; consideration and action as appropriate - Joe McSloy reported that weed-eating of Hidden Creek drainage ditch would be done during the Thanksgiving holidays. No update on culvert clean-out was available.

c. Water department - Update; consideration and action as appropriate - Richard Cheek reported that everything at the water plant is running well. He had received a quote for a new well, but would be asking for others. It was also noted that the Public Meeting, held October 27th, had been well-attended and had resulted in residents recognizing the need for an "emergency fund" to be prepared for large capital expenses in the future.

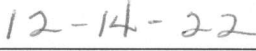
6. New Business

Noting that the new meeting time for regular council meetings would result in a December 21st meeting, other dates were suggested. It was decided that the December meeting would be held December 14th and it would be at Kathy's Korner, pending approval by the manager.

7. **Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate** –Bob Ray gave an explanation of a minor change in the format of the financial report and the city secretary pointed out edits which had been made to the September report. Bob Ray then made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the September and October financial reports and the minutes of the October meeting. Richard Cheek seconded and motion passed.
8. **Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary**– City secretary Mary Lou Craig reported that she had received and signed the contract with NRG for electricity at the water plant and the contract presented was at a new and lower rate of 6.922 cents per kwh. This contract will go into effect February 2023. Richard Cheek also reported that he had talked with an A T & T technician and suggested that A T&T customers in the city call this technician directly with internet/phone issues.
9. **Adjourn** – Richard Cheek made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Neil Howard. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.



Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary



Date