

MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL

February 12, 2024

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 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: Larry Gumpert

OTHERS: Kris Eastham
Matt Smith
Jim Woods
Levina Wulf
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

Levina Wulf said she would like the Council to consider letting the community use the unused portion of the concrete slab next to the city council building as a pickle ball court. She gave a proposal to the mayor.

The mayor said the item will be placed on the agenda in March.

There were no other comments.

MINUTES

Mayor Wood said the minutes of the January 8th meeting needed Council approval. Mayor Wood asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Ms. Basham made a motion to approve the January 8, 2024, minutes.

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

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS

Mayor Wood said he and Ms. Hoot had conducted a street survey this week and revised the survey. He distributed copies of the revised street survey to the council and asked them to review it and if they have time to drive around the city to see if they have any other recommendations.

UPDATE ON SHORT TERM RENTALS

There was no update on the short term rentals.

UPDATE ON GRANTS

There was no update on the grants.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CITY

Mayor Wood informed the Council that no future meetings have been scheduled but he would like for a member of the Council to represent the city when the revamp of the Hazard Mitigation Plan begins. He added that the process is scheduled to take one year.

DISCUSSION OF MAY 4, 2024, CITY ELECTION

Ms. Hoot reminded the Council that the next city election is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2024 and the deadline to file for a place on the ballot is Friday, February 16th @ 5:00 p.m.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO REMOVE INACTIVE ALDERMEN FROM BANK ACCOUNTS

Mayor Wood informed the Council that two people need to be removed from the bank accounts. Paul Singleton, former alderman, needs to be removed and alderman Larry Gumpert, passed away last month and should be removed from the accounts.

Mr. Wulf made a motion to remove Paul Singleton and Larry Gumpert from the bank accounts.

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

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON MUNICIPAL
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) FOR DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE
CITY'S LIMITS**

Mayor Wood said there has been a maintenance agreement with TXDOT for many years. TXDOT has sent a new agreement for the city to sign stating there are minor changes to the agreement. The mayor said he did not see any differences in the agreements. The agreement states that the state will maintain the highways that run through the city. He asked for a motion.

Mr. Pagel made a motion to approve the TXDOT maintenance agreement.

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

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE, CONTROL,
SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF CERTAIN STATE HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY
LIMITS OF POINT BLANK**

Mayor Wood explained the city would need to pass an ordinance saying that the city had approved the TX DOT Maintenance Agreement. He read the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Pagel made a motion to approve the ordinance accepting the municipal maintenance agreement with TX DOT.

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

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON MODIFICATION TO
THE AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION SIGN-UP SHEET**

Mayor Wood said that Mr. Wulf had requested this topic be put on the agenda so he turned the floor over to him for discussion of the sign-up sheet.

Mr. Wulf presented his changes to the Council and the Council voted on each one separately.

Mr. Wulf said he felt that part of the last sentence of the first paragraph needed to be deleted. He would like the sentence to read "In order to expedite the flow of business and to provide all citizens the opportunity to speak, the City Council has imposed:" and take out the rest of the sentence.

Mr. Wulf made a motion to accept the above change to the first paragraph.

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

The Council discussed the second change which was to delete #2 which reads:

2. Any group of two (2) or more persons will appoint one (1) person to present the group's views to the Council.

Mr. Wulf made a motion to delete #2 from the Audience Participation Sign Up Sheet.

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

Mr. Wulf said he thought #3 should be changed. Council discussed the wording and it was decided that #3 should read as follows:

3. The Council will **only** consider complaints that remain unresolved after being addressed through proper administrative channels and when they have been placed on the agenda. For further information on these requirements, contact Mayor Mark Wood.

Ms. Basham made a motion to remove "only" from number 3.

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

Mayor Wood said he would make the changes to the Audience Participation Sign Up Sheet.

LEDGER REPORTS

Mayor Wood gave an overview of the management report.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$169,604.32
First State Bank Grant Account	\$2,875.02
Petty Cash	\$13.60
First National Bank Savings Account	\$137,535.67

Sales tax for the month was \$10,092.02

Mayor Wood said the city is \$2,536.53 above where we were last year in sales tax revenue.

Mayor Wood informed the Council that the city has received the SHECo franchise check for \$42,079.82 and it will be reflected in the ledger report next month.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wood said he had been contacted by Mr. Gumpert's family and they asked if someone from the city could speak at the memorial service for Mr. Gumpert on March 23rd. Mr. Sims volunteered to speak on behalf of the city.

COMMENTS FROM ALDERMEN

Mr. Sims said the people that are using the little red building that is located close to the intersection of Highway 156 needs to do something about their parking. Mayor Wood said he had noticed they did not have much parking and as far as he knew it was the AA group.

Mr. Sims asked if the city has a siren that goes off when bad weather is approaching. Mayor Wood responded that the city does not have a warning system but the county's Office of Emergency Management is working on a notification system.

Mr. Wulf said he had been attending the ESD meetings. They are trying to consolidate all fire departments and they want to hire a chief of chiefs to be over all the departments. Mr. Wulf said the fire chiefs from Coldspring and Evergreen-Pumpkin VFD's were the most outspoken during the discussion. There will be an appeals process in the future. Mr. Wulf said many concerns were addressed during the two hour meeting.

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.

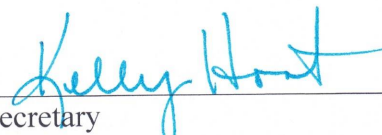
Mr. Pagel made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Mayor



Secretary