

**MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL**

**July 10, 2023**

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 10, 2023, at the Point Blank Civic Center in Point Blank, Texas.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Wood, Mayor  
Mel Basham  
Larry Gumpert  
Mike Pagel  
Russell Sims  
Gary Wulf

**OTHERS:**

Matt Smith	Linda Earls
Prudy Miller	Alicia & Chuck Stobbe
Anita Woods	Dianne Christopoulos
Levina Wulf	Jim Woods
Betty Magee	Dennis Hamlin
Donna Hamlin	Donald Sexton
Philip Kurkoski	William Hodde
William Wallace	Frank Wallace
Kelly Hoot	One unknown name

**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**

The floor raised the point that it may be more cost effective for the city to hold their elections in November when the national, state and county elections are held. This would allow the city to split the costs.

Mayor Wood said he would investigate this option.

Mr. Wulf asked if there was going to be an executive session tonight. Mayor Wood responded as far as he knew there was no reason to have an executive session.

Mr. Wulf said the closed executive session had been expanded on the agenda and he thought that was an indication there would be an executive session.

Mayor Wood responded that the City has revised our agenda to be more in line with the outline the county uses.

Several of the public that attended were there to support Mr. Wulf and voiced their disagreement with the censure of Mr. Wulf.

Mr. Wulf said he felt the Council had attacked his character and he disagreed with the censure. He asked the three unsuccessful candidates if he or the PBVFD were the reason for their running for office. They all gave other reasons for running for the Council.

### **MINUTES**

Mayor Wood said the minutes of the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting needed Council approval. Mayor Wood asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Ms. Basham noted that the minutes needed to reflect that she had abstained from voting on the censure of Mr. Wulf. The correct vote should be 3 ayes, 1 nay and 1 abstained. Ms. Hoot will correct the minutes.

Mr. Gumpert made a motion to approve the June 12, 2023, minutes as amended.

Mr. Pagel seconded the motion which passed (4 ayes, 1 nay - Mr. Wulf).

### **CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS**

Mayor Wood informed the Council that the total spent for streets this FY is listed on page 4 of the management report. The total is \$82,851.19. There are two more places that the mayor would like to repair if the Council approves before the end of the year and the areas are on Forest Drive and Governor Hogg.

Mr. Wulf made a motion to spend an additional \$10,000 on street repairs this FY.

Mr. Pagel seconded the motion which passed unanimously (5 ayes, 0 nays).

### **UPDATE ON SHORT TERM RENTALS**

Ms. Hoot informed the Council that we have a new STR and it is located at 60 Edge Water Way.

### **UPDATE ON GRANTS**

The city has applied for two grants. The first is a MIT-MOD grant of \$500,000 that we applied for in September or October 2022. This grant is left over Hurricane Harvey funds. The City has been told we will definitely receive this grant.

The second is a General Land Office block grant for \$500,000 that is dedicated to low to moderate income areas. This grant will be spent in the Wilderness Road/Hilzendager Hills area. Changes



had to be made to the application and were resubmitted in May 2023. The city has been told we have a 95-96 percent chance of receiving this grant.

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON WAIVER FOR USE OF CIVIC CENTER FOR TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS**

Mayor Wood said he had received a call from Buddy Fortenberry asking to use the Civic Center for hunter education classes. Mayor Wood told him there was a fee of \$150 to use the building. Mr. Fortenberry said he was not charged by Coldspring, Livingston or Onalaska to use their buildings and wanted to ask for a waiver. He was supposed to attend the meeting tonight.

Mr. Gumpert said that Mr. Fortenberry would not be here tonight. He had made arrangement with the Point Blank Community Church to used their new building for the class so the city did not need to make a decision on this agenda item.

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON HISTORICAL PRESERVATION EFFORT**

Mayor Wood said he would like to put an item on the agenda to put money in the budget for an historical preservation effort. We would like to make copies of some historical documents and look at the possibility of storing and displaying some of them at the civic center.

Mr. Gumpert made a motion to budget funds for a historical preservation effort.

Mr. Sims seconded the motion which passed (5 ayes, 0 nays).

**DISCUSSION OF FY 24 BUDGET**

Mayor Wood said he had distributed copies of the proposed FY24 budget to the Council before the meeting. Council discussed the proposed budget.

Mr. Wulf stated that the chip/seal concrete mix is the new process that the county is using and he asked the mayor what the difference in price was for a load of asphalt versus a load of chip/seal concrete mix. Mayor Wood responded that he thought it was one load of asphalt is equal to about 10 loads of the chip/seal mix. Mayor Wood informed the Council that the new road to the church building was complete and had been constructed using the new process of chip/seal and concrete mix. He suggested everyone take a look at the new road.

This was the first reading of the budget. It will be reviewed again in August and voted on in September. The new fiscal year goes into effect in October.

**LEDGER REPORTS**

Mayor Wood gave an overview of the management reports.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$210,547.72
First State Bank Grant Account	\$2,875.02

Petty Cash \$13.60  
First National Bank Savings Account \$137,246.36

Sales tax for the month was \$9,076.68

Mayor Wood said the city is \$4,161.03 above where we were last year in sales tax revenue.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wood displayed the bids that were received for the roof replacement. The low bid was received from Red Bobber Builders for \$12, 870.00.

Mr. Gumpert made a motion to accept the bid from Red Bobber with a 10 percent contingency.

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

Council discussed adding additional insulation in the attic and possibly installing exhaust fans.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

### **COMMENTS FROM ALDERMEN**

Mr. Wulf said that he would like to make it noted that in the future, if a Council member is the subject of an Executive Session that they be notified ahead of time so they will not be caught unaware and can asked that the proceedings take place in open session if they so choose.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

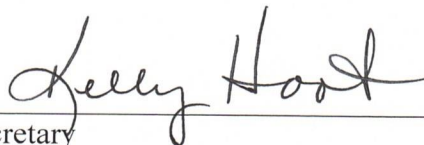
Mr. Gumpert made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Mayor



Secretary