

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, July 20th, 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 Bob Ray called the meeting to order at 7:03 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  
Richard Cheek, Mayor Pro Tem  
Albert Sykes, Alderman  
Dave Carrasquillo, Alderman

Neil Howard and Joe McSloy were absent. Mayor Ray certified there was a quorum. Also present were City Secretary Mary Lou Craig, Assistant Secretary Robyn Wolfenbarger, Jeff and Lori Van Pelt, Mac & Shelly Main, T J Morin, John Williams, Charles and Sandra Boulet, Elving and Jocelynn Aguilar, Matt Childress, Carlos Castillo

**4. Public Comments** – None.

**5. Old Business**

**a. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** – Albert Sykes reminded council there is an area at the corner of Pecan Ridge and Willow Oak in Section 5 where the asphalt might need repair in the near future. Bob Ray reported he had talked with Chip Reed from Austin County and he was hoping work could be done on Chew Road next year.

**b. Culverts & drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** – Mayor Ray reported that Stephen Dorenbach had done some work on the ditch along Hidden Creek. Bob Ray said that Chip Reed was aware of the need for replacement of the culvert on Winding Creek and would schedule it after he finished projects on Mixville Road.

**c. Water department – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** – Richard Cheek reported that the pumps at the water plant are working well, along with the high pressure tanks. An evaluation of the storage tanks revealed that the old tank needs to be replaced. There will be a need for another storage tank with the addition of homes in any new developments.

**Update – Storage Building** Richard Cheek also reported that the installation of the door for the new building should be completed tomorrow, Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**d. Replat of 211 Pecan Grove Rd – Final approval - consideration and action as appropriate**  
For this agenda item Mayor Ray recused himself and Mayor Pro Tem Cheek took over. He entertained a motion to approve the replat of said property. Albert Sykes made a motion to approve the replat. Dave Carrasquillo seconded and motion carried.

**e. Lake - Update** – Jeff Van Pelt reported that he had studied the documents given to him regarding past studies of the empty lakebed. Several of the meeting attendees commented and Mr. Van Pelt agreed to host a meeting of interested parties to hear suggestions about how to proceed.

**6. New Business**

**a. Ordinance 2023-05 Amend Ordinance 2016-05 to update costs of water taps - Discussion** – Bob Ray explained that rather than continuing to update the water service ordinances he proposes that the ordinance reference the current rate schedule, which council would update every September. The schedule and the new ordinance will be addressed at the September 2023 meeting.

**b. Distribution of Opioid Abatement Funds delivered to city in March - consideration and action as appropriate** Mayor Ray explained that the state had allocated funds to cities and other entities to help address the current opioid addiction problem faced in many cities. These funds must be spent to address the associated problems, and cannot be used in other ways. Steve Silver, from the Frydek/San Felipe Fire Department, has been contacted and he could use the funds to purchase Narcan kits for the emergency vehicles. Dave Carrasquillo made a motion to send the \$283 to the fire department. Richard Cheek seconded and motion carried.

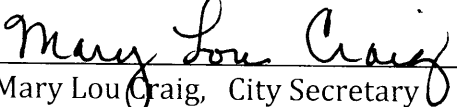
**c. 2023-2024 Budgets - Discussion** Copies of the preliminary budgets were presented and Mayor Ray explained the proposed changes. He asked council to study the numbers and come to August meeting ready to approve the proposed budgets.

**d. Citizens State Bank Signature Authority – Discussion – Consideration and action as appropriate** Mayor Ray reported that this issue involving one council member not available to sign the card has been resolved without council action.

**7. Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate** –Mayor Ray asked if there were any questions and hearing none, a motion was made by Albert Sykes to approve the consent agenda consisting of the June minutes and the June financial reports. Richard Cheek seconded and motion carried.

**8. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary–** Mayor Ray reported that the date of the August meeting would need to be changed to August 24<sup>th</sup> due to some council members being out of town on the scheduled date.

**9. Adjourn** – Richard Cheek made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Dave Carrasquillo. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

  
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Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary

8-24-23  
Date