

MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL

May 13, 2024

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 13, 2024, at the Point Blank Civic Center in Point Blank, Texas.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Wood, Mayor
Mel Basham
Mike Pagel
Russell Sims
Jim Woods
Gary Wulf

OTHERS: Levina Wulf
Alicia Stobbe
Matt Sims
Donald Sexton

CONVENED

Mayor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. A quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order.

Mayor Wood commented that this was Mr. Sims last meeting and thanked him for his service to the Council and community.

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 comments from the public.

MINUTES

Mayor Wood said the minutes of the March 11th meeting needed Council approval. Mayor Wood asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Pagel made a motion to approve the March 11, 2024, minutes.

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

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS

Mayor Wood asked to move the street discussion to the end of the agenda. There was no objection.

UPDATE ON SHORT TERM RENTALS

Mayor Wood informed the Council that one new STR had come online and it is located at 10 Boat Launch Road. An additional check was received from the county for hotel occupancy taxes.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE PICKLEBALL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mayor Wood said Mr. Wulf had completed a feasibility study on the pickleball court and it was distributed with the agenda documents. He asked for input from the Council.

Jim Woods was concerned about the city's liability. Mayor Wood confirmed that the Texas Municipal League said the city needs to put up signs that states the following:

- play at your own risk
- the city is not responsible for injuries
- children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult

This is all that needs to be done. The city's liability does not increase with the installation of a pickleball court.

Mr. Wulf made a motion to approve establishing a pickleball court.

Jim Woods seconded the motion which carried (5 ayes, 0 nays).

LEDGER REPORTS

Mayor Wood reviewed the Budget to April actuals, the April management report, April bills and sales tax for the month with the Council. Mayor Wood said the funds that were allocated for streets for the fiscal year had been spent. He cannot fix anymore streets without the Council approving additional street funds.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$204,454.46
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 \$9,649.42

Mayor Wood said the city is \$4,952.62 above where we were last year in sales tax revenue.

Mr. Sims made a motion to approve the reports as presented.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wood informed the Council that he would be out next week for knee surgery.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS

Mayor Wood reminded the Council and public that the city has overspent in street repairs for this fiscal year (\$91,500). He discussed the visit from the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) and their review of the areas of concern (see attached) within the city. The total of the estimated damages due to flooding during the event of the time of April 26 – May 6 in the city is \$945,000. He discussed the guiding principles of repair and the process for federal help with everyone.

He informed everyone that private property damage must be reported to TDEM and must be reported by the property owner. He gave the following link: <https://damage.tdem.texas.gov> using the Istat tool.

He suggested people read easttexasnews.com/polk-county-news-2/6413-report-storm-damage-to-house-businesses

Point Blank Council and residents expressed their concerns regarding the flood damage and cleanup assistance and priorities thereof to fix them. Discussion of specific areas, problems and potential repairs were considered. No official action was made by Council.

The Council discussed possibly increasing the budget for street repairs.

Jim Woods made a motion to increase street spending.

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

The Council discussed how much to increase the street repair budget line.

Mr. Sims made a motion to increase the street repair line by \$50,000.

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

The budget for streets increased from $\$91,500 + \$50,000 = \$141,500$.

COMMENTS FROM ALDERMEN

There were no comments from the aldermen.

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.

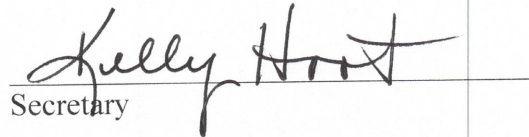
Mr. Pagel made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.



Mayor



Secretary

AREAS OF CONCERN

1. Intersection of Bending Bow and Mill Creek \$200,000
2. Loper Lane - \$ 75,000
3. Boat Ramp and Bulkhead at Park Northwoods - \$350,000
4. Culvert Evergreen and Hickory - \$25,000
5. Culvert on Spring Road – In Mit-Mod
6. Culvert 255 Edgewater - \$5,000
7. Culverts at Pinemont and Cove Road - \$125,000 Emergency Funding
8. Gov. Wood near East Entry - \$15,000
9. Culvert on Sam Houston North - \$85,000
10. Ditches on Gov. Hogg - \$50,000
11. Clean Up at Parks - \$15,000
12. General Scalding on all roads - 0
13. Drainage Ditches everywhere – 0

\$945,000