

MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL

July 14, 2025

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 14, 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:

Kelly Hoot

CONVENED

Mayor Mark Wood called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 public attendees at this meeting.

MINUTES

Mayor Wood said the minutes of the June 9th meeting needed Council approval. Ms. Hoot said that Mr. Wulf had requested a change to the minutes to reflect that Mayor Wood attended part of the meeting by phone. The Council agreed to the change.

Mayor Wood asked for a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Mr. Wulf made a motion to approve the June 9, 2025, minutes as amended.

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

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS

Mayor Wood said the culvert work was done on Sam Houston Loop but one of the contractor's employees drove a back hoe down Sam Houston Loop and made ruts in the street. The mayor said he contracted the contractor and asked them to fix the damage. He has not paid the contractor anything but will definitely hold ten percent until the street is repaired.

Mr. Wulf asked if any street work orders had been received.

Ms. Hoot responded that she had received one from Mr. Woods about streets that need to be repaired in North Woods.

Mr. Wulf said Russell Sims from Governor's Point said he had a list but it has not been turned in. He will check with Mr. Sims.

Mr. Wulf asked how the repairs on White Oak were holding up.

Mr. Pagel responded they were holding up well.

Mayor Wood informed the Council that the total spent on the White Oak repairs was \$11,113.61.

Mr. Woods said there had been one complaint about the repairs on White Oak and it was that it is dusty when it is dry.

Mr. Smith reported on a complaint the city received regarding drainage on a street in Hilzendager Hills.

Mayor Wood said that area is part of the Block Grant and suggested waiting to have it as part of the grant. The Council agreed.

Mayor Wood said he received notice from FEMA that they have approved the modifications that he submitted on the Sam Houston Loop project and the city will be paid in full for that project. The total cost of the project is approximately \$37,000.

Mr. Wulf said he looked at the culvert and asked if there was still a plan to put a cage on the end of the culvert. The Mayor responded that a cage would be put on the culvert.

The Block Grant will be rebid and the notice will be published twice in the San Jacinto News Times on July 17 and 24. The pre-bid meeting will be held on Friday, July 25 and the bid opening will be held on Friday, August 1. Both meetings will be held at the Civic Center at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Wood said he had signed the contract for the rebid on the Block Grant and will be sent to the Council electronically.

Mayor Wood estimates that the drawings for the MIT-MOD grant should be ready by September or October and hopefully the bids will go out after the first of the year.

UPDATE ON CIVIC CENTER SEPTIC SYSTEM

Mayor Wood reported that the new septic system has been installed and Parker Septic Services did a good job.

CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE FY26 BUDGET

Mayor Wood reviewed the draft FY26 budget and informed the Council that he would research Quick Books to see if there is a way to create a budget in that program before the August meeting.

The Council discussed the budget spreadsheet.

Mayor Wood said it is very difficult to estimate how much money will be received for the grants and that depends on how fast the work is done. The partial payment that the city must pay needs to be added in as well. The mayor said he thinks we will receive the bulk of the block grant by the end of FY26. The MIT-MOD is harder to predict because he doesn't think anything will start until possibly January 2026. The FEMA number is a pretty firm number.

Mr. Wulf suggested moving the grant information to a separate page.

Mayor Wood thought that would be a good idea.

Mayor Wood discussed the HOT taxes that the city collects and using the funds for historical preservation in the city. There are three historical monuments that could be restored and old documents and photos that could be copied and preserved.

Mayor Wood asked the Council to review the budget spreadsheet and any suggested revisions will be made at the August meeting. He will send the revised spreadsheet to the Council.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON DESIGNATION OF PERSON TO ATTEND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mayor Wood asked for someone to volunteer to attend the Public Safety Committee meetings.

Mr. Smith asked how often the committee meets.

Mayor Wood responded that they meet monthly on the second Monday of the month.

Mr. Smith will attend the meetings and Mr. Wulf said he would attend when he was available.

UPDATE ON MAYOR SELECTION PROCESS

Ms. Hoot informed the Council that she had contacted the Texas Municipal League (TML) and talked to Bill Longley, General Counsel for TML. She distributed a summary of his suggestions to the Council.

Mr. Wulf asked if the Council appoints a mayor do they have the ability to remove them from the position if they are not working out?
Ms. Hoot said she would contact the TML and ask for an answer to that question.

LEDGER REPORTS

Mayor Wood reviewed the ledger reports.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$236,646.67
First State Bank Grant Account	\$2,875.02
Petty Cash	\$13.60
First National Bank Savings Account	\$138,454.98

Sales tax for the month was \$9,869.43

Mayor Wood said the city is \$5,754.56 ahead of where we were last year in sales tax revenue.

Mr. Wulf commented that it was good that the North Woods repairs on White Oak seem to be holding up and the total came in at approximately \$11,100 which was less than the \$20,000 estimated by the commissioner's office.

Mr. Wulf asked what the \$9,420 check was for. Ms. Hoot responded that paid Rebel Contractors for the steel plates that were put over the culvert that is collapsing in North Woods.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor did not have any additional comments.

COMMENTS FROM ALDERMEN

Mr. Wulf informed the Council that the First Responders are planning to have a car wash and he asked if they could use our parking lot for the car wash.

Mayor Wood said that would be fine.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

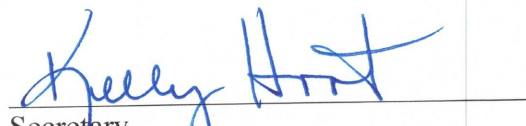
Mayor Wood said if there were no additional comments, he would like to ask for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Mayor

Secretary