

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, January 16th 2025, 7:00 PM, at St. Mary's Catholic Church Faith Formation (Education) Building, 10471 Grotto Rd, Sealy, Texas.

- 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 offered the invocation.
3. **Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum** - Council members present were:
 - Bob Ray, Mayor
 - Joe McSloy, Mayor Pro Tem
 - Dave Carrasquillo, Alderman (arrived at 7:04pm)
 - Neil Howard, Alderman
 - Shelly Main, Alderwoman

Albert Sykes was Absent. Mayor Ray certified there was a quorum. Also present were City Secretary Mary Lou Craig, Assistant City Secretary Janet Shelton and approximately five city residents.

4. **Public Comments** – A citizen announced the Ray's have firewood available for anyone in need.

5. Old Business

- a. **Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** – Mayor Ray said Commissioner Chip Reed informed him the county will close Chew Rd near the airport restricting access to FM 1458 on Monday, January 20th to replace the Chew Rd bridge. The project is funded by a TxDot grant and estimated to take three to four months. Chip also told Mayor Ray within the next two to three months the county will resurface Chew Rd between I-10 and Brazos Hill Rd and an extra foot will be added to each side.

- b. **Culverts & drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** – Joe McSloy reported the county gave the city a large reflective dead-end sign which he and Albert Sykes installed at Hidden Creek Cir and River Ridge Rd. and he also attempted to obtain stabilized sand from the county but was unable to make contact with Chip Reed.

- c. **Water department – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** – Mayor Ray said due to Cullen's hard work preparing the water plant and Jan organizing paperwork into an inspection book, we did not receive any violations but the TCEQ inspector has requested additional paperwork be forwarded by Friday, January 24th. Mayor Ray said he and Shelly Main have a meeting scheduled with Hot Taps for an update on the valve replacement project and will be testing a valve that isolates Kathy's Korner. He also said the water usage has dropped from around 70,000 gallons a day to 30,000.

6. New Business

- a. **Interlocal Agreement for Road Maintenance – consideration and action as appropriate** Mayor Ray said the yearly interlocal agreement between the city and the county is up for renewal. Neil Howard said the county has been real good with helping the city at no charge and an example is the recent repair on Brazos Hill Rd. Joe McSloy made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement for road maintenance. Neil Howard seconded, and motion carried.

- b. **Ordinance 2025-01 Set Date of Election – consideration and action as appropriate** – Mayor Ray announced the election will be May 3rd three seats are up for reelection, Mayor and two Aldermen at Large. Applications are available until February 14th if no seats are contested the election will be canceled. Dave Carrasquillo made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-01 set date of election. Shelly Main seconded, and motion carried.

- c. **Fireworks Ordinance or Policy – Discussion** – Mayor Ray reported he spoke with Constable James Clark and was informed the Constable nor the Sheriff could enforced city ordinances, however due to a request this item was added to the agenda. Discussion followed. Joe McSloy made a suggestion to send an email blast to residents asking for a noise time restriction.

7. **Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate** – Mayor Ray asked if there were any questions regarding the items in the consent agenda. Joe McSloy noted the November high water usage and suggested the city begin looking at a rate increase and requested it be added to next month’s agenda. Hearing no other questions Neil Howard made a motion to accept the consent agendas. Dave Carrasquillo seconded, and motion carried.

8. **Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary** – Mayor Ray reminded council that the February meeting would be on the 20th. A citizen questioned if the new owner at 200 Creekside Ct was making renovations or running a business out of their home, councilmembers indicated that is an HOA issue. Dave Carrasquillo reported the turnaround at the end of Spruce Ln is torn up from garbage trucks and needs repair. A citizen asked the city get input from law enforcement on how to respond to the fireworks issue.

9. **Adjourn** – Dave Carrasquillo made a motion to adjourn. Shelly Main seconded, and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.



Janet Shelton, Assistant City Secretary

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Date