

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Wednesday, February 15th, 2023, 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 Pro Tem Bob Ray called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and offered the invocation.

3. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum Council members present were:

Bob Ray, Mayor Pro Tem
Neil Howard, Alderman
Richard Cheek, Alderman
Sharon Smith, Alderwoman

Mayor Sykes and Joe McSloy were absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Ray certified there was a quorum.

Also present were Ann Ray, Charles and Sandra Boulet, Felicia and Carlos Castillo, Dave Carrasquillo, John Williams, Gary Williamson and Mary Lou Craig.

4. Public Comments – John Williams presented council with a portion of an article published by the United States Department of Agriculture citing health and safety concerns with accumulation of excrement from vultures roosting in trees near homes. He asked the city's assistance with an enormous number of vultures which are currently inhabiting trees around his and other neighbors' properties.

5. Old Business

a. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate – Bob Ray announced that the target date for repaving Standing Oaks and Pecan Grove Road is March 15th.

b. Culverts & drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate – Bob Ray reported that he, Mayor Sykes, and the county agent had driven around the city to examine culverts and ditches. They noted that there were several spots in the Hidden Creek ditch as well as one on Standing Oaks near Brazos Hill needing attention. The county will address these areas as soon as they can.

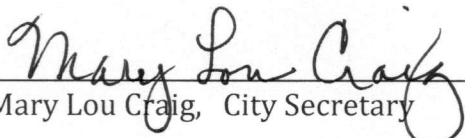
c. Water department – Update; consideration and action as appropriate – Richard Cheek reported that he and Mayor Sykes are still investigating acquisition of an additional metal building for storage at the water plant. Bob Ray added that Apex Stone owner, Justin Jackson had agreed to supply the crushed gravel for the bottom of the building to the city at no cost.

6. New Business

a. Ordinance 2023-02 Budget Amendment – consideration and action as appropriate

Mayor Pro Tem Ray asked council if there were any questions regarding the ordinance. He explained to those present that this ordinance was necessary to amend the current budget and that it would be filed with the county clerk upon approval. Sharon Smith made a motion that Ordinance 2023-02 be approved and filed. Richard Cheek seconded and motion carried.

7. **Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate** –Mayor Pro Tem Ray asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the items in the consent agenda. Sharon Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the January financial report and the minutes of the January meeting. Neil Howard seconded and motion passed.
8. **Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary**– City Secretary Mary Lou Craig reported that Robyn Wolfenbarger has agreed to accept the position of Assistant Secretary and was already hard at work. Mary Lou also reported that a resident had called concerned about a couple who had approached her home with religious information. She wanted to know if there was a “No Solicitors” sign posted in our neighborhood. There are signs at both entrances and Mary Lou will call the concerned resident to report.
9. **Adjourn** – Neil Howard made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Sharon Smith. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.



Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary

3-16-23
Date