

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, December 19th 2024, 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 7:01 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
 - Joe McSloy, Mayor Pro Tem
 - Dave Carrasquillo, Alderman
 - Neil Howard, Alderman
 - Albert Sykes, Alderman
 - Shelly Main, Alderwoman

Mayor Ray certified there was a quorum. Also present were City Secretary Mary Lou Craig, Assistant City Secretary Janet Shelton, Constable James Clark and approximately 3 city residents.

4. **Public Comments** – Mayor Ray explained per the rules governing public comments it is not a question and answer session, the councilmembers are not allowed to engage in discussion, only to correct a statement of fact. A member of the public asked if that included no interruptions from the council.

5. Old Business

a. **Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** – Albert Sykes said the narrow road cul-de-sacs are breaking down and there are some small holes at Brazos Hill and River Ridge, Lakeview Cir, Brazos Hill and Standing Oaks that can be repaired with road base material from the county. Arthur with the paving company said they will repair the roads with cracks when they come back with their equipment. The county gave the city a large reflective dead-end sign and will also give a crash barrier for installation at Hidden Creek Cir and River Ridge. Also, the county is on track to resurface Chew Rd in the Spring of 2025 and the city road signs have been ordered.

b. **Culverts & drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** – Joe McSloy said he would remind Brown not to cut the grass too short to avoid erosion of the Hidden Creek Circle ditch.

c. **Water department – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** – Mayor Ray said he would look into what we can do for shelving in the new storage building at the water plant, Mary Lou Craig offered the old city shelving that is not being used and a city resident said he may have a lead on some shelving. The Mayor asked Shelly Main to arrange a meeting with Hot Taps to get an update on where they are with the valve repair and replacements. Mayor Ray said water use is down, Albert Sykes talked about winterizing the water system and Mary Lou Craig said the TCEQ inspection would be January 10th.

6. New Business – Law Enforcement Committee Report – consideration and action as appropriate

Dave Carrasquillo detailed different law enforcement situations that could occur in the city. Discussion followed between the council members, city residents and Constable James Clark over whether the city needs to implement law enforcement policies and procedures. There was also discussion over the gas allowance paid to Constable Clark and the amount of time he spends in the city. Albert Sykes made a motion to table the discussion until Dave Carrasquillo can consult with the Austin County Attorney. Dave Carrasquillo seconded, and motion to table passed.


7. **Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate** – Mayor Ray asked if there were any questions regarding the items in the consent agenda. Albert Sykes made a motion to accept the consent agenda with one correction of the minutes date of October 21st to November 21st. Neil Howard seconded, and motion carried.

8. **Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary** – Mayor Ray reminded council that the January meeting would be on the 16th and there will be an Ordinance calling for an election in May and the interlocal agreement with the county for road maintenance. Mayor Ray said the pigs are back in the neighborhood and that the city purchased a new \$1,000.00 computer for \$600.00 on Cyber Monday. Mary Lou asked council to look out for a good deal on Microsoft Office Suite and she also discussed the water plant light and city street lights. Albert Sykes discussed the need to spray the grass where it is damaging the roads.

9. **Adjourn** – Neil Howard made a motion to adjourn. Joe McSloy seconded, and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.



Janet Shelton, Assistant City Secretary



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