

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Wednesday, May 15th, 2024, 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 7:02 PM. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and Mary Lou Craig offered the invocation.

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

Bob Ray, Mayor
Richard Cheek, Mayor Pro Tem
Dave Carrasquillo, Alderman
Joe McSloy, Alderman
Neil Howard, Alderman

Albert Sykes was absent. Mayor Ray certified there was a quorum. Also present were City Secretary Mary Lou Craig, Assistant Secretary Robyn Wolfenbarger, and approximately 13 residents.

4. Oaths of Office – Neil Howard, Dave Carrasquillo and Joe McSloy

The oath of office of the Aldermen at Large was administered by the City Secretary Mary Lou Craig.

5. Election of Mayor Pro Tem –

Joe McSloy made a motion that Richard Cheek be elected as the Mayor Pro Tem. Neil Howard seconded and motion carried.

6. Public Comment – Several residents brought topics of interest which included mosquito problem, property tax increases and restrictions for subdividing property.

7. Old Business

a. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate – Mayor Ray reported that the roadwork by GMJ Paving had been completed that very day and the work for individual residents was scheduled to be done tomorrow, Thursday, May 16th.

b. Culverts & drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate – Joe McSloy reported that he had met with a representative from Austin County and they had looked at places where stabilized sand was needed.

c. Water department – Update; consideration and action as appropriate – Mayor Ray reported that he and Richard Cheek had met with Hot Taps of Texas representative who had described a service they could provide which was locating, checking and mapping shut-off valves in the city system. He entertained a motion to approve up to \$4,000 to commission Hot Taps to provide this for the city. Richard Cheek made that motion and it was seconded by Neil Howard. The vote was split two yeses and two nos with Mayor Ray breaking the tie with a yes vote.

8. New Business

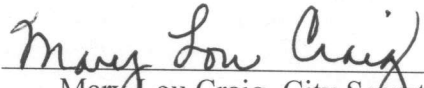
Resolution 2024-03 consideration and action as appropriate

Mayor Ray explained that the previous resolution addressing the CenterPoint request for rate increase was to delay the approval, this new resolution is to deny the rate increase. He noted that we were following the recommendations of the attorneys retained by the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities, of which the City is a member.

9. Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate - Mayor Ray asked if there were any questions regarding the items in the consent agenda. Hearing none Neil Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of the April regular meeting and the April financials. Dave Carrasquillo seconded and motion carried.

10. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary – Mayor Ray reminded council that the June meeting was scheduled for the 20th. Joe McSloy said he would be out of town on that date. The mayor reminded the others that they would all be needed to establish a quorum.

11. Adjourn –Richard Cheek made a motion to adjourn. Dave Carrasquillo seconded and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.



Mary Lou Craig, City Secretary

Date 6-20-24