

MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL

November 14, 2022

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 14, 2022, at the Point Blank Civic Center in Point Blank, Texas.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Wood, Mayor
Mel Basham
Larry Gumpert
Mike Pagel
Gary Wulf

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Russell Sims

OTHERS: Linda Earls
Philip Kurkoski
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 comments from the public.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ALDERMAN TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF JOE HICKINBOTHAM

Mayor Wood said the Council had agreed at the last meeting to appoint Mike Pagel, resident of North Woods, to complete the unexpired term of Joe Hickinbotham.

Ms. Hoot swore Mr. Pagel in as Alderman, Place #5.

MINUTES

Mayor Wood said the minutes of the October 14th meeting needs Council approval. He asked for a motion to approve the them.

Mr. Gumpert made a motion to approve the October 14, 2022, minutes as presented.

Mr. Wulf seconded the motion which carried (4 ayes, 0 nays).

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS

The Council discussed streets that need to be repaired.

Mr. Wulf mentioned that the corner of Governor Hogg and Governor Bell needs to be repaired. Mr. Gumpert commented that corner has always been a problem.

UPDATE ON SHORT TERM RENTALS

Ms. Hoot said the city had received a check from the county for the Hotel Occupancy Taxes on the short term rentals. The total of the check was \$1,744.91.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR GRANTWORKS

Mayor Wood explained this was the contract that the City needs to sign for GrantWorks to provide administration services for the grant. The amount of the contract is \$36,250 and that is the amount that GrantWorks quoted in the proposal they submitted.

Mr. Gumpert made a motion to approve the grant administration services contract for GrantWorks.

Ms. Basham seconded the motion which carried (4 ayes, 0 nays).

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF POINT BLANK

Mayor Wood informed the Council that the Point Blank Community Church had purchased the old Dry Dock Restaurant building and wants to put an entrance to the property from Boat Launch Road (on the East side of the Precinct 4 Annex building). They would like to dedicate the property to the city and because it will also benefit the Precinct 4 Annex, they will maintain it. There shouldn't be much maintenance because of the low traffic on the road. The road will be gravel. There will be no cost to the city.

Mr. Wulf made a motion to approve the resolution to accept property from the Point Blank Community Church that is within the city limits of Point Blank.

Mr. Pagel seconded the motion which carried (3 ayes, 1 abstained).
Mr. Gumpert abstained since he is a member of the church.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON AN ORDINANCE ON THE USE OF CITY STREETS

Mayor Wood presented a draft ordinance on the Use of City Streets. He explained that the purpose of the ordinance would be to have a special use application completed. There will be no permit fees. The purpose would be to have the proposed routes used, number of vehicles that would be used and the timeframe for the work all listed on the application. Mayor Wood said he wants to be able to take pictures of the streets before the work starts and again after the work ends to make sure damage did not occur.

The Council discussed the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Wulf had reservations that the ordinance was too broad.

Ms. Basham recommended renaming the application to read: City Streets – Specific Use Application of City Streets. She also suggested having a committee review if the property owner disagrees with the decision or it could be brought before the Council.

Ms. Basham made a motion to approve the Ordinance on the Use of City Streets as amended tonight and to review the ordinance in a year or sooner to ascertain if amendments are needed.

Mr. Pagel seconded the motion which carried (4 ayes, 0 nays).

DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING TRINITY RIVER AUTHORITY MEETING

Mr. Wulf informed the Council about the upcoming meeting with the Trinity River Authority on Thursday, November 17th @ 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Civic Center and the public is invited to attend.

DISCUSSION OF THE POINT BLANK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (PBVFD)

Mr. Wulf gave an overview of recent events concerning the Point Blank VFD.

Mayor Wood asked Mr. Wulf what he would like from the city Council.

Mr. Wulf asked the Council to support an independent board of directors for the PBVFD.

The Council agreed on the following wording for a proclamation regarding an independent Board of Directors for the PBVFD:

The Point Blank City Council met on Monday, November 14th and agreed to endorse the establishment of an independent Board of Directors for the Point Blank Volunteer Fire Department to ensure equity and accountability on all aspects of a public entity.

LEDGER REPORTS

Mayor Wood gave an overview of the ledger reports.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$217,466.93
First State Bank Grant Account	\$2,875.02
Petty Cash	\$13.60
First National Bank Savings Account	\$137,072.99

Sales tax for the month was \$9,034.65.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wood said he had covered everything that he had to discuss.

COMMENTS FROM ALDERMEN

There were no comments from the aldermen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

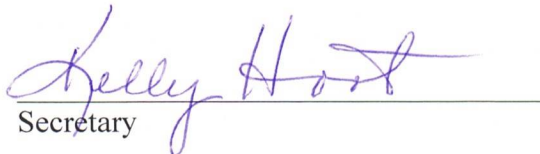
Mayor Wood said if there were no additional comments, he would like to ask for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Gumpert made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Pagel seconded the motion which carried (4 ayes, 0 nays).

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Mayor

Secretary