

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, August 21st 2025, 7:02 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  
Charles Kalkomey, Alderman  
Neil Howard, Alderman  
Shelly Main, Alderwoman

Joe McSloy and Dave Carrasquillo were absent. Mayor Ray certified there was a quorum. Also present were City Secretary Jan Shelton and approximately fourteen city residents.

**4. Public Comments**

A citizen commented on property tax rate increases and road paving. A couple of citizens asked questions about Aspen Fiber Networks and the installation process. A citizen asked about the rain water drainage from the subdivision.

**5. New Business**

**a. Review Engineer Proposal – consideration and action as appropriate**

Mayor Ray reviewed the Kaluza engineers revised proposal for services related to obtaining a new 16' x 21' approximately 42,000 gallon ground storage tank. Discussion followed. Charles Kalkomey made a motion to accept the Kaluza proposal for engineering services to obtain a ground storage tank replacement. Shelly Main seconded, and motion carried.

**b. Water Rates Sheet Update – consideration and action as appropriate**

Mayor Ray reviewed the updated water rates sheet containing the rates council approved in the August 7th Special Meeting. Discussion followed. Neil Howard made a motion to accept the revised water rates sheet. Shelly Main seconded, and motion carried.

**c. Proposed 2025-2026 Property Tax Rate – consideration and action as appropriate**

Mayor Ray reviewed the various tax rate options and recommended the council propose the current tax rate of 0.07852. Mayor Ray said due to the increase in the appraised property values this will be a tax increase of \$10,000.00 for the year. Mayor Ray said a notice will be published in the Sealy Newspaper and on the city website, that this is a tax increase and the city will hold a public meeting next month to hear comments and adopt the proposed tax rate. Discussion followed. Charles Kalkomey made a motion to propose the current tax rate of 0.07852. Shelly Main seconded, and motion carried.

**d. Proposed 2025-2026 Budgets – Adopt as Proposed – consideration and action as appropriate**

Mayor Ray reviewed the proposed 2025-2026 General Fund Budget and said the city would hold a public meeting next month to hear comments and adopt the budgets. Discussion followed. Neil Howard made a motion to accept the proposed 2025-2026 General Fund Budget. Shelly Main seconded, and motion carried. Mayor Ray reviewed the proposed 2025-2026 Water Fund Budget. Charles Kalkomey questioned the dollar amount in field repairs. Discussion followed. Neil Howard made a motion to accept the proposed 2025-2026 Water Fund Budget. Shelly Main seconded, and motion carried.

**e. Aspen Fiber Networks Franchise Agreement – consideration and action as appropriate**

Mayor Ray reported Aspen Fiber Networks has decided to move forward with the fiber installation in the easements, at no cost to the city. Mayor Ray said their attorneys are currently reviewing the city franchise agreement which will give the city a revenue of 5% off the gross sales. Discussion followed. Council took no action.

**f. Audit – Presentation of FYE 2024 Audit – consideration and action as appropriate**

Mayor Ray said the audit is not finished and should be ready in October. Council took no action.

**6. Old Business**

**a. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate**

Neil Howard said no problems to report.

**b. Culverts & drainage – Update; consideration and action as appropriate**

No update.

**c. Water department – Update; consideration and action as appropriate**

Mayor Ray said Hot Taps will have new valve maps ready tomorrow and the city has no water leaks to report.

**7. Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate**

Mayor Ray asked if there were any comments regarding the items in the consent agenda. Hearing none, Neil Howard made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Shelly Main seconded, and motion carried.

**8. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary – Mayor Ray reminded council that the September meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 18th at 7:00 pm and that the council would hear public comments on the proposed tax rate and budgets. Mayor Ray said the public can go to the city website at [citybrazoscountry.org](http://citybrazoscountry.org) for more information. Neil Howard said someone cleared the land at the end of River Ridge to get to their pasture.**

**9. Adjourn – Neil Howard made a motion to adjourn. Shelly Main seconded, and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.**

  
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Jan Shelton, City Secretary

09/18/2025  
Date