

MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL

September 9, 2024

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 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: Kaitlen Cook, SJC First Responders
Levina Wulf
Charles Ed McMahan
Tracy McMahan
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 did not read Section 42.05 of the Penal Code.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Wood informed the Council that former Councilman and friend Paul Singleton had passed away on Thursday morning. He said “the call was expected, but heartbreaking in any case. Paul was a friend, a community leader, and a City Council Alderman from May 2009 until April 2021. Even after he resigned from the official position, he continued to offer good advice, build improvements to the Civic Center, maintain our front flower bed, and stay current on the affairs of the city.” Mayor Wood said “his visits to my office were always welcome. He was a builder. He was a business owner and operator. We spent many hours discussing the business and the changes in the construction industry that have happened throughout the years. He was an honest man, and he always had a cool head and calm demeanor.” Mayor Wood closed by saying “the City and I will miss his talent, presence, and advice.”

Ms. Basham said he was a gracious man that will be greatly missed.

Mr. Woods informed the Council that one of the Point Blank Volunteer Firemen was tragically killed while riding his motorcycle. He leaves behind a wife and two very young children.

MINUTES

Mayor Wood said the minutes of the August 12th meeting needed Council approval. Mayor Wood asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Ms. Basham made a motion to approve the August 12, 2024, minutes.

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

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS

Mayor Wood said that the entrance to Section 2 of Forest Cove had been repaired and the sealer had been applied to approximately one-quarter mile of the street. It will probably take a year to see if the sealer process works. If it works, he would like to do the same thing to all of Governor Wood in Governor's Point.

Mr. Wulf said a good comparison of sealer being applied would be to look at the street in front of Philip Kurkoski's home. He put sealer on the road in front of his house about 5-6 years ago and it still looks good.

UPDATE ON FEMA FLOOD, FEMA HURRICANE AND FEMA MITIGATION

Mayor Wood informed the Council that the FEMA team would be here in late October to look at the three areas of concern in the FEMA Mitigation. This is considered extended mitigation.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON GRANT FOR SAN JACINTO COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS

Levina Wulf distributed copies of information regarding the San Jacinto County First Responders. Kaitlen Cook, President of the First Responders gave a presentation regarding the group. She said they currently have 19 first responders that volunteer their time. They respond to calls throughout the county. They also provide community classes including CPR, Stop the Bleed and other medical classes. They are currently trying to get their AEDs updated and new AED pads. They just purchased new backpacks for the first responders and each bag has \$300-\$500 worth of supplies in them.

Mr. Wulf said since Ms. Cook assumed the Presidency of the First Responders, she has recharged the organization and by July 2024 they had already responded to more calls than the total number of calls they responded to in 2023.

Mayor Wood asked how much money they receive from the Emergency Service Board. She responded \$17,500. They must turn in receipts for reimbursement to get these funds. They raised \$2000 from their pancake breakfast fundraiser.

Mr. Smith asked how much money the city gave the PBVFD. Mayor Wood responded \$2200.

Mr. Smith made a motion to give the San Jacinto County First Responders the same amount of \$2,200.

Mr. Pagel seconded the motion which carried (4 ayes, 1 abstained)
Mr. Wulf abstained because he is a member of the First Responder board.

CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF FY25 BUDGET

Mayor Wood distributed copies of the proposed budget for FY25. He informed the Council that this was the third and final reading. He explained what he had done to add the grants into the budget. He said he would need to make one more adjustment due to giving \$2200 to the SJC First Responders.

He asked if there were any other comments or changes.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the budget as amended.

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

LEDGER REPORTS

Mayor Wood reviewed the ledger reports.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$216,004.56
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 \$10,798.25

Mayor Wood said the city is \$5,171.83 above where we were last year in sales tax revenue.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wood said we had received a couple checks from STR's for hotel occupancy taxes this month. There was no update on the grants.

COMMENTS FROM ALDERMEN

There were no comments from the aldermen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

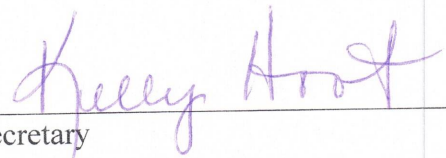
Mayor Wood said if there were no additional comments, he would like to ask for a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Basham made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Mayor

Secretary