

MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL

December 12, 2022

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 12, 2022, at the Point Blank Civic Center in Point Blank, Texas.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Wood, Mayor
Mel Basham
Larry Gumpert
Mike Pagel
Russell Sims
Gary Wulf

OTHERS:

Chief David Boran
Robert Gibson
Lisa Matthews
Debbie Gould
Layne Gibson
Kris Eastham
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

Debbie Gould addressed the Council about the possibility of forming a committee to work on community events. She said she has talked to the property owner's associations and other citizens in the community and they are all interested in events for the community. Ms. Gould said she had recently organized the pictures with Santa event and the Pearls in the Pines.

Mayor Wood said the Council could not act on this tonight because it was not on the agenda but he asked her to put everything in writing and send it to him so he could put it on the January agenda.

MINUTES

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

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

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

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS

Mayor Wood informed the Council that \$5,250.00 had been spent on streets in November. He added that approximately \$25,000 or more has been spent on streets during the month of December.

UPDATE ON SHORT TERM RENTALS

Ms. Hoot said the city had received a check from one owner for Hotel Occupancy Taxes during the month of November. The total of the check was \$177.95. The city has not received any registration fees.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON APPROVAL OF SIGN FOR RED BOBBER BUILDERS

Mayor Wood explained the city has received a sign application from Red Bobber Builders to put up a temporary sign on an area where they plan to build an office. The location is outside the entrance to Forest Cove.

Mr. Wulf said the sign is not aesthetically appealing. It is made out of plywood and passers by can see the unfinished back of the sign when they drive by.

Council discussed the sign and decided to approve the sign with no fee for three months as long as the back of the sign is painted or the sign is repositioned so the back of the sign can not be seen from the street. If Red Bobber Builders wants to leave the sign up after three months, they will need to pay the \$250 sign permit fee.

Mr. Gumpert made a motion to approve the sign with the above modifications for three months.

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

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ACCEPTANCE OF
DRAFT AUDIT**

Mayor Wood said he had sent the draft audit to the Council earlier today but did not know if they had a chance to review it. The auditors recommend the city set up a policy for the acquisition of assets. They have also sent the depreciation adjustments that he needs to make in Quick Books. Otherwise, the audit was fine.

Mr. Wulf made a motion to accept the audit by Carr, Riggs and Ingram.

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

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON PROCLAMATION
CONCERNING THE POINT BLANK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Wood turned the discussion over to Mr. Wulf.

Mr. Wulf said that he and a couple others had met with Brian Hay of the ESD for about four hours earlier today. They discussed bylaws, discipline, verbal order to not appear before the ambulance, financial transparency, training and the petition. At the end of their meeting, they all agreed to give Mr. Hay time to do his investigation.

Mr. Wulf also said that an anonymous letter was addressed to him and sent to the city's address. He listed the concerns that were mentioned in the letter.

Mr. Wulf suggested holding off on the proclamation and give the ESD time to do their job.

Mr. Gumpert said he had talked to his personal attorney about the issues with the fire department and his attorney suggested he not have anything to do with it.

Mr. Sims commented that he thought it would be a good idea for the fire department to have an independent board that could assist the fire department and make recommendations for improvement.

Mayor Wood said he did not feel the city has any business in the operational issues of the VFD.

Mr. Wulf said he feels the issues of the VFD are impacting the people in the community.

Several members of the Point Blank Volunteer Fire Department were in attendance and voiced their concerns about what is being said about the fire department.

Mr. Robert Gibson, VFD, said the fire department has received several applications from people that want to become firemen and they are presently reviewing those applications. He added that the financial records are audited annually.

Mr. Wulf made a motion to table the proclamation concerning the VFD.

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

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON PROCLAMATION
HONORING BARBARA JUSTICE**

Ms. Justice did not attend the meeting so there would not be a discussion on this topic.

LEDGER REPORTS

Mayor Wood gave an overview of the ledger reports.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$218,150.27
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 \$8,938.82.

Mayor Wood said that the sales tax has dropped for the second month in a row and he hopes this is not an indication of the rest of the year. The city is currently \$1,462.82 behind where we were at this time last year.

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.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Mayor



Secretary