

**MINUTES OF THE POINT BLANK CITY COUNCIL**

**September 12, 2022**

The Point Blank City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 2022, at the Point Blank Civic Center in Point Blank, Texas.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Wood, Mayor  
Mel Basham  
Larry Gumpert  
Joe Hickinbotham  
Russell Sims  
Gary Wulf

OTHERS: Linda Earls  
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**

No public attended.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Wood called the Council's attention to the minutes from the August 8, 2022, meeting and asked for a motion to approve them.

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

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

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON STREET REPAIRS**

Mayor Wood said the contractor is behind on his work with Commissioner Nettuno but he is scheduled to do four days of work with the city next.

## **UPDATE ON SHORT TERM RENTALS**

Ms. Hoot said that we received a registration fee from 800 Northwoods Drive and they paid the HOT taxes that were due. The owner said their last rental would be the weekend of August 6<sup>th</sup> because they are going to be moving into the house permanently. No other registration fees or taxes were received this month.

## **CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE FY23 BUDGET**

Mayor Wood distributed copies of the FY23 Budget and adjusted the Volunteer Fire Department Donation to \$2,500. He informed the Council that this is the third and final reading of the budget and if there were no other changes, he would like the Council to vote on the budget.

Mr. Hickinbotham made a motion to approve the FY23 budget.

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

Mr. Gumpert asked when the new dollar store was going to open. The Mayor said he did not have an exact date but expects it to open around October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON APPROVAL OF SIGN FOR THE POINT BLANK COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Mayor Wood informed the Council that this would be a fully electronic sign and community announcements can be posted on the sign. He would like to waive the sign application fee because the church is a non-profit and the sign will be beneficial to the city.

Mr. Hickinbotham made a motion to waive the \$250 application fee but if the church starts charging for using the sign, they will have to pay the \$250 application fee.

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

## **CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON APPROVAL OF SIGN FOR THE FAMILY DOLLAR STORE**

Mayor Wood informed the Council That the Family Dollar will use the existing pylon that is there and will pay the \$250 fee.

Mr. Sims made a motion to approve the sign for the Family Dollar store.

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

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO APPOINT A  
SELECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND ALL  
PROPOSALS**

Mayor Wood explained that a selection review committee needed to be appointed to review the grant proposals and make a recommendation to the Council. There needs to be at least three people. The mayor asked for volunteers. Gary Wulf volunteered.

Mr. Sims made a motion to approve the following people to the selection committee: Mayor Mark Wood, Alderman Gary Wulf and City Manager Kelly Hoot.

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

**CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ROAD MAINTENANCE  
BOND ORDINANCE**

Mayor Wood explained the recent situation involving dump trucks and dredging in Governor's Point and that is one of the reasons that he has drafted this road maintenance bond ordinance.

Mayor Wood explained the county has a road maintenance bond and how it is used and what it is used for. How far does the city want to push this issue. He feels the mayor, county commissioner and county engineer need to be involved. Mayor Wood said the county holds a maintenance bond and must be a class A bond company.

Linda Earls introduced herself. She is on the Governor's Point POA Board. She asked several questions and said she was trying to get a better understanding of how the city determines prior damage.

Mr. Sims asked how the bond amount is set. He added that building a home is considerably different from a dredging project. He feels the city needs a matrix that is fair and followed. Mr. Sims asked if there was a way to do this thru an insurance company?

The Mayor responded that he did not know.

Mr. Sims asked about charging the contractor a bond? Mayor Wood said he was unsure.

Mr. Wulf said it seemed to him that there are three bond questions:

1. When do you require a bond.
2. How to access the amount of a bond.
3. How to access road damage caused by the event.

Council agreed that it is clear that there needs to be some sort of oversight. We need to know what is being planned. How many trucks will be used and how many cubic yards will be moved.

The Council discussed the pros and cons of this ordinance at great length.

Ms. Earls said this is a learning curve for everyone and is extremely frustrating for many.

Ms. Basham said the city needs a system in place and what requirements are. There should be a formal documentation process. Ms. Basham suggested revisiting this when we have more information .

Mr. Sims made a motion to table this ordinance.

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

### **LEDGER REPORTS**

Ms. Hoot gave an overview of the ledger reports.

The balances are:

First State Bank Checking Account	\$228,929.39
First State Bank Grant Account	\$2,875.02
Petty Cash	\$13.60
First National Bank Savings Account	\$137,055.72

Sales tax for the month was \$10,265.46.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wood said he had covered everything that he had to discuss.

### **COMMENTS FROM ALDERMEN**

Mr. Hickinbotham said it was reported that a blue and white boat drug another boat into the Northwoods cove and left it. It is partially sunk and needs to be removed.

Mr. Wulf said the Trinity River Authority needs to take care of it.

### **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. Gumpert made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

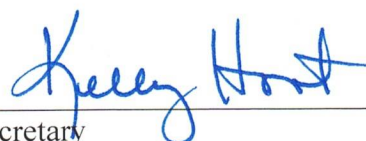
Mr. Wulf seconded the motion which carried (5 ayes, 0 nays).

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



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Mayor



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Secretary