

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Brazos Country, Austin County, Texas, convened in regular session Thursday, August 20th 2026, 7:01 pm, at St. Mary's Catholic Church Life Teen 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 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, City Bookkeeper Cindy Millican, Constable James Clark and approximately twenty city residents.

4. Public Comments

James Clark spoke on his years of service, the city layout, gas stipend, policing and patrol tactics. A citizen said he is working with the Brazos Country Homeowners Association concerning a home in section five being used as a short-term rental. The citizen recommended an update to policies and deed restrictions. Mayor Ray said the HOA manages deed restrictions and the city approves permits per the FEMA flood plain management insurance program. Discussion followed. A citizen spoke on the oversite, cost and quality of safety patrol within the city. Discussion followed. A citizen volunteered to help the council cleanout the outfall to the river at Hidden Creek.

5. New Business

a. 2025-2026 Audit – consideration and action as appropriate

Mayor Ray said Curtis Craig has not changed his contract of \$9,000.00 over several years. Joe McSloy asked Cindy Millican for her opinion on Curtis Craig's contract. Cindy Millican said it's a standard engagement letter and she sees no issues. Mayor Ray asked if there were any more comments and hearing none, requested a motion. Joe McSloy made a motion to accept Curtis Craig's 2025-2026 audit contract. Shelly Main seconded, and motion carried.

b. Proposed 2026-2027 Property Tax Rate – consideration and action as appropriate

Mayor Ray reviewed the 2026 tax rate calculation worksheet, he said last year's tax rate was 0.07852 per \$100.00. Mayor Ray said the 2026 taxable value is \$145,013,396.00 which is a 10.01% increase and recommended the no-new-revenue tax rate of 0.07133 per \$100.00. Joe McSloy and Charles Kalkomey questioned the voter-approval tax rate of 0.07629. Discussion followed. Charles Kalkomey made a motion to propose a tax rate of 0.07629. Dave Carrasquillo seconded, and motion carried.

c. Proposed 2026-2027 Budgets – consideration and action as appropriate

Mayor Ray reviewed the proposed 2026-2027 General Fund Budget which he based on the tax rate of 0.07133. Joe McSloy asked if the city must hire an engineer if road maintenance exceeds \$100,000.00. Mayor Ray said the city must hire an engineer and advertise for bid, if new road construction exceeds \$100,000.00 but not for road maintenance. Neil Howard said it doesn't take much work to exceed \$100,000.00. Dave Carrasquillo expressed the liability issue if someone were to get injured due to road failure. Discussion followed. Joe McSloy recommended \$125,000.00 in the Capital Outlay fund. Dave Carrasquillo recommended \$150,000.00 in the Capital Outlay fund. Mayor Ray reviewed the proposed 2026-2027 Water Fund Budget. Mayor Ray said the old tank will be isolated, drained and not used as a fire supply. He said the existing fire hydrant will supply water at flow without pumping for firefighting refills. Discussion followed. Mayor Ray asked if there were any more comments and hearing none, asked for a motion. Charles Kalkomey moved to approve the General Fund Budget with the modification of \$150,000.00 to the Capital Outlay fund and approve the Water Fund Budget as presented for 2026-2027. Shelly Main seconded, and motion carried.

6. Old Business

a. Roads – Update; consideration and action as appropriate

Neil Howard said the county put some gravel road base at 357 River Ridge Road by the park, 103 River Ridge Road cul-de-sac and Chew Road culverts. Mayor Ray asked Neil Howard and Charles Kalkomey to recommend roads for repair.

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

Joe McSloy said he put up signs prohibiting persons at the lake and Hidden Creek outfall where he also cleaned up some of the weeds. Joe McSloy said the city has a 10' easement at the Hidden Creek outfall and would need the property owner's written approval on both sides to clean that whole area. Joe McSloy said the weeds at the outfall on Pecan Grove Road to the river are primarily on private property and are an HOA issue. He said he would meet any volunteers at 8:00 am tomorrow to clean out the Hidden Creek outfall. Dave Carrasquillo said he sent a letter of appreciation to the county for their free assistance to the city. He said they have the equipment available to do the work we need. Discussion followed.

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

Mayor Ray said the tank assembly should be finished tomorrow, the bottom tested for leaks, trenches dug for laying in pipes with corporate valves, then tied into the water system and should be completed in September.

7. Consent Agenda – consideration and action as appropriate

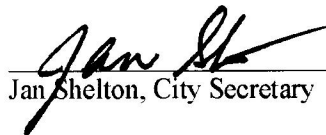
Mayor Ray said there was a date correction to the June minutes and a correction to the split of the Crobul operation fee and field repairs on the June financials. Neil Howard asked if the city received a breakdown of the \$17,000.00 May tax payment. Cindy Millican said the state never gave us an explanation. Mayor Ray asked if there were any more comments regarding the items in the consent agenda. Hearing none, Charles Kalkomey made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Neil Howard seconded, and motion carried.

8. Comments – Mayor/Council/City Secretary

Mayor Ray reminded council that the September meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 17th at 7:00 pm. Joe McSloy asked for volunteers to bring tools and come help him clean out the Hidden Creek outfall. Dave Carrasquillo thanked the public for coming. He said their voices are heard, however it's hard to make decisions that please everyone.

9. Adjourn

Neil Howard made a motion to adjourn. Joe McSloy seconded, and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.


Jan Shelton, City Secretary

09/17/2026
Date