

MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL

March 10, 2025

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS:

Jason Snider
Rich Booth
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

Jason Snider, Governor's Point resident, thanked the Council for the work that was done in Governor's Point.

Rich Booth, Governor's Point resident, introduced himself and said lived on Sam Houston Loop. He had applied for the mayor's position.

The Council introduced themselves to Mr. Booth.

MINUTES

Mayor Wood said the minutes of the February 10th meeting needed Council approval. Mayor Wood asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the February 10, 2025, minutes.

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

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS

Mr. Woods said that White Oak has deep holes that need to be repaired.

Mayor Wood said the city has spent a lot of money in North Woods and White Oak in recent years. The problem is there is no base to work with and probably the best solution would be to put gravel on the roads.

Ms. Basham said there was an issue with a culvert or ditch on Cove Drive because the water has been running over the road for a while. It is always wet there. It was also brought to the Council's attention that there are two pot holes on Edgewater Way that need to be repaired.

Mayor Wood said he would look at them areas.

Mayor Wood 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. He also had a set of the drawing for the work that will be done in Hilzendager Hills and the Council reviewed the drawings.

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

The mayor said he will do his best to finish the FEMA projects before he leaves office. FEMA has kicked back the Magee Creek, Mill Creek and Sandy Springs projects because they will require extended mitigation. Apparently, the creeks are owned by the Trinity Basin Regional Flood Plan Development Group. This group will be in charge of the extended mitigation. They were set up by the legislature. Most of the FEMA funds will be spent on a culvert on Sam Houston Loop. It will be a \$40,000 project.

UPDATE ON GRANTS AND HAZARD MITIGATION

Mayor Wood said the MID-MOD Grant is finally moving forward.

Mayor Wood Received a letter on the MIT-MOD grant two days ago. The letter explained that a couple of conditions needed to be met and how the money will be spent Forest Cove, Sandy Springs and White Oak. It is a \$500,000 grant will be split between Forest Cove and North Woods. Most of the money will be spent in FY 26. This is also a 25% match on funds spent.

The bids were received and opened on February 28th for the Block Grant. There were only two bids. One bid was for \$710,000.00 and the other was for \$729,000.00. The grant budget was \$473,000.00. Bleyl is the engineering firm in charge of the project and Mayor Wood will be working with him to see what can be done to lower the costs whether it be eliminating the ditch work or switching to something other than asphalt for the road material. Certain standards must be met on the project.

Mr. Smith said there were a lot of people that stock pile road base and maybe the city could get a better price if we checked around. He added that you can't shut the whole road down because people will need to get in and out. They will only be able to work on one lane at a time.

Council did not understand why the existing road base needs to be removed. Why can't it be used.

Mayor Wood said the problem is this estimate was done 2 ½ years ago and look at how much inflation has increased in that amount of time.

The Council discussed these issues at length.

Matt Smith said he would be happy to volunteer a couple hours a week.

Mayor Wood said his regularly scheduled call with FEMA is at 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays. He said he would welcome any help that he could get with the project.

Matt Smith, Gary Wulf and Mike Pagel will serve on a sub-committee to help with FEMA and attend these meetings on Thursdays.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON CIVIC CENTER SEPTIC

Mayor Wood said the city has received two bids for the septic system and is expecting another bid tomorrow so this item will be tabled until the other bid is received.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO ACCEPT \$5000 GRANT FROM GOVERNOR'S POINT

Mayor Wood said Governor's Point had submitted a \$5,000 check to help offset the cost of the street work on Governor Wood Drive.

Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the \$5000 grant from Governor's Point to offset the cost of the street work on Governor Wood Drive.

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

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH MAYOR LEAVING

Mayor Wood said he does 99 percent of his work on the computer. He would offer to sell or donate his computer to the city because most of the very protected government websites expects the person using the site to login from the same computer and browser. Otherwise, it kicks you out and will not let you logon. The mayor does not know if it will be a major problem or not. We have not tried to change it to someone else's name yet.

Mayor Wood feels his computer is more than the new mayor will need. The old laptop is very slow.

Mr. Smith said he would donate one of his laptops to the city for the new mayor to use.

Mayor Wood said he could download the data that is needed onto the new laptop.

Mayor Wood informed the Council that there are several charges that he pays via his credit card (Quick Books, Microsoft 365, I Drive, McAfee and Adobe). We checked into getting a credit card for the city but the application requires an individual to be liable. He explained that neither himself or Ms. Hoot want another credit card issued to them. Ms. Hoot has agreed to pay these expenses and continue to be reimbursed via expense report each month.

Mr. Wulf said the First Responders ran into the same situation when they checked into getting a credit card.

UPDATE ON MAY 3, 3035 CITY ELECTION

Ms. Hoot informed the Council that the deadline to sign up for a place on the ballot was Friday, February 14th. There will not be an election in May because none of the positions had anyone sign up to run against them.

Mr. Rich Booth was the only person to sign up for the mayor's position so he will be sworn in as mayor. Ms. Basham and Mr. Pagel will be sworn in for another term as aldermen.

LEDGER REPORTS

Mayor Wood reviewed the ledger reports.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$205,016.87
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 \$16,702.35.

Mayor Wood said the city is \$6,156.65 ahead of where we were last year in sales tax revenue.

Mr. Wulf asked for some clarification on some of the expenses.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wood said he did not have any additional comments.

COMMENTS FROM ALDERMEN

Mr. Pagel asked if the Short Term Rentals were policed by anyone.

Mayor Wood said they were not but if anyone knew of the rentals not reporting their tax information to please let him know because he did not have a problem filing charges against them.

Ms. Wulf said all of the short term rentals in Forest Cove are for sale.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

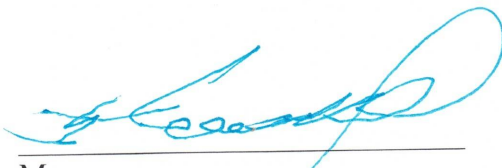
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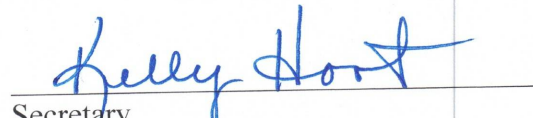
Mayor Wood said if there were no additional comments, he would like to ask for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Mayor

Secretary