

MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL

December 11, 2023

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2023, at the Point Blank Civic Center in Point Blank, Texas.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Wood, Mayor
Mel Basham
Larry Gumpert
Mike Pagel
Gary Wulf

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Russell Sims

OTHERS: 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

There were no public comments.

MINUTES

Mayor Wood said the minutes of the October 9th meeting needed Council approval. Mayor Wood asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Gumpert made a motion to approve the October 9, 2023, minutes.

Mr. Pagel seconded the motion which passed (3 ayes, 0 nay).

Mr. Wulf abstained because he did not attend the October 9th meeting.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS

Mayor Wood informed the Council that a lot of work had been done on streets since the beginning of the fiscal year. To date, approximately \$70,000 has been spent. Some work needs to be done on Madden Lane but Mayor Wood thinks it can be taken care of by filling in the pot holes. Governor Wood Street in Governor's Point is cracking so the mayor got a quote on putting a sealer

on it. The price is \$5000. He is going to check with Linda Earls, Governor's Point POA President, to see if the POA can take care of that expense.

UPDATE ON SHORT TERM RENTALS

Two short term rentals have been removed from the list of registered rentals. They are no longer being used as short term rentals.

UPDATE ON GRANTS

Mayor Wood attended a "Kick-Off" meeting for the Department of Agriculture Block Grant. In the meeting, recipients were told that contracts should be sent out by the end of November. As of today, the city has not received anything.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ACCEPTANCE OF CARR, RIGGS AND INGRAM AUDIT REPORT FOR 2023 AND THE MANAGEMENT RESPONSE LETTER

Mayor Wood informed the Council that the city had received the draft audit report from Carr, Riggs and Ingram and the management response letter that the city will have to sign and return to the auditors. He asked for approval of both documents.

Mr. Wulf made a motion to accept the draft audit and approve the mayor signing the management response letter.

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

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON MODIFICATIONS TO THE FIRST STATE BANK GRANT ACCOUNT

Mayor Wood said modifications need to be made to the First State Bank grant account. One of the requirements of the MIT-MOD and Block grants is that checks must have two signatures. He said he would like for Kelly Hoot and Mel Basham to be on the account and he invited the rest of the Council to be on the account. Mike Pagel and Gary Wulf said they would like to be on the grant account. Mayor Wood asked for approval to set the account up with two signatures.

Mr. Gumpert made a motion to require two signatures on checks written on the grant account.

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

Ms. Hoot will take the approved minutes to First State Bank in Onalaska after the January Council meeting and get the bank to prepare the paperwork so the Council members can go to the bank and sign the signature card.

LEDGER REPORTS

Mayor Wood gave an overview of the management report and said this report included the end of year expenditures.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$171,652.97
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 \$10,923.78

Mayor Wood said the city is \$3,928.28 above where we were last year in sales tax revenue.

It was noted that Account 1104 Computers & Software had a misspelled word in it.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wood said he has met with the 911 administrator at the Courthouse about a problem they have in North Woods concerning the streets named White Oak. There are 5 other streets in the county that have the same name. The Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG) has informed the county that this is a violation and only one street in the county can be White Oak. Therefore, it is highly likely that the streets in North Woods will have to be renamed. It will definitely be a huge inconvenience for the property owners.

COMMENTS FROM ALDERMEN

Mr. Wulf said he had heard that San Jacinto County was going to hire a Fire Chief. This would be a paid position that would oversee the volunteer fire department chiefs in the county.

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.

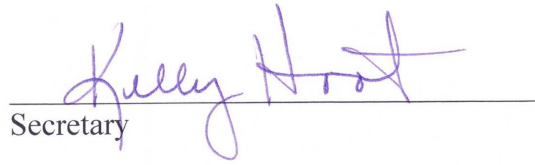
Mr. Gumpert seconded the motion which passed (4 ayes, 0 nays).

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



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Mayor



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Secretary