

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in special session Thursday, August 7th 2025, 7:05 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 7:05 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
Charles Kalkomey, Alderman
Dave Carrasquillo, Alderman
Neil Howard, Alderman
Shelly Main, Alderwoman (arrived at 7:09)

Mayor Ray certified there was a quorum. Also present were City Secretary Jan Shelton and approximately nine city residents.

4. Replat of 956 Sodolak Lane – consideration and action as appropriate

Mayor Ray asked Dawn Woytek to present the corrected plat, after council reviewed the plat, Mayor Ray asked for comments, hearing none Charles Kalkomey make a motion to approve the Sodolak Ln Subdivision plat. Shelly Main seconded, and motion carried.

5. Review Engineer Proposal – consideration and action as appropriate

Mayor Ray reviewed the Kaluza Inc., engineers report on repairing or replacing the old 22,540 gallon ground storage tank (GST). Mayor Ray said Kaluza engineers recommended replacing the old tank and provided turnkey estimates for a new 22,540 and 42,018 gallon GST's. Mayor Ray recommended the old GST not be dismantled but capped off and a new 42,000 gallon GST be purchased and installed at the plant. Mayor Ray said the city must get preapproval from TCEQ to replace the old GST. Discussion followed. Charles Kalkomey made a motion for Mayor Ray to authorize Kaluza Inc., to prepare a proposal for design, engineering, bidding and construction phase services for a new approximately 42,000 gallon storage tank. Joe McSloy seconded, and motion carried.

6. Water Rates – consideration and action as appropriate

Mayor Ray reviewed a base charge and water rate increase spreadsheet based on last year's usage data. Mayor Ray said because the water rates have not increased since 2016 and with future cost of replacing the old GST and hardening the electrical control building, the city needs to implement a rate increase. Discussion followed. Neil Howard proposed a new base rate of \$30.00 which includes the first 1,000 gallons; 2,000 to 10,000 at \$3.00 per thousand; 11,000 to 30,000 at \$4.00 per thousand; 31,000 and above at \$5.00 per thousand. Joe McSloy made a motion for Mayor Ray to prepare an ordinance with the proposed base and water rates. Neil Howard seconded, and motion carried.

7. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary

Mayor Ray said Aspen Fiber Networks made a decision to move forward with the installation of fiber optics in Brazos Country and said the two would enter into a franchise agreement. Mayor Ray reminded council that the August regular meeting is scheduled for the 21st at 7:00 pm.

8. Adjourn – Dave Carrasquillo made a motion to adjourn. Shelly Main seconded, and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.



Jan Shelton, City Secretary

08/21/2025

Date