

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Monday, March 16th 2026, 7:01 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. Charles Kalkomey 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, Auditor Curtis Craig, Engineer Carl McConnell with Kaluza Incorporated and approximately eleven city residents.

4. Public Comments

None.

5. New Business

a. Review and Accept 2024-2025 Audit – consideration and action as appropriate

Curtis Craig presented council with draft reports of his findings in the audit of the fiscal year 2024 – 2025 for the city. He reviewed the report and answered questions from council and residents. Discussion followed. Mayor Ray asked if there were any more questions, hearing none, he asked for a motion. Joe McSloy made a motion to approve and accept the 2024-2025 audit. Neil Howard seconded and motion carried.

b. Review Groundwater Storage Tank Bids and Accept or Reject Low Bid – consideration and action as appropriate

Carl McConnell made a recommendation of installing a new 42,000-gallon galvanized ground storage tank versus repairing the old 22,000-gallon tank. He detailed the issues of repairing the old tank, the process of building, installing and timeline of the new tank. Mr. McConnell reviewed the five base bids for construction of the new tank and alternative bids for removal of the old tank. He recommended the council award the contract to the low bidder Mercer Construction Company. He answered questions from council members and residents. Mayor Ray suggested moving \$90,000 from the money market account to the water fund as a loan. He recommended a payback timeline of five or six years. Council members discussed the idea to table the decision of purchase versus repair. Discussion followed. Mayor Ray asked for a motion. Joe McSloy made a motion to accept the Mercer Construction Company tank bid of \$197,030.00. Neil Howard seconded, and motion carried with votes as follows: Joe McSloy – aye; Neil Howard – aye; Charles Kalkomey – aye; Shelly Main – nay; Dave Carrasquillo – nay.

c. Amend 2025-2026 General Fund Budget for Drainage Improvements – consideration and action as appropriate

Mayor Ray recommended moving \$10,000.00 from Capital Outlay to Drainage Improvements. Joe McSloy made a motion to move \$10,000.00 from Capital Outlay to Drainage Improvements. Neil Howard seconded, and motion carried.

6. **Old Business**

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

Mayor Ray recommended suspending road resurfacing until next budget.

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

Joe McSloy said the county has not given him any available dates for their assistance. Dave Carrasquillo asked what the responsibilities are in the interlocal agreement between the city and county. He said the repair on Brazos Oak Lane was the last time the county provided assistance. Mayor Ray said he would call and talk to Chip Reed.

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

Mayor Ray said there were no leaks to report.

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

Mayor Ray asked if there were any questions regarding the items in the consent agenda. Hearing none, he 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 reminded council that the April meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 16th at 7:00 pm. Neil Howard asked about the flags at Brazos Hill Lane and Winding Creek Lane. Mayor Ray said he thought there was a leak, since there is not, he will remove the flags.

9. **Adjourn**

Dave Carrasquillo made a motion to adjourn. Shelly Main seconded, and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.



Jan Shelton, City Secretary

04/16/2026

Date