

**MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL**

**August 11, 2025**

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 11, 2025, at the Point Blank Civic Center in Point Blank, Texas.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Wood, Mayor  
Mel Basham, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Mike Pagel  
Matt Smith  
Jim Woods  
Gary Wulf

**OTHERS:**

Blake Barringer, Bleyl Engineering  
Kris Eastham, TDEM  
Linda Earls  
Kelly Hoot

**CONVENED**

Mayor Mark 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**

Reading of Section 42.05 was not read.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Wood said the minutes of the July 14th meeting needed Council approval. Mayor Wood asked for a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Mr. Woods made a motion to approve the July 14, 2025, minutes as amended.

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

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ENGINEERING RECOMMENDATION AND CONSIDER THE OPTIONS RELATED TO THE TX CDG CDV23-0124 OAK TREE DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS RECEIVED ON AUGUST 1, 2025**

Blake Barringer, Bleyl Engineering, addressed the Council regarding the bids received on August 1, 2025 for the TX CDG CDV23-0124 Oak Tree Drive Improvements. He explained this project was originally bid in February 2025 and rebid on August 1<sup>st</sup>. He said the base bid prices came in substantially closer to the grant amount this time.

Three bids were received which included Rebel Contractors, Crockett Construction and Larry Young Paving. Mr. Barringer recommended the city accept the bid from Rebel Contractors for \$488,974.00. The amount allotted by the grant is approximately \$396,000 in TxCDBG grant funds plus \$9,100 in City match funds so the city would be responsible for approximately \$83,874.00.

The Council discussed the project at length.

Ms. Basham made a motion to accept the bid from Rebel Contractors, Inc. for \$488,974.00 with the potential of possible savings and adjustments and a potential commitment from the city of approximately \$83,874.

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

**UPDATE ON GRANTS AND HAZARD MITIGATION – SAM HOUSTON LOOP**

The mayor updated the Council on the Sam Houston Loop project. He had the county fix the damage to Governor Wood Drive that was made by the contractor's equipment. The Sam Houston Loop project is complete. TDEM is taking over the project from FEMA and the mayor received a letter on Friday stating the total funding on the project was \$38,000 of which we pay 25% so the amount that we will receive from the grant is \$28,884.00. We will receive that amount from TDEM as soon as the mayor completes their paperwork. They were originally going to give the city \$14,000 and the mayor appealed it and the city will receive \$28,884.

**UPDATE ON FEMA FLOOD, FEMA HURRICANE AND FEMA MITIGATION**

This was covered under the grant update.

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS**

Mayor Wood asked Mr. Wulf to discuss the streets.

Mr. Wulf said he was trying to keep everyone informed. He did not receive anything from Governor's Point but we did go and do our own survey of their streets. Work orders were received from the POA's of Forest Cove and North Woods.

Mr. Wulf said he and Ms. Hoot had conducted the survey of the streets on August 7<sup>th</sup> and there were a few items he would like to discuss with the Council before submitting the work orders.

He talked about the work that was just completed on the culvert in Governor's Point on Sam Houston Loop. That same stream goes through a culvert on Governor Bell and loops around and goes under Sam Houston Loop a second time. There is blockage at the head of those two culverts and needs to be cleaned out.

Council agreed to have the county clean the culverts out.

There is one other place in Governor's Point which is located at 329 Sam Houston Loop that needs to be fixed.

Mr. Wulf said there has been a lot of confusion in defining a pothole versus a pancake. A pothole can be cleaned out and filled. A pancake is something that is two inches or less and is not deep enough for the material to stay in place.

Mr. Wulf discussed the street damage in North Woods on Wildwood.

Mr. Pagel commented that Wildwood was turning into another White Oak.

Mr. Smith commented that when you drive over it, it feels like there is sand underneath it because it is very soft.

Mayor Wood said the only thing to do would be put gravel on it like was done on White Oak and let it settle.

Mr. Wulf said the next work order was for Hill Street in North Woods. He asked Mr. Pagel to discuss it since he lives at the end of the street. Mr. Pagel said there are several washouts on the street and he thinks a maintainer could pull some material out of the ditches and smooth the road out.

Mayor Wood said you will have to put material on the streets and the cost would be at least \$3000.

Mayor Wood said it would be better to wait until the new budget.

Mr. Pagel suggested tabling it for the time being.

Mr. Wulf said if it degrades to the point of vehicles bottoming out to let us know and we will revisit it next month.

Mr. Wulf commented that most of the issues that were reported by Mr. Woods in North Woods were not potholes. They were more pancakes. He said he received the same thing from Forest Cove and there really isn't anything the city can do until the areas become potholes.

Mr. Wulf said there really hadn't been much change since we conducted our last road survey because the weather hasn't been bad. The road problems will show up when we have a lot of rain.

Mr. Wulf discussed a section of Wildwood Street in North Woods that needs work. He displayed a photo of the damage to the street. Council discussed and decided to use the same material that was used on White Oak.

Mr. Wulf discussed drainage damage on the corner of Bending Bow and Loper Lane. He thinks there must be damage to the culvert but it needs to be investigated. Council discussed this issue at length.

Mayor Wood said he would get with Commissioner Nettuno and ask them to investigate what is going on.

Mr. Wulf discussed the \$2000 that the Council had approved to do a test section of sealant on a street that has gatoring on it to see if it will extend the life of the street. The Council agreed to do the test on the section of road inside the entrance to Forest Cove section 2 at the end of the section of sealant that was applied several months ago. That work order was submitted to the county in May and has not been completed.

Mayor Wood said he would talk to the commissioner. It may be that the contractor that applied the other sealant will need to do the work.

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION FOR BANKING AUTHORITY AT FIRST STATE BANK OF  
LIVINGSTON AND FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LIVINGSTON**

Mayor Wood informed the Council that a change had to be made to the resolutions for the banks. Although the mayor signed the resolutions, the banks wanted him added to the list of names on the resolutions that are approved to sign on the accounts. The following names will be able to sign on each account:

Mark Thomas Wood  
Mary Thrall Basham  
Michael Kenneth Pagel  
Matt Dale Smith  
James Edward Woods  
Gary Thomas Wulf  
Kelly Mann Hoot

Mayor Wood asked for a motion to approve the resolutions.

Mr. Wulf made a motion to approve the banking resolutions as presented.

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

**CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE FY26 BUDGET (Second Reading)**

Mayor Wood informed the Council that this was the second reading of the budget. He said he had updated column 5 which matches the management report thru July. He also added a grant analysis sheet.

Mr. Wulf said he like the backup sheet for the grants and likes how it feeds into the spreadsheet.

He will change the numbers on the grant sheet to reflect our exposure on the block grant to 488,974.00.

He has also estimated the FEMA recovery funds for FY25 and FY26.

Mayor Wood said the city should try to get another grant in the latter part of FY26.

Mr. Smith said he likes keeping the budget on the spreadsheet versus getting any other budgeting program.

Mayor Wood said there is a magnificent budgeting package in Quick Books but the cost would be an additional \$80 per month. The mayor said he feels it would be a waste of city funds. The Council agreed to continue using the spreadsheet the mayor has developed.

The Council discussed the budget spreadsheet.

### **UPDATE ON MAYOR SELECTION PROCESS**

Mayor Wood said he had been contacted by Bill Cook, North Woods resident, who was interested in the mayor's job. He was supposed to attend the meeting tonight to introduce himself to the Council but was not in attendance.

Mayor Wood said the Council had really stepped up in assisting with the responsibilities and he was comfortable with the process as it was. The Council agreed to remove the item "Update on Mayor Selection Process" from upcoming agendas.

### **LEDGER REPORTS**

Mayor Wood reviewed the ledger reports.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$243,132.29
First State Bank Grant Account	\$2,875.02
Petty Cash	\$13.60
First National Bank Savings Account	\$138,593.06

Sales tax for the month was \$8,892.11

Mayor Wood said the city is \$5,307.08 ahead of where we were last year in sales tax revenue.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The mayor did not have any additional comments.

**COMMENTS FROM ALDERMEN**

Mr. Woods informed the Council about an issue that happened in North Woods regarding someone trying to steal tires off of a vehicle and then assaulting the property owner when he confronted them. Mr. Woods wanted everyone to be aware and communicate with each other so we all know what is going on in the community.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

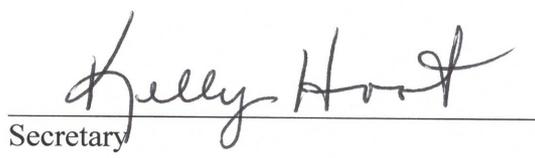
Mayor Wood said if there were no additional comments, he would like to ask for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Secretary