

MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL

August 8, 2022

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 8, 2022, at the Point Blank Civic Center in Point Blank, Texas.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Wood, Mayor
Mel Basham
Larry Gumpert
Joe Hickinbotham
Russell Sims
Gary Wulf

OTHERS:

Dennis Hamlin, Forest Cove POA
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

No public attended.

MINUTES

Mayor Wood called the Council's attention to the minutes from the July 11, 2022, meeting and asked for a motion to approve them.

Mr. Gumpert made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Hickinbotham seconded the motion which carried (5 ayes, 0 nays).

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS

Mayor Wood said work will be done on North Woods Drive and White Oak and then possibly Mill Creek in Forest Cove. He added that the stabilization that was done in North Woods two years ago is holding up well.

UPDATE ON SHORT TERM RENTALS

Ms. Hoot said that notices were sent to all of the STR owners reminding them that they must register to have a STR within the city limits. To date we have only received registration fees from three. A second notice was also sent the Airbnb and VRBO.

CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE FY23 BUDGET

Mayor Wood distributed copies of the FY23 Budget and the Council discussed it at length. Mr. Wulf asked that the Volunteer Fire Department donation be increased to \$2,500. Council agreed.

Mayor Wood informed the Council that Carr, Riggs and Ingram notified him that they will conduct the city's audit for \$14,000.

Mr. Wulf stated he would like to increase the amount of the VFD grant from \$2,200.00 to \$2,500.00.

Mr. Wulf made a motion to increase the amount of the VFD grant to \$2500.00.

Mr. Sims seconded the motion which carried (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Mayor Wood informed the Council that the improved website is up and running. He asked each of them to bring an individual photo of themselves or be ready to take a picture at the next meeting.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY CITY STREETS

Mayor Wood reminded the Council that the city had received a letter from the Forest Cove POA last month stating they had unanimously voted in July 2022, to designate and dedicate the streets and easements of Forest Cove to the city. The Mayor read an ordinance that would clarify the definition of the city streets of Point Blank to accept Forest Cove Sections 1, 2 & 3 and Northwoods Sections 1, 2 & 3 within the Public Domain and are part of the City of Point Blank. He asked for a motion to approve the ordinance.

Mr. Gumpert made a motion to accept Forest Cove and Northwoods streets as presented.

Mr. Hickinbotham seconded the motion which carried (5 ayes, 0 nays).

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO AUTHORIZE MOVING FORWARD WITH A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS 9RFQ0 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 9TDA0 23-24 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND THE DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (DETCOG) GRANT

Mayor Wood updated the Council on the DETCOG meeting that he attended in Hemphill last month. He still does not have any specifics on what the funds can be used for but he discussed some possibilities with the Council.

Mayor Wood said the Council needed to approve moving forward with a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Administrative Services and Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services for the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) 23-24 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG) Grant.

Mr. Gumpert made a motion to move forward with the grants.

Ms. Basham seconded the motion which carried (5 ayes, 0 nays).

LEDGER REPORTS

Ms. Hoot gave an overview of the ledger reports.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$224,352.94
First State Bank Grant Account	\$2,875.02
Petty Cash	\$13.60
First National Bank Savings Account	\$137,055.72

Sales tax for the month was \$8,737.86.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wood said he had covered everything that he had to discuss. He said the Point Blank Volunteer Fire Department had submitted their request to receive their grant of \$2200 for the year.

Mr. Wulf explained that the funds would be spent to purchase additional isothermal vests and insulating carry bags for the fire fighters.

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. Hickinbotham seconded the motion which carried (5 ayes, 0 nays).

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Mayor



Secretary