

# MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL

June 10, 2024

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2024, at the Point Blank Civic Center in Point Blank, Texas.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Wood, Mayor  
Mel Basham  
Mike Pagel  
Russell Sims  
Gary Wulf

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Woods

OTHERS: Levina Wulf  
Alicia Stobbe  
Donald Sexton  
Glenn Rector  
Linda Earls  
Penny Fiederlein

## CONVENED

Mayor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. A quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order.

Mayor Wood commented that Mr. Woods had called and he was sick and unable to attend the meeting tonight.

## 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

Mayor Wood read an email the city received from a person that was thinking about retiring to this area.

## SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED ALDERMEN

Mayor Wood swore in Matt Smith, Alderman Place #1 and Gary Wulf, Alderman Place #2 as aldermen for the City of Point Blank. Mr. Woods will be sworn in at the next meeting.

## MINUTES

Mayor Wood said the minutes of the May 13th meeting needed Council approval. Mayor Wood asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Ms. Basham made a motion to approve the May 13, 2024, minutes.

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

## CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS

Mayor Wood explained that work was done at the end of Boat Launch Road where it turns to go to Highway 190. Approximately 3 loads of material were used to fix the road.

## UPDATE ON SHORT TERM RENTALS

Mayor Wood informed the Council that one new STR had come online and it is located at 71 White Oak in North Woods. DeDe Bailey, San Jacinto County Treasurer purchased the house and has turned it into an STR.

## UPDATE ON GRANTS

Mayor Wood informed the Council that the block grant has officially begun. The city received its first bill from the grant writer (GrantWorks) in the amount of \$8,970. They were fixing to have a team conduct the environmental impact study so the engineers could go ahead and do their work. Then the flooding started so that was postponed and we have not heard when the environmental study will be done.

The MIT-MOD grant is still on hold. The Housing and Urban Development Dept. wanted an additional survey to make sure it is an economically challenged area.

## CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON DISASTER PROCLAMATION

Mayor Wood said he had to declare the city a disaster area so he copied the proclamation that Governor Abbott and Judge Faulkner had issued (see attached). It needs to be approved by the Council.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Disaster Proclamation as written.

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

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON LOCATIONS OF FEMA INVOLVEMENT IN REPAIRS**

Mayor Wood explained that the items that were highlighted in yellow were done when Matt Smith and Gary Wulf accompanied TDEM when they surveyed the damaged streets. The ones that are not highlighted are the damaged areas identified when the mayor accompanied TDEM earlier in the month. When you look at FEMA grants portal they changed the minimum project threshold for 2024 is \$3900. Whereas, during Hurricane Harvey it was \$1000.

The mayor has submitted the request for public assistance so sometime in the near future they will meet with the city for a kickoff meeting to tell us what their ground rules and every team is slightly different in what their rules are. He asked Mr. Wulf and Mr. Smith to attend the meeting when it is scheduled.

The Council discussed the flooding and property values. In the past, if damages were 50 percent or less they will fix your home. If it is more than 50 percent the home will probably be bought and not fixed.

There is one item on the list (#6) that will not be and that is a bulkhead that failed in North Woods. Mayor Wood said he had asked the Texas Department of Emergency Management to look at it and that is how the bulkhead ended up on the city's list. The North Woods POA will be handling the claim on the bulkhead.

Fundamentally, every street in the city was damaged. This will go on for months if not years. The city just closed out Hurricane Harvey 1 ½ years ago and the county is still dealing with Hurricane Harvey. There is a major culvert on Sam Houston that needs repaired. The mayor doesn't know that will be done about Governor Hogg.

Mayor Wood said he received the information from Mr. Wulf on the cost and that will be a part of the total amount. It looks like it was filed correctly.

Mr. Wulf and Mr. Smith submitted a report and photos they had taken of the storm damage. The mayor said he would share with the rest of the council. He said the area near Sandy Springs and Edgewater Way is a mess. Unfortunately, it drains in front of the club house and that is private property. The water does not go into the culvert but water is coming out of it. That is totally opposite of what is going on in front of Matt Smith's house: water is going into the culvert but not coming out the other end. There is no telling what will be found when those two areas are dug up.

The Mayor said a letter of emergency requirements needs to be written for three of the roads in the city. Mr. Wulf volunteered to help draft a letter of emergency requirements.

The Council discussed the list of 20 items that were submitted to TDEM (attached).

Dredging was also discussed.

## LEDGER REPORTS

Mayor Wood reviewed the ledger reports.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$209,055.33
First State Bank Grant Account	\$2,875.02
Petty Cash	\$13.60
First National Bank Savings Account	\$137,691.67

Sales tax for the month was \$9,618.04

Mayor Wood said the city is \$5,466.25 above where we were last year in sales tax revenue.

Mr. Wulf made a motion to approve the reports as presented.

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

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wood did not have any other comments.

## COMMENTS FROM ALDERMEN

There were no comments from the aldermen.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

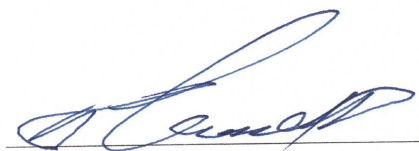
## ADJOURNMENT

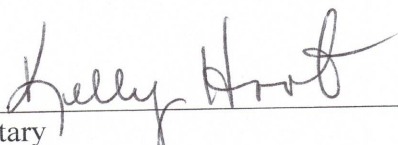
Mayor Wood said if there were no additional comments, he would like to ask for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Pagel made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Secretary