

MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL

February 10, 2025

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2025, at the Point Blank Civic Center in Point Blank, Texas.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Wood, Mayor
Mike Pagel
Matt Smith
Jim Woods
Gary Wulf

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mel Basham

OTHERS: Donald Sexton
Chuck & Alicia Stobbe
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.

He informed the Council that he recently heard that former city alderman Cheryl Thomas had passed away from a brain aneurysm.

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

Donald Sexton, Forest Cove POA, said he recently heard that Governor's Point had recently made a monetary contribution towards some work that was done in their subdivision and that Forest Cove would like to discuss the possibility of matching funds for street work.

Mayor Wood responded that the work done in Governor's Point was a polymer sealer on Governor Wood to seal cracks. The city is trying to see how much it helps extend the life of the street. There is going to be work done in Forest Cove through the MIT-MOD grant that the city will have to match 25 percent of the funding so Mayor Wood said he wanted to hold off on spending anymore money on streets unless absolutely necessary until we see how much will have to be spent on the grants.

MINUTES

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

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the January 13, 2024, minutes.

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

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS

Mayor Wood informed the Council that no other work had been done except in Governor's Point.

He displayed a copy of the grant's spreadsheet (distributed originally in September) to show how much the city has spent thus far.

Mayor Wood said he had approved the drawings for the Block Grant work that will be done on Oak Tree Drive in Hilzendager Hills.

Mayor Wood displayed a drawing that the engineer came up with for the culvert and cage for the opening on the culvert on Sam Houston Loop. The cage would keep the opening from getting blocked by logs and other debris. The culvert became clogged and caused several homes to flood back in May 2024.

Mayor Wood said everything has been submitted to FEMA. He is just waiting for the county to have time to work on the city's damage. Once the county bills the city for the work, the city will submit the bills to FEMA. FEMA will pay 75% of the cost and the city will owe the county the remaining 25%.

UPDATE ON FEMA FLOOD, FEMA HURRICANE AND FEMA MITIGATION

A study will have to be done on Sandy Springs, Mill Creek and the area of Governor's Point near McGee Creek that are part of the FEMA mitigation. Mayor Wood said this was the single most important thing on the list.

UPDATE ON GRANTS AND HAZARD MITIGATION

Mayor Wood said the MID-MOD Grant is finally moving forward. He added that the drawings have been approved for the Block Grant and the ad will run in the newspaper for the next two weeks requesting bids for the work. Bids will be opened on February 28th at 10:00 a.m. The Council will vote on who will do the work.

Mayor Wood said the hazard mitigation plan was complete.

**PRESENTATION BY SAN JACINTO COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS TO REVIEW
GRANT PURCHASE**

Chuck Stobbe distributed a list of items that the San Jacinto County First Responders wanted to purchase with the \$2200 grant from the city. They plan to upgrade one of their vehicles to have off-road capabilities. Some of the places they respond to have treacherous road conditions and they have gotten stuck trying to get to calls in the past.

Mr. Smith made a motion to allow the San Jacinto County First Responders to spend the \$2200 grant from the city to upgrade one of their vehicles to have off-road capabilities.

Mr. Pagel seconded the motion which carried (3 ayes, 1 abstained)
Mr. Wulf abstained because he is a member of the First Responders

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON CIVIC CENTER
SEPTIC SYSTEM**

Mayor Wood explained that the septic system has failed a few times recently and a plumber and septic service have both looked at it and recommended it be replaced.

Mr. Smith made a motion to allow the mayor and city manager to investigate the best option to fix the septic problem and cap the cost at \$12,000.

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

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT WITH SAN JACINTO COUNTY FOR STREET MAINTENANCE**

Mayor Wood said the county had approved the city's interlocal agreement for street maintenance at their commissioner's court meeting on February 5th. The mayor would like the Council's approval to continue the interlocal agreement with the county.

Mr. Wulf made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement for street maintenance with the county.

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

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS EXPO ON APRIL 26, 2025 AND HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PLAN**

Mayor Wood discussed the email that he had received regarding the Emergency Preparedness Expo and asked if any of the Council wanted to participate. None of the Council were interested so the mayor said he would talk to Ms. Basham to see if she was interested, if not, the city will not plan to participate.

**DISTRIBUTION AND DISCUSSION OF LETTER FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE
JANIS HOLT**

Mayor Wood said the letter from Representative Holt had been distributed with the other agenda documents. If anyone needs to contact Representative Holt her contact information is in the letter.

LEDGER REPORTS

Mayor Wood reviewed the ledger reports.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$221,594.02
First State Bank Grant Account	\$2,875.02
Petty Cash	\$13.60
First National Bank Savings Account	\$138,314.20

Sales tax for the month was \$10,140.36.

Mayor Wood said the city is \$949.51 ahead of where we were last year in sales tax revenue.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wood said he did not have any additional comments.

Ms. Hoot said the deadline to turn in an application for a place on the ballot for the May 3rd election will be 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14th.

COMMENTS FROM ALDERMEN

Mr. Pagel briefly discussed the handout that had been distributed with the other agenda documents regarding the court order stating that federal agencies cannot pause, freeze, impede, block, cancel terminate any awards or obligations on the basis of the OMB Memo, or on the basis of the President's recently issued Executive Orders. The Council discussed this earlier in the meeting and there was no need to discuss it further.

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.

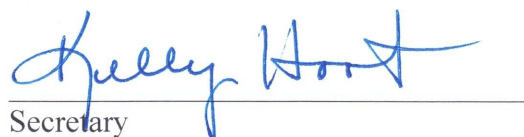
Mr. Pagel made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Mayor



Secretary