

MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL

March 11, 2024

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 2024, at the Point Blank Civic Center in Point Blank, Texas.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Gumpert

OTHERS: Matt Smith
Jim Woods
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

Jim Woods gave a brief update on the latest ESD meeting that he attended.

There were no other comments.

MINUTES

Mayor Wood said the minutes of the February 12th meeting needed Council approval. Mayor Wood asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Pagel made a motion to approve the February 12, 2024, minutes.

Mr. Sims seconded the motion which passed (4 ayes, 0 nay).

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS

Mayor Wood said Ms. Basham and Mr. Wulf had driven around the city streets and had submitted a few changes which were incorporated into the street survey. Mr. Wulf said that he and Ms. Basham agreed that Madden Lane should be the priority.

Mayor Wood informed the Council that A&L Asphalt just finished working on Madden Lane on Friday. The pot hole truck will be working throughout the city in the coming weeks.

Mr. Wulf asked what the cost was to resurface Madden Lane. Mayor Wood responded the cost of labor was \$7,000 to A&L Asphalt. He has not received a bill from the county for materials yet.

UPDATE ON SHORT TERM RENTALS

Ms. Hoot said that she has been reviewing the list of houses on Airbnb and VRBO to see if any additional homes are listed that are in the city limits. She has found three possibilities and she and the mayor plan to drive around and try to locate them.

UPDATE ON GRANTS

Mayor Wood signed the contract for the block grant two weeks ago so progress is being made. On the other hand, there is no update on the MIT-MOD grant.

DISCUSSION OF MAY 4, 2024, CITY ELECTION

Mayor Wood informed the Council that the city would not have to have an election this year. He read the order to cancel the election which states the following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

Matt Smith, Alderman, Place #1
Jim Woods, Alderman, Place #3
Gary Wulf, Alderman, Place #2

A copy of the order will be posted at the polling place on election day.

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON FILLING THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF ALDERMAN PLACE #3

Mayor Wood informed everyone that the Council could go ahead and fill the Alderman, Place #3 position that is vacant due to the passing of Mr. Gumpert if they wanted to. Jim Woods could complete the last few months of the unexpired term before his regular term starts in June.

Mr. Pagel made a motion to have Jim Woods complete the unexpired term of Alderman, Place #3.

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

Ms. Hoot swore Mr. Woods in and the Council welcomed him. He joined the meeting that was already in progress.

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON CONVERTING SLAB
TO COMMUNITY PICKLE BALL COURT**

Mayor Wood said the Council had been approached about having a pickle ball court on the existing slab, located at the north end of the civic center building. We have checked with the Texas Municipal League to see if the city needs to increase our general liability coverage. TML informed us that there will be no increase in insurance cost but they recommended having signs that state the following three items and any others that the city feels are important:

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

He asked for the Council's input.

Mr. Sims said he was not opposed to it but would like for the area to remain unlit so people would not be hanging around all hours of the night. Council agreed.

Mr. Wulf said he would like to conduct a feasibility study to see if the slab is usable before moving forward. Council agreed.

Mr. Wulf made a motion stating the Council has no objection to the pickle ball court. A feasibility study will be conducted before moving forward.

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

LEDGER REPORTS

Mayor Wood gave an overview of the management report.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$212,101.57
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 \$11,495.21

Mayor Wood said the city is \$4,337.02 above where we were last year in sales tax revenue.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wood informed the Council about his neck problems and said he will probably be having surgery in the near future.

Mr. Sims asked if the city is alright with the AA building and their parking situation. The mayor responded that we are.

Mayor Wood informed the Council that a meeting has been scheduled for April 11 for the Hazard Mitigation Plan and Matt Smith has volunteered to serve as the representative for the city. Mayor Wood will be representing the county.

COMMENTS FROM ALDERMEN

Mr. Wulf asked about the property that sold behind the Point Blank VFD.

Matt Smith said he recently sold the property to a lady that plans to build a home and put in an RV park. Mayor Wood commented that there could be a problem with putting a septic system on the property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

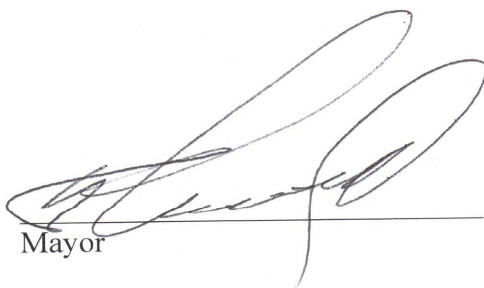
ADJOURNMENT

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

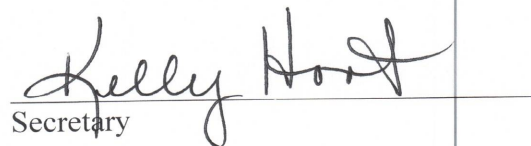
Mr. Pagel made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Mayor



Secretary