

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, April 16th 2026, 7:03 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 7:03 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, Precinct 4 Commissioner Chip Reed and approximately eight city residents.

4. Public Comments

None.

5. New Business

a. Update from Commissioner Chip Reed – consideration and action as appropriate

County Commissioner Chip Reed introduced himself and said the county has spent \$280,000.00 on Chew Road and plans more improvements around August or September. Commissioner Reed said the county will apply an oil and chip rock surface to Zaruba and Gajewski. Commissioner Reed said the county replaced the Chew Road bridge with a culvert and offered the old 12' x 12' x 20' wooden bridge trusses to the city. Commissioner Reed invited the public to comment at the April 27th commissioners court meeting, where the commissioners would discuss a moratorium or resolution to stop the new battery farms and data centers coming into the county. Commissioner Reed said the meeting would be available online at www.austincountynewsonline.com Commissioner Reed discussed the \$37,000,000.00 grant for the Allens Creek project and three new subdivisions planned for the area. Joe McSloy said he would put together a list of 10 - 15 projects where the city needs the county's assistance. Commissioner Reed said his team should be available in 2 - 3 weeks, weather permitting and would provide the stabilized sand needed. Dave Carrasquillo reported a breakdown of communication with the county. Commissioner Reed said he would address the line of communications. A citizen asked who was responsible for the maintenance of the creeks in the city. Commissioner Reed said the city has the responsibility. but the county can help if needed. Discussion followed. Mayor Ray thanked and invited Commissioner Reed to return every six months.

6. Old Business

a. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate

Neil Howard reported Hidden Creek Road is breaking up and washing out due to the garbage trucks trying to avoid the overgrown tree limbs. Mayor Ray said he could talk to the homeowner or the city could cut the limbs. A citizen questioned the homeowner's responsibility for maintaining their tree. Charles Kalkomey said the city can remove anything in the city easement. Discussion followed.

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

Joe McSloy said he would put a list of priorities together.

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

Mayor Ray reported the city signed the new tank construction contract on March 30th and on April 15th he attended a preconstruction meeting with the engineer and contractor. Mayor Ray said the contractor has 175 days to complete the project, which would not be later than November 1st. Mayor Ray said when he receives the

construction schedule he will forward it to council. Mayor Ray discussed the disposal of the old pressure tank. Commissioner Reed offered to haul the tank to the scrap yard for free. Discussion followed. Dave Carrasquillo asked if the fire hydrant at Brazos Hill Lane and Standing Oaks Lane was functional. Mayor Ray said it was a flush valve because it is fed by a 4" main and a fire hydrant requires a minimum of a 6" main.

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

Mayor Ray asked if there were any questions regarding the items in the consent agenda. Dave Carrasquillo asked if \$10,000.00 was moved. Mayor Ray confirmed \$10,000.00 was transferred from capital outlay to drainage improvements. Hearing no other questions, 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 May meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 21st at 7:00 pm. Charles Kalkomey said the old 2,500-gallon pressure tank weighs 4,000 pounds. A citizen asked if the old ground storage tank could be used to refill fire department tanker trucks for firefighting in the area. Discussion followed.

9. **Adjourn**

Joe McSloy made a motion to adjourn. Neil Howard seconded, and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.



Jan Shelton, City Secretary

05/21/2026
Date