

MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL

August 12, 2024

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 2024, at the Point Blank Civic Center in Point Blank, Texas.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Wood, Mayor
Mel Basham
Mike Pagel
Matt Smith
Jim Woods
Gary Wulf

OTHERS:

M. S. Holloway
Levina Wulf
James Fangue
Kris Eastham
Kelly Hoot

CONVENED

Mayor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 read Section 42.05 of the Penal Code.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

MINUTES

Mayor Wood said the minutes of the July 16th meeting needed Council approval. Mayor Wood asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the July 16, 2024, minutes.

Mr. Pagel seconded the motion which passed (4 ayes, 1 abstained).
Mr. Wulf abstained since he did not attend the July meeting.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS

Mayor Wood said that all roads have been damaged by the recent rains but in order to prove it before and after photos are needed to prove the rains caused the problems. Mayor Wood said there are three or four roads in North Woods, Pinemont in Forest Cove, and Governor Hogg in Governor's Point that will be FEMA. Edgewater Way in Forest Cove has really been damaged also. Before and after photos are needed of the entrance to Forest Cove #2 by the resale shop to prove flooding caused the new damage. The Council discussed the street damage throughout the city.

Mayor Wood asked the Council if a different criteria needs to be considered for street repairs. He explained the current determination of A, B and C streets and how that was used to determine priority for repairs.

Mayor Wood explained that the city will have to match FEMA funds by 25 percent so we need to keep a reserve on hand.

UPDATE ON SHORT TERM RENTALS

Ms. Hoot said HOT taxes had been received for 60 Edgewater Way. Mayor Wood said the STR that is located next to him received extensive damage during the hurricane and he did not think it would be rented anytime soon.

UPDATE ON GRANTS

Mayor Wood gave a brief update on the two grants.

The MIT-MOD grant is still on hold. He said the county is supposed to receive 16 million and they are not thinking the funds will be released.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON FEMA FLOOD, FEMA HURRICANE AND FEMA MITIGATION

Mayor Wood made a presentation on FEMA flood, FEMA hurricane and FEMA mitigation. He explained there are three areas that the city is requesting assistance with from FEMA that will require extended mitigation and they include Magee Creek, Mill Creek and Sandy Springs Road/Edgewater Way.

Mayor Wood said there are a lot of FEMA issues and he will try to keep everyone updated.

Council further discussed street issues. Mr. Smith and Mr. Wulf both stated that it does not take a lot of water to move sand.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON PBVFD GRANT

Mayor Wood distributed copies of the request from the PBVFD. The VFD is requesting funds to aid in the purchase of a drone to help them locate fires from above.

Mr. Woods is a member of the PBVFD Executive Committee and he said the model the VFD wants to purchase is a good one and two pilots will receive training on this drone. He said he suggested they buy a couple of cheap models to practice on before using the expensive one.

Mr. Wulf made a motion to give the PBVFD the grant of \$2200 to purchase a drone.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion which carried (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Mr. Wulf said the San Jacinto County First Responders are considering coming to the city to ask for a grant.

Mayor Wood suggested they come to the next meeting.

CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF FY25 BUDGET

Mayor Wood distributed copies of the proposed budget for FY25. He informed the Council that this was the first second reading. He asked the Council if they had any changes. There will be one more reading next month. The proposed budget is \$184,820 and that does not include any grants or FEMA funds. He asked the Council to review the budget and any changes will have to be made next month.

LEDGER REPORTS

Mayor Wood reviewed the ledger reports.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$221,384.70
First State Bank Grant Account	\$2,875.02
Petty Cash	\$13.60
First National Bank Savings Account	\$137,846.32

Sales tax for the month was \$9,339.59

Mayor Wood said the city is \$5,298.43 above where we were last year in sales tax revenue.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wood did not have any other comments.

COMMENTS FROM ALDERMEN

Mr. Smith said he would really like for the city to investigate putting a coating of sealer on the road by the resale shop to see if it will work.

Mayor Wood said he will call about getting it done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

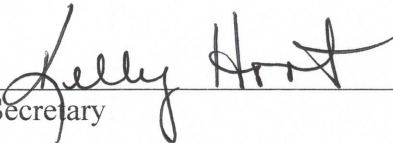
Mayor Wood said if there were no additional comments, he would like to ask for a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Mayor

Secretary