

MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL

June 13, 2022

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the Point Blank Civic Center in Point Blank, Texas.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Wood, Mayor
Mel Basham
Larry Gumpert
Joe Hickinbotham
Russell Sims
Gary Wulf

OTHERS: Kelly Hoot

CONVENED

Mayor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order.

READING OF SECTION 42.05 OF THE PENAL CODE, DISRUPTION OF A MEETING OR PROCESSION

Mayor Wood did not read Section 42.05 of the Penal Code.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public attended.

MINUTES

Mayor Wood called the Council's attention to the minutes from the May 9, 2022, meeting and asked for a motion to approve them.

Mr. Gumpert made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Ms. Basham seconded the motion which carried (5 ayes, 0 nays).

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS

Mayor Wood informed the Council that Mr. Wulf had questions regarding the cost of the recent street work that was completed in Forest Cove. The cost of the work in Forest Cove was \$11,185.28. Work was also done on Madden Lane and Wilderness Road and the cost was \$10,098.45. Mayor Wood said he will try to get additional work soon.

UPDATE ON SHORT TERM RENTALS

Mayor Wood said Mr. Wulf had requested an update on the short term rentals. Ms. Hoot prepared an overview on the short term rental (attached) and discussed with the Council.

Currently there are nine short term rentals within the city limits. Three have registered and paid the fees. \$900 has been collected in registration fees.

LEDGER REPORTS

Ms. Hoot gave an overview of the ledger reports. Another short term rental had paid the \$300 registration fee and two paid hotel occupancy taxes that totaled \$719.41. A payment of \$16,000 was paid to A&L Asphalt for work done in Forest Cove and Wilderness Road.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$220,556.04
First State Bank Grant Account	\$2,875.02
Petty Cash	\$13.60
First National Bank Savings Account	\$137,038.64

Sales tax for the month was \$9,206.74.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wood explained that the city would be receiving \$500,000.00 from the Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG). This is money that was left over from Hurricane Harvey and is part of the Hurricane Harvey Mitigation Program. He displayed a list of possible ways the money can be spent which included flood control, streets and bridges, public facilities, public services, provision of generators and economic development. At this point, he is not sure how the money can be spent. Council discussed possibly using some of the funds to update the old Dry Dock building to use as a shelter, funds for the Volunteer Fire Department or adding on to our existing building. Mayor Wood would like to have someone come and talk to the Council about how the funds can be spent.

Mr. Wulf asked what the time frame would be for spending the money. The Mayor responded that it is usually a two year period on grants.

Mayor Wood said he had covered everything that he had to discuss. The food truck will be here on Thursday, June 16.

COMMENTS FROM ALDERMEN

Mr. Sims commented that he thinks a resale shop is being run out of the warehouse building that was sold by Mr. Gumpert last year. It has garage sale signs displayed but it has been going on every weekend for the past several months.

Mr. Wulf commented that he had been there, and the prices were not garage sale prices. They are more resale shop prices.

The Mayor responded that he would go by and talk to the owners to see if they were operating a resale shop and see if they have a tax ID number.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wood said if there were no additional comments, he would like to ask for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Gumpert made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Basham seconded the motion which carried (5 ayes, 0 nays).

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor

Secretary