

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, February 19th 2026, 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 7:00 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, Alderman

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

4. Public Comments

None.

5. New Business

a. Ordinance 2026-02 Cancel May Election – consideration and action as appropriate

Mayor Ray announced three positions up for reelection Joe McSloy, Dave Carrasquillo and Neil Howard, all are unopposed and have refiled. Charles Kalkomey made a motion to accept Ordinance 2026-02 Cancel the May Election. Shelly Main seconded, and motion carried.

6. Old Business

a. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate

Neil Howard asked if there was \$60,000.00 budgeted for road repaving. Mayor Ray confirmed there was and asked Neil Howard and Charles Kalkomey to provide a list of roads and suggested a two-inch resurfacing. Discussion followed.

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

Joe McSloy said Dave Carrasquillo got a quote from SS Concrete for \$60,000.00 to do culvert and dirt work in several areas. Joe McSloy said he spoke with the county and if the city purchases some stabilized sand for approximately \$10,000.00 the county will assist with labor for free. Joe recommended work be done on Pecan Grove Road, Hidden Creek Circle and Spruce Lane. He said there would be approximately ten loads of dirt available from ditch cleanout. Mayor Ray said the drainage fund has \$760.00 and recommended transferring funds. Joe McSloy made a motion to accept the county's offer to provide labor and authorize Mayor Ray to move \$10,000.00 into the drainage improvements fund. Dave Carrasquillo seconded, and motion carried.

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

Mayor Ray reported the repair of four minor water leaks and one blow-off valve at a cost of \$2,400.00. He said an isolation valve was found at the intersection of Brazos Hill Ln and Winding Creek Ln. Mayor Ray said the tank project bidding request was advertised in the Sealy Newspaper and today was the pre-bid meeting online and in person at Kaluza. He said the bids will be opened virtually and in person at Kaluza on March 5th. Mayor Ray said the council can award or reject the bids at the March meeting. He said once accepted it takes 4 to 5 weeks to get the approval drawings, 4 to 8 weeks to build and install.

7. Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate

Dave Carrasquillo asked for clarification on the \$137,000.00 in the water fund capital improvements category on the financials. Mayor Ray said that is the budget for water fund improvements. Mayor Ray asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Neil Howard made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Joe McSloy seconded, and motion carried.

8. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary

Mayor Ray reported the attorneys advised a lake bed sign language of “unauthorized motorized vehicles prohibited” to protect the city from liability. Dave Carrasquillo asked if the city would be better protected with an ordinance having the same language. Joe McSloy asked how that would stop a person on foot from entering the lake bed and getting injured. Discussion followed. Mayor Ray said last year’s audit would need to be approved at next month’s meeting or under new state law the city will lose the ability to increase taxes. Mayor Ray recommended next month’s meeting be scheduled for Monday, March 16th, to accommodate the auditor’s schedule and for reviewing the tank bids.

9. Adjourn

Dave Carrasquillo made a motion to adjourn. Shelly Main seconded, and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.



Jan Shelton, City Secretary

03/16/2026

Date