

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, July 16th 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 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, City Bookkeeper Cindy Millican, Constable James Clark, Cullen Brotherton with Crobul Services, LLC and approximately eight city residents.

4. Public Comments

Citizens commented on a home in section five being advertised on Airbnb as a short-term rental business. A citizen made a request for the city to put up a sign announcing council meetings. A citizen said they were not getting email meeting notices. A citizen said the people should vote to approve projects over \$10,000.00. A citizen commented on a property owner digging a very deep pond and asked if the city approved a pond permit. A citizen said the county is not maintaining the roads and Sodolak Lane is being torn up because of new construction. Mayor Ray said he spoke to Chip Reed about Sodolak Lane and Chew Road.

5. New Business

a. James Clark Contract – consideration and action as appropriate

Mayor Ray said Constable Clark agreed to a work schedule of twelve hours per week and \$200.00 gas stipend per month, which is \$26,800.00 a year. Charles Kalkomey asked how the hours broke down. Mayor Ray and James Clark confirmed the schedule of four hours per day, three days per week. Neil Howard asked if council could go into executive session. Mayor Ray said council could go into executive session to discuss personnel matters after comments. Joe McSloy, Dave Carrasquillo and Shelly Main commented that the City of Brazos Country is a safe community with limited income, lack of ordinance enforcement, expensive upgrades, maintenance responsibilities and said a police presence was not feasible. Constable Clark said if he writes tickets, the city can outsource the code enforcement to the City of Sealy, San Felipe or Wallis for a fee and have an attorney on retainer. Constable Clark said the mayor can also preside over court as city judge to enforce code. Mayor Ray asked for public comments and discussion followed. Mayor Ray asked for a motion to enter into executive session. Dave Carrasquillo made a motion to enter into executive session under Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss personnel matter. Joe McSloy seconded, motion carried. The mayor, council members and city secretary stepped outside the meeting room and entered into executive session at 7:30 pm. At 7:57 pm the mayor, council members and city secretary returned to the open meeting. Mayor Ray asked council for a motion. Joe McSloy made a motion to accept the James Clark contract for twelve hours per week, three days per week, four hours per day and \$200.00 gas stipend per month. Charles Kalkomey seconded, and motion carried with votes as follows: Joe McSloy – nay; Neil Howard – aye; Charles Kalkomey – aye; Shelly Main – nay; Dave Carrasquillo – aye.

b. Crobul Services Contract – consideration and action as appropriate

Mayor Ray said this is Cullen's third contract and first increase in charges of 10% and a ninety-day notice of cancellation. Joe McSloy said Cullen was doing a good job. Joe McSloy made a motion to accept the Crobul Services Contract. Shelly Main seconded, and motion carried.

c. Update on New Tank Installation – consideration and action as appropriate

Mayor Ray said the foundation ring and gravel fill have been completed and the tank erection should start next week, lasting two to three weeks. Mayor Ray reported a quote of \$42,725.00 to install a 6" x 630' fire supply line with a fire hydrant from the water plant to Standing Oaks Lane. Cullen Brotherton recommended using the fire hydrant at Brazos Hill Lane and Standing Oaks Lane. Mr. Brotherton said he checked with TCEQ and if the old tank is being used for water storage inside the water plant, it would be inspected and if leaking, TCEQ would issue a violation.

d. Preliminary 2026- 2027 Budget – discussion only

Mayor Ray reviewed the preliminary general and water fund budgets. Mayor Ray reported sales taxes are up approximately seventeen percent. Mayor Ray recommended the property tax revenue remain the same as last year. Mayor Ray said next month we will vote on the proposed tax rate and proposed budget. Mayor Ray recommended the piping at the water plant be painted. Mayor Ray said, if the council voted to install the 6" x 630' fire line, those expenses be applied to the water capital improvements budget. Discussion followed. Charles Kalkomey asked if the contract labor was paid out of the general fund.

e. Budget Transfers – consideration and action as appropriate

Mayor Ray recommended council make a \$100,000.00 loan at 0% interest to the water fund from the general fund. Joe McSloy made a motion to transfer up to \$100,000.00 from the general fund money market account to the water fund 8596 at a 0% interest rate. Shelly Main seconded, and motion carried.

6. Old Business

a. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate

Mayor Ray said Chip Reed told him the county will dig out the old road, add limestone base and repave Sodolak Lane. Neil Howard said the company we used for roadwork has been sold to Durwood Greene and he is waiting on them for pricing.

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

Joe McSloy said he picked up some poles for installing two signs prohibiting persons and vehicles at the lake and one at the outfall, which will be installed tomorrow. Charles Kalkomey asked if the outfall to the river could be cleaned up. Joe McSloy said the outfall is an unsafe area full of rebar.

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

Mayor Ray said water usage has been down but is starting to creep up due to the lack of rain.

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, Neil Howard made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Dave Carrasquillo seconded, and motion carried.

8. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary

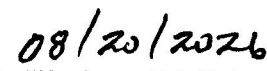
Mayor Ray reminded council that the August meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 20th at 7:00 pm. Mayor Ray said the proposed tax rates and proposed budgets will be on the agenda for a vote.

9. Adjourn

Joe McSloy made a motion to adjourn. Neil Howard seconded, and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.



Jan Shelton, City Secretary



Date