

MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL

October 9, 2023

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Wulf

OTHERS: Kris Eastham
Chris Moran
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

There were no public comments.

Chris Moran, owner of the Bullet Grill attended the meeting. Mr. Gumpert introduced him to the Council.

Kris Eastham, Texas Department of Emergency Management, also attended the meeting. He introduced himself and explained what his duties were. He said he had moved into Governor's Point approximately six weeks ago.

MINUTES

Mayor Wood said the minutes of the September 11th meeting needed Council approval. Mayor Wood asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Pagel made a motion to approve the September 11, 2023, minutes.

Mr. Gumpert seconded the motion which passed (4 ayes, 0 nay).

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS

Mayor Wood said he had met with the road contractor about straightening up the intersection of Governor Hogg and Governor Wood and working on the intersection of Governor Bell and Governor Hogg.

Work will also be done in Northwoods from the corner of White Oak down to the DPS officer's house.

Mr. Pagel said there is a place in Northwoods past Lake View where the street is rough and going toward the gully. Mayor Wood will look at it. Mayor Wood said there are a lot of potholes that need to be fixed throughout the city and he will talk to Commissioner Nettuno about fixing them.

UPDATE ON SHORT TERM RENTALS

There was no update on short term rentals this month.

UPDATE ON GRANTS

Mayor Wood said the city has received verbal approval that we will receive both grants. The block grant representatives plan to make a site visit but a definite date has not been given. There is no timeline for when the funds will be received.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE DEEP EAST TEXAS COG FOR A REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Mayor Wood informed the Council that he had received an email from John Clingaman of the Deep East Texas Council of Governments, regarding a possible grant for a regional solid waste management program.

Mayor Wood distributed a draft plan and resolution for the Council to consider. His idea is to schedule a city wide litter pick up collecting trash and debris from all city streets. Highway 190 and 156 would be excluded from this effort. The city could set up a local collection dumpster during the event. His plan was outlined in the handout.

Mr. Sim suggested hiring an FFA group or other organization to pick up trash and pay them as part of a fundraising event. He gave a couple other good suggestions and the mayor said he would add them to the plan.

Mayor Wood said the application was due by October 31st and he needed the resolution approved by the Council to proceed.

Mr. Gumpert made a motion for the Council to approve the resolution for the City of Point Blank to apply with the Deep East Texas COG for a Regional Solid Waste Management Program grant.

Mr. Sims seconded the motion which passed (4 ayes, 0 nays).

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON REVISIONS TO
JULY 10, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Wood said Mr. Wulf had submitted a revision to the minutes for the July 10th meeting and they were not voted on by the Council.

Ms. Hoot read the suggested change to the minutes which was:

“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.”

Mr. Sims made a motion to approve the change to the July 10th minutes as submitted.

Mr. Gumpert seconded the motion which passed (4 ayes, 0 nays).

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON HOW PUBLIC
COMMENTS ARE TRANSCRIBED IN THE FUTURE**

Mayor Wood said the question had come up about how public comments are transcribed. He asked the Council for their opinion. The Council discussed the issue at length and decided to record the meetings and only put highlights in the minutes. The mayor also distributed a copy of a proposed Audience Participation Form to be used at future meetings. Mayor Wood said the Commissioner’s Court uses this form during their meetings.

The Council reviewed the Audience Participation Form.

Ms. Basham made a motion for future meetings to be recorded and to only put highlights of the public comments in the minutes and to approve the Audience Participation Form as presented.

Mr. Sims seconded the motion which passed (4 ayes, 0 nays).

LEDGER REPORTS

Mayor Wood gave an overview of the management report and said this report included the end of year expenditures.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$215,791.65
First State Bank Grant Account	\$2,875.02
Petty Cash	\$13.60
First National Bank Savings Account	\$137,379.85

Sales tax for the month was \$10,482.24

Mayor Wood said the city is \$7,314.81 above where we were last year in sales tax revenue.

Mayor Wood added that he would send a year end budget to the Council later this week.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wood said he had a property owner that had talked to him about the possibility of donating his property to the city when he passes away.

COMMENTS FROM ALDERMEN

There were no comments.

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.

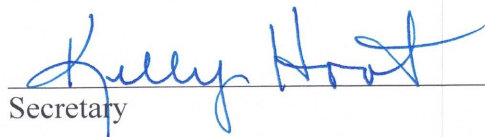
Mr. Gumpert made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Sims seconded the motion which passed (4 ayes, 0 nays).

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Mayor



Secretary