

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 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  
Albert Sykes, Alderman  
Dave Carrasquillo, Alderman  
Neil Howard, Alderman  
Shelly Main, Alderwoman

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

**4. Public Comments** – None.

**5. Old Business**

**a. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** – Albert Sykes reported the outlet signs have been installed at the entrances but they are not two sided and the traffic on Chew Rd is lighter since the bridge was removed. He also said some of the cul-de-sacs on the narrow roads are torn up from the garbage trucks and need to be repaired with wider thicker material and Matt needs to spray the grass along the edges of the roads. Neil Howard reported there are a few potholes in need of repair but we need to wait until the weather is a little warmer. Discussion followed.

**b. Culverts & drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** – Joe McSloy reported he spoke with Chip Reed and he said after the Chew Rd bridge is finished he will get back to him. Mayor Ray said when he spoke to Chip in January he implied it would be sometime around March when the county will begin resurfacing Chew Rd between I-10 and Brazos Hill Rd at which time an extra foot will be added to each side. Discussion followed.

**c. Water department – Update; consideration and action as appropriate** – Mayor Ray reported after the TCEQ inspection the city received an alleged violation for not having approval to install the 3,000 gallon pressure tank. Mayor Ray said we have the Kaluza report detailing the water system pressure plane and Cullen has an engineer who will charge \$500.00 to \$800.00 to put together a report for the pressure tank foundation from Richard's drawings and pictures and that packet will be sent to TCEQ. Discussion followed. Mayor Ray reported the city had to repair a water leak on Sunday, in the forty-five-degree elbow on a 4" line running under Chew Rd turning toward Kathy's Korner. Mayor Ray said he and Shelly Main met with Hot Taps for an update on the valve replacement project and tested a valve that isolates Kathy's Korner. The mayor recommended focusing on the major isolation valves when evaluating repairs. Discussion followed.

**6. New Business**

**a. Water Rates – consideration and action as appropriate** – Mayor Ray spoke on the history of the city water rates, he detailed two financial spreadsheets over a five year period, one with covid money included and one without, he also explained a rate estimator spreadsheet detailing different proposed rate brackets. Mayor Ray said one of the ground storage tanks has a small leak and discussed the cost to repair or replace the tank. Albert Sykes spoke on capital improvements to upgrading the electrical, pumps, pressure tanks and adding more ground storage capacity for future development. Joe McSloy suggested a workshop to determine the funds needed for capital improvements. Discussion followed. Dave Carrasquillo made a motion to table this item. Albert Sykes seconded, and motion carried to table. Mayor Ray asked for this item be added to next month's agenda.

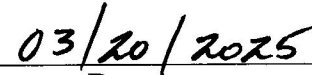
**b. Ordinance 2025-02 Cancel May Election – consideration and action as appropriate –** Mayor Ray announced there were three positions up for reelection. Mayor Ray refiled for Mayor, Shelly Main refiled for Alderman, Albert Sykes did not refile. Mayor Ray said with no other filings the open position will be appointed in May. Albert Sykes made a motion to accept Ordinance 2025-02 Cancel May Election. Joe McSloy seconded, and motion carried.

**7. Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate –** Mayor Ray asked if there were any questions regarding the items in the consent agenda. Hearing no questions Albert Sykes made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Shelly Main seconded, and motion carried.

**8. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary –** Mayor Ray announced the city has established a new permanent 911 address at the cemetery property of 356 Pecan Grove Road where the city will install a mailbox and payment box. A resident asked if there was an emergency number to call for emergencies other than 911.

**9. Adjourn –** Dave Carrasquillo made a motion to adjourn. Neil Howard seconded, and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

  
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Janet Shelton, Assistant City Secretary

  
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