

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, November 16th, 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 7:01 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
Dave Carrasquillo, Alderman
Neil Howard, Alderman
Albert Sykes, Alderman
Richard Cheek, Alderman

Joe McSloy was absent. Mayor Ray certified there was a quorum. Also present were City Secretary Mary Lou Craig and Robyn Wolfinbarger, Assistant City Secretary. No other residents were present.

4. Public Comments – None.

5. Old Business

a. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate – Albert Sykes reported that he and Neil had talked to Mr. Saucedo about the repairs needed. They also indicated they would have a detailed report under new business.

b. Culverts & drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate – Bob Ray reported that he had spoken with Chip Reed and was supposed to hear back from him this week or next.

c. Water department – Update; consideration and action as appropriate – Mayor Ray reported that the water plant had experienced problems Monday caused by the air compressor. The issue was addressed and resolved with several hours of work by Bob, Richard and Albert. Mayor Ray also reported that Kaluza Engineering would be starting the study of the water plant the first week of December.

d. Ordinance 2023-06 – consideration and action as appropriate – Mayor Ray reminded council that edits and corrections had been made to this ordinance after the October special meeting and he and the city secretary had reviewed it and deemed it ready to be approved. Albert Sykes made a motion that Ordinance 2023-06 be approved. Richard Cheek seconded and motion carried.

6. New Business

a. Cemetery property transfer – consideration and action as appropriate Mayor Ray reported that the city had finally received a document titled "Quitclaim" from John Young's office to transfer the title of the cemetery to the City of Brazos Country from the Brazos Country Development Corporation. He described the process to council and noted that he was satisfied with the contract as changed by John Young. Richard Cheek made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the document and to pay the filing fees, as well as the \$1.00 quoted fee for purchase of the property. Neil Howard seconded and motion passed.

b. Interlocal Agreement for Road Maintenance between City of Brazos Country and Austin County – consideration and action as appropriate Mayor Ray reminded council that this document was renewed annually and recommended it be approved. Albert Sykes made a motion that the Interlocal Agreement for Road Maintenance be approved. Richard Cheek seconded and motion carried.

c. 2023-2024 Road Projects – consideration and action as appropriate Albert Sykes provided copies of possible projects on the city roads for council perusal. Discussion followed as to funds available for this fiscal year’s road projects. Albert Sykes made a motion that the city seek bids for resurfacing Brazos Hill from Chew Rd to Standing Oaks not to exceed a cost of \$100,000. These bids would be requested in January and due before the February regular council meeting, so the work might begin in March 2024. Neil Howard seconded and motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate - Mayor Ray explained that there had been an edit to the minutes of the October regular meeting after the documents were sent to council for review. The edited sentence was read to council. Albert Sykes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the October regular meeting, October special meeting and November special meeting minutes and September general fund and October general and water fund financial reports. Richard Cheek seconded and motion carried.

8. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary – Mayor Ray reminded council that the December meeting would be December 14th, and is scheduled to be held at Kathy’s Korner. City Secretary Mary Lou Craig thanked council for the purchase of the new water software, which was making the job much easier. Albert Sykes requested revisiting a budgeted item at the January regular council meeting.

9. Adjourn – Dave Carrasquillo made a motion to adjourn. Albert Sykes seconded and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.



Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary

12-14-23

Date