

MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL

October 14, 2024

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 14, 2024, at the Point Blank Civic Center in Point Blank, Texas.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Wood, Mayor
Mike Pagel
Jim Woods
Gary Wulf

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mel Basham
Matt Smith

OTHERS: Linda Earls
Levina Wulf
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

Linda Earls asked if the city was under a burn ban. The mayor responded that a proclamation had been passed and would be in effect for 30 days. Basically, it follows the county's proclamation. He asked them to spread the word. There were no other comments from the public.

MINUTES

Mayor Wood said the minutes of the September 9th meeting needed Council approval. Mayor Wood asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Woods made a motion to approve the September 9, 2024, minutes.

Mr. Pagel seconded the motion which passed (3 ayes, 0 nays).

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS

Mayor Wood and the Council discussed a drainage issue in Forest Cove that concerns Mr. Stephen Bushong. The Council discussed the issue at length and were in agreement that the area in question is on private property and the drain was put in after the driveway.

UPDATE ON FEMA FLOOD, FEMA HURRICANE AND FEMA MITIGATION

Mayor Wood discussed the spreadsheet that he had sent out earlier this month. He added that there would be no damage claims by the city from Hurricane Beryl.

The mayor informed the council that the Texas Department of Emergency Management would be meeting in the Civic Center at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 17, to discuss mitigation concerns. He invited the Council to attend.

Mayor Wood said that he received an email that the costs that were incurred during the clean up by volunteers in Forest Cove were approved. The mayor has no idea when FEMA funds will be available to reimburse the residents of Forest Cove.

Mayor Wood also read an email that he had sent to FEMA. Council discussed the term "Deferred Maintenance" that FEMA uses as some of the causes of the damages. The mayor said he feels it will come down to a negotiation.

Mayor Wood said the city is asking for \$378,000 in damages. He spent all day taking the FEMA representative around to all of the damaged areas.

UPDATE ON GRANTS AND HAZARD MITIGATION

Mayor Wood said a \$15,000 payment will be processing this week. It will be the third payment to process on the block grant. This payment will be made to Bleyl Engineering.

Mayor Wood said he and Matt Smith attended a meeting in Coldspring to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Plan that has expired. The county has a grant manager that is rewriting the plan. Everyone showed up for the meeting except the grant manager. The one that was handling it has been fired and replaced. The plan should have been finished by June and no one has even seen a draft of the plan. There won't be anymore grants until the Hazard Mitigation Plan is updated.

The mayor said Shepherd has received their MIT-MOD grant and the county has received part of their grant.

Mr. Wulf asked why Point Blank has not received our MIT-MOD grant.

The mayor responded that he was told it is just taking time to process all of the grant applications. The survey had to be redone because of the STR's but everything is done.

**CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CLAIM
EXPERIENCE REPORT**

This report was emailed to everyone and it shows the number of claims the city has made with TML. In all of the years the city has been insured by TML, there has been one claim and that was when the lady hurt her knee during the food truck. The case was thrown out by the court. TML ended up spending \$2800. The deductible the city had to pay was \$1000. The rest of the report shows how much the city has spent on insurance with TML. For FY24 \$3654.00 was spent for insurance.

LEDGER REPORTS

Mayor Wood reviewed the ledger reports. He also reviewed the year end budget that was sent to the Council with the agenda packet.

The balances are:

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| First State Bank Checking Account | \$221,798.64 |
| First State Bank Grant Account | \$2,875.02 |
| Petty Cash | \$13.60 |
| First National Bank Savings Account | \$138,000.97 |

Sales tax for the month was \$10,090.85

Mayor Wood said the city is \$4,780.44 above where we were last year in sales tax revenue. Mayor Wood said \$108,000 was spent on road repairs during the year.

Mr. Wulf asked what had been decided on sealing the street surface of Governor Wood Street in Governor's Point.

Mayor Wood said it probably would not happen unless the POA wanted to contribute toward the cost of sealing the street.

Ms. Earls asked how much the city would want the Governor's Point POA to contribute.

Mayor Wood responded if they could contribute \$5,000 it would certainly help with the cost.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wood said Carr, Riggs and Ingram (the auditors) has sent an engagement letter. He will send a copy to the Council for their feedback.

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.

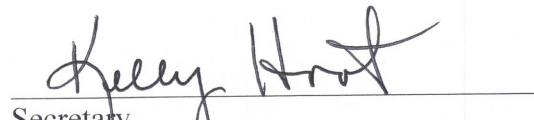
Mr. Pagel made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Wulf seconded the motion which passed (3 ayes, 0 nays).

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Mayor



Secretary