

PROCLAMATION
OF THE CITY OF BLANCO
PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2021 AS

“Hill Country Night Sky Month in the City of Blanco”

- WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of star-filled skies are the heritage of all humankind and locally to the inhabitants of the City of Blanco and are therefore worthy of celebration; and
- WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a star-filled night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and may encourage interest in science and nature especially among young people; and
- WHEREAS, the opportunity to view star-filled skies attracts tourists to our region and therefore economic benefit to the City of Blanco; and
- WHEREAS, preserving the rich historic heritage and starry night skies of Blanco is important to its residents; and
- WHEREAS, “light pollution,” which is wasted artificial light that performs no function or task and goes where it is not needed, creates glare, light trespass, and sky glow; and
- WHEREAS, light pollution wastes natural resources amounting to at least \$2 billion per year and contributes to diminished American energy independence; and
- WHEREAS, the historical view of the night skies has been eroding in many nearby areas and generations are growing up with limited, if any, view of the wonders of the universe; and
- WHEREAS, the influx of people into the Texas Hill Country region and the accompanying light pollution from area lighting fixtures has been steadily on the rise; and
- WHEREAS, solving the problem of light pollution involves making better use of outdoor lighting to direct light down to where it is needed instead of upward into the sky, putting outdoor lights on timers and motion detectors and using outdoor lighting only where necessary; and
- WHEREAS, Hill Country communities are increasingly dedicated to the preservation of the region’s night skies, as evidenced by the frequent educational activities conducted in our region and by the increasing number of places in our region recognized as International Dark-Sky Places by the International Dark-Sky Association, including: Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, South Llano State Park, the City of Dripping Springs, the Wimberley Valley, the City of Fredericksburg, the City of Horseshoe Bay, U Bar U Camp & Retreat Center, the River Hills Neighborhood of Travis County, and the Lost Creek Neighborhood of Travis County; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Blanco has its application pending with the International Dark Sky Association to be designated an International Dark Sky Community, and
- WHEREAS, this regional effort and the preservation and celebration of our night skies is worthy of a month-long celebration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City Council of the City of Blanco, Texas:

1. That October 2021 shall hereafter be known as “Hill Country Night Sky Month” in Blanco, Texas.
2. That the Mayor and the Blanco City Council encourages citizens to enjoy the night sky and to participate in the Hill Country region’s events and programs celebrating the night sky and promoting the ways in which communities are working to preserve it.
3. That the Mayor and the Blanco City Council encourages citizens to learn about light pollution and why it matters, night sky friendly lighting, and lighting recommendations, and to implement practices and lighting improvements that will reduce light pollution, thereby preserving our night skies.
4. The Blanco City Secretary is hereby instructed to post this Proclamation at the Blanco City Hall for Public Display and enter this document into the permanent records of the City of Blanco.

Rachel Lumpee, Mayor, Blanco, Texas



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - STAFF PRESENTATION

RONNIE RODRIGUEZ – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
OCTOBER 12, 2021
BLANCO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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WATER

- ❖ Water Treatment Plant under construction
- ❖ Street Closures / Concerns
- ❖ Purchasing Treated Water from CLWSC
- ❖ ACP to start work on Ground Storage Tank (under containment)
- ❖ Storage Tank to be drained for construction
- ❖ Water Restrictions



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Water Usage

WATER 2020				WATER 2021			
Month	WTP	CLWSC	TOTAL	Month	WTP	CLWSC	TOTAL
January	7.994	0.159	8.153	January	0	9.751	9.751
February	6.567	1.507	8.074	February	0.521	5.515	6.036
March	7.315	1.298	8.613	March	0	8.77	8.77
April	6.59	2.002	8.592	April	0	9.413	9.413
May	8.242	3.192	11.434	May	0	11.414	11.414
June	12.288	2.499	14.787	June	0	10.644	10.644
July	8.327	3.082	11.409	July	0	10.137	10.137
August	14.181	1.048	15.229	August	0	10.417	10.417
September	9.695	1.706	11.401	September	0	11.202	11.202
October	11.898	1.082	12.98	October			
November	10.416	0.8	11.216	November			
December	0	10.763	10.763	December			
TOTAL	103.513	29.138	132.651	TOTAL	0.521	87.263	87.784

Yearly usage to date is down by 10MG from last year!



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WASTEWATER

		Permitted Discharge Effluent Limitations - mg/L:				
		CBOD	TSS	Ammonia	Phosphorus	
		100	135*	15	N/A	
		Single Grab	7 Day Avg.			
WASTEWATER 2021						
Month	Influent	Effluent	CBOD	TSS	Ammonia	Phosphorus
January	4.185	2.903	3	4	<0.05	ND
February	2.127	1.58	6	11	0.12	ND
March	4.393	3.228	1	3	<0.05	ND
April	4.281	3.366	2	1	4.42	ND
May	5.076	4.051	2	3	<0.05	ND
June	4.783	3.972	3	1	0.22	3
July	5.146	4.225	9	2	8.44	1.21
August	3.719	3.164	>13	2	1.06	2.09
September	3.368	2.578	2	2	<0.05	2.86
October						
November						
December						
TOTAL	37.078	29.067				



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Wastewater Usage



WASTEWATER 2020

Month	Influent	Effluent
January	4,226	3,647
February	4,324	3,821
March	4,278	4,056
April	4,368	3,533
May	4,958	4,293
June	4,443	3,714
July	4,336	3,693
August	4,088	3,579
September	4,134	3,373
October	4,142	3,115
November	3,888	2,819
December	4,127	2,83
TOTAL	51,312	42,473

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Wastewater Issues

- ❖ Flushing of foreign matter (wipes, towels, mop heads, etc.)
- ❖ Lift Station Pumps
- ❖ FOG (Fats, Oils, Grease)
- ❖ Pharmaceuticals – Blanco Pharmacy
- ❖ Inflow and Infiltration
- ❖ Filamentous Bacteria (Nocardia) – That time of year!



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STREETS / PARKS

- ❖ Road patching to continue
- ❖ City-wide initiative to begin October 18th
- ❖ Tree-trimming and ROW
- ❖ Drainage



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QUESTIONS?



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BLANCO POLICE DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER MONTHLY REPORT

CHIEF RUBIN

12 OCTOBER 2021

BLANCO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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ACTIVITY



BLANCO POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY STATISTICS 2021

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD
Crime Statistics													
Major Crimes													7
Assaults	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0				6
Sexual Offenses	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Burglaries	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0				4
Residence	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0				4
Vehicle	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0				2
Business	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1				2
Theft	1	1	5	1	2	2	1	6	5				24
Criminal Mischief	7	2	1	1	1	2	0	3	11				28
Alcohol Violations	3	2	7	4	4	3	3	1	2				33
Narcotics Violations	9	3	14	7	10	13	9	20	9				94
Arrests													
Cases Filed					13	22	9	7					60
Individuals	11	4	16	2	7	15	13	12	6				86
Adult					1	6	15	13	13				53
Juvenile					1	1	0	0	0				2
Offenses	13	9	23	2	9	31	13	21	15				138
Felony	7	1	10	2	4	8	7	11	9				59
Misdemeanor	6	8	13	0	5	23	6	10	6				77
Calls for Service													
Total Calls for Service	100	115	116	105	185	361	394	322	339				2037
Assist EMS	4	7	3	7	5	5	10	11	9				61
Assist Fire	0	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	4				17
Assist Other Agency	10	15	11	13	12	7	17	16	24				125
Assist Public	4	33	4	16	8	4	2	6	12				93
Accidents	1	3	8	6	7	3	4	14	13				57
Disturbances	2	8	4	3	1	5	3	4	4				34
Suspicious Activity	11	7	11	18	23	37	34	23	23				185
Alarms	5	3	5	22	27	36	16	14	24				142
Animal Calls	2	2	3	1	3	1	5	1	8				26
City Ordinance Viol.	1	1	0	4	0	0	6	0	0				12

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Traffic Enforcement													
Citations	40	24	52	77	109	109	110	98	87				895
Warnings	119	50	118	144	207	233	243	191	161				1465
Speeding	39	16	21	47	55	42	58	41	50				360
D.L. Violations	4	4	7	4	13	20	17	14	8				86
Registration	3	0	0	1	12	14	10	8	10				58
Insurance	7	0	5	3	5	8	3	8	7				46
Stop Sign/Light	1	0	1	0	6	2	4	1	2				24
Equipment	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0				4
Other	5	4	15	11	17	20	22	26	5				125
Other													
Time Out of City	25	31	24	10	16	49	38	40	26				274
Record Requests	10	23	17	14	12	7	13	17	11				119
Golf Cart Permits	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0				2
Home Watches	91	57	50	43	170	90	154	153	141				932



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Highlights

Felony arrest for Stalking

Felony arrest for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Felony arrest for Manufacture/Delivery of a Controlled Substance Over 100 grams of Methamphetamine



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Accomplishments

Officer Gonzales Master Peace Officer License

Officer Rodriguez Intermediate Peace Officer License

Detective DeReu completed Background Investigator Training



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Up-Coming Events

Marigold Festival

Blanco First Baptist Church Light Night

Market Days

Real Ale Bike Ride has been cancelled



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BLANCO POLICE
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**BUDGET WORKSHOP
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF BLANCO**

**Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2021, 3:00 pm**

A budget workshop of the City Council, City of Blanco, Texas was held on August 10, 2021 at 3:00 pm at the Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 pm by Mayor Rachel Lumpee, followed by roll call (Laurie Cassidy) announcing a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Lumpee. Council members present: Mayor Lumpee, Mayor Pro-Tem Saucedo, Councilmembers Barron, Smith, Divine and McClellan.

City staff present: Kelly Kuenstler, Linda Coones, Laurie Cassidy, Ronnie Rodriguez, Zach Dorris, Sergeant Jerry Thornhill, and Chief Rubin.

Mayor Lumpee announced Stage 5 water restrictions effective immediately.

Public Comments:

- None

Budget Workshop

1. Budget Discussion Workshop #3– **No Action Taken**

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Barron to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Smith, all in favor.

Meeting was adjourned a 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Lumpee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

SPECIAL MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF BLANCO

Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2021, 3:00 pm

A special meeting and budget workshop of the City Council, City of Blanco, Texas was held on August 31, 2021, at 3:00 pm at the Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by Mayor Rachel Lumpee, followed by roll call (Laurie Cassidy) announcing a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Lumpee. Council members present: Mayor Lumpee, Mayor Pro-Tem Saucedo (via video conference), Councilmembers Barron, Smith, Divine and McClellan.

City staff present Kelly Kuenstler, Linda Coones, Laurie Cassidy, Ronnie Rodriguez, and Chief Rubin.

Mayor Lumpee made the following announcements: the City offices will be closed for Labor Day; Blanco County Covid cases is at 92 active as of August 30, 2021; CAPCOG has declared September as National Preparedness Month.

Consent Agenda: *The following items may be acted upon in one motion.* No separate discussion or action is necessary unless requested by the Mayor or a Councilmember, in which those items will be pulled for separate consideration.

1. None

Mayor Lumpee moved New Business items up on the agenda before the Budget Workshop.

New Business: Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action on the following:

1. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Resolution 2021-R-009 to add Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and Councilmember Keith J. McClellan to Texas Regional Bank (Kelly Kuenstler, Interim City Administrator). Ms. Kuenstler presented PowerPoint presentation. On December 8, 2020, Council approved a purchase of two police vehicles at an approved cost of \$67,570. The FY 2021 budget had \$30,000 for gates and fencing. This amount was to be reduced by \$17,000 towards the purchase of the vehicles. A budget amendment of \$17,000 was to be done to move gate and fencing expenses to vehicles. Texas Regional Bank, in order to complete the financing of new Police vehicles, has requested a City Resolution approving the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem as signors on the note. **A motion was made by Councilmember Barron to approve resolution 2021-R-009, with addition of Councilmember Keith J. McClellan's full name, seconded by Smith, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

2. Discussion and Possible Action on the Submission of a USDA Emergency Water Communities Assistance Grant and Accompanying Resolution 2021-R-010 (Kelly Kuenstler, Interim City Administrator). Ms. Kuenstler presented PowerPoint. Judy Langford asked to possibly write this USDA grant for the City and said she would rollover her costs into the Grant. This grant is for alternative water sources and would add a third water source for the City. Recommendation is that Council approve this resolution so that the process can move forward. Note on Resolution to change City Manager to City Administrator. **A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to approve Resolution 2021-R-010 with change from City Manager to City Administrator, seconded by Councilmember Barron, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.**
3. Discussion and Possible Action on the Submission of a PIF to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) (Kelly Kuenstler, Interim City Administrator and Tom Turk, Freeland Turk Engineering Group). Application is due by 5:00 pm today. Kelly Kuenstler and Tom Turk did PowerPoint presentation. Submission of the PIF to include 1) Lift Station Project; 2) 9.2-million-gallon effluent holding pond; 3) start up water reuse system; and 4) four sanitary sewer replacement projects. **A motion was made by Councilmember Barron to submit application of Project Information Form (PIF) to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) on behalf of the City as outlined by our City Engineer, Tom Turk, seconded by Councilmember McClellan, four (4) in favor, Councilmember Smith recused himself, motion passed.**
4. Discussion and Possible Action on Amendment to the City of Blanco's Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan (Kelly Kuenstler, Interim City Administrator and Tom Turk, Freeland Turk Engineering Group). Ms. Kuenstler spoke and presented slides on amendments to City's water conservation plan. Part of the PIF (discussed earlier) calls for reducing consumption of water. The purpose of this amendment is to add water reuse system as well as sustaining and ensuring a safe community water supply. Reclaimed water can be used for construction, to irrigate parks, athletic fields, and yards in the City. The City's goal is to reduce the water demand by one million gallons in five years, and up to two million gallons in 10 years by distributing the same amount of reclaimed water to Blanco customers. Councilmember Divine asked to add rainwater into the plan in the future. Councilmember Barron would like to discuss the plan in a future town hall meeting. **A motion was made by Councilmember Barron to adopt the City's Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan as amended with the addition to Section III, Specific, Quantified five and 10-year Targets and Goals, C. Development of a Water Reuse System, seconded by Councilmember Smith, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.**
5. Discussion and Possible Action on Passing Ordinance No. 2021-O-006, regarding Adoption of Open Records Policy and Rescinding Resolution 2020-R-008 (Kelly Kuenstler, Interim City Administrator). Ms. Kuenstler spoke regarding resolution passed in 2020. Brad said resolutions only set forth policy while ordinances enforce fees. State statute limits per requestor 36 hours annually. This ordinance will clean up and properly format what's allowed under state law.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barron to adopt Ordinance 2021-O-006 regarding Adoption of Open Records Policy and Rescinding Resolution 2020-R-008, seconded by Councilmember Divine, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

- Justin Pulliam, Fort Bend County, spoke via video conference regarding New Business item #5 Ordinance pertaining to open records requests, he stated he is against the passing of this ordinance.

Closed special meeting at 4:07 pm and open executive session.

Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code: in accordance with the authority contained in the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 and 551.074.

1. Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney) and Section 1.05, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. Confer with City Attorney regarding legal issues associated with the Wastewater Treatment Plant permit application (WQ0010549002).
2. Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney) and Section 1.05, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. Confer with City Attorney regarding legal issues associated with the Water and Sewer Line Extension Agreement.
3. Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney), Confer with City Attorney Regarding Possible Reuse Water Application and Possible Exchange of Reuse Water for Easement to Benefit City.

Closed executive session at 5:01 pm and open regular session.

No action taken on Executive Session Items 1 through 3.

Budget Workshop

1. Budget Discussion, Workshop #4.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to approve the 2022 holiday leave schedule as presented in Slide #28, with the note that Good Friday is a half day, seconded by Councilmember Divine, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to deny the request for additional positions, (3 additional police officers, 1 additional public works person, 1 additional finance person) with note, the City Administrator has the authority to hire contract labor, finance person at a cap of \$35,000.00 seconded by Councilmember Barron, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Saucedo to approve the 2.2% COLA increase for all employees except for the City Administrator, seconded by Councilmember Divine, four in favor, Councilmember Smith opposed, motion passed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to approve the salaries to market as outlined in the proposed budget, seconded by Councilmember Barron, four in favor, Councilmember Saucedo opposed, motion passed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Barron, all in favor.

Meeting was adjourned a 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Lumpee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF BLANCO**

**Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2021, 3:00 pm**

A special meeting of the City Council, City of Blanco, Texas was held on September 21, 2021, at 3:00 pm at the Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm by Mayor Rachel Lumpee, followed by roll call (Laurie Cassidy) announcing a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Lumpee. Council members present: Mayor Lumpee, Mayor Pro-Tem Saucedo, Councilmembers Barron, Smith, Divine, and McClellan.

City staff present: Kelly Kuenstler, Laurie Cassidy, Ronnie Rodriguez, Linda Coones, and Sergeant Thornhill.

Mayor Lumpee made the following announcements: we have a new Court Clerk, Amber Bennett; the city was approved for a dot gov domain, we will change our website to dot gov in the near future; the Twin Sisters "Raise The Roof" fundraiser is this weekend; and presently we have no County burn ban.

Public Comments:

- G.R. "Mac" McElliott – shared information on the Veterans Day Parade to be held on November 13 at 9:00 am. For more information, please call 830-443-2862.
- Susan Moore, Chairman of Planning & Zoning Commission spoke regarding the fee schedule, water meter box damage, city determines where to place the box and when placed on city property, the city (not property owner) should be held liable. (New Business Item 2) Also, regarding New Business Item 14 – permit expiration will this override any current regulations and if so, which ones?
- Christine Anderson submitted letter (read by Kelly Kuenstler) regarding Land Use Agreement for Bee Street.

Presentations – Community Aid Requests:

- Paul Granberg, PCT 4, Blanco County Recycling Center Coordinator spoke regarding the recycling center program and requested \$5,000 to help maintain the center.
- Retta Martin spoke for Keep Blanco Beautiful, Inc, (KBB) a 501(C)3 which was formed in 2000 to Beautify Blanco. KBB is requesting \$2,000 to help with their programs such as recycling and education. Ms. Martin also spoke for the Streetscape Committee which was formed in 2009 to develop a Master Streetscape Plan for the Blanco Historic District and are asking the City to match \$6,000 for master planner (Mainstreet Architects).

- Crystal Spybuck, Library Director for Blanco County South Library District spoke for Library and requested \$15,000 to support ongoing library operations and continuance of its programs.
- Roxanne Sorrell, chairman of Blanco Historic Preservation Commission, requesting \$3,500. BHPC exists to protect our historic district and landmarks, foster civic pride, tell our town story, protect, enhance, and attract visitors who contribute to the local economy.

Presentation on TLAP vs TPDES Permitting Considerations (Nick Dornak, Director of Watershed Services, The Meadows Center for Water, and the Environment)

Consent Agenda: *The following items may be acted upon in one motion.* No separate discussion or action is necessary unless requested by the Mayor or a Councilmember, in which those items will be pulled for separate consideration.

1. Approval of the Appointment of Mayor Rachel Lumpee as CAPCOG General Assembly Representative.
2. Consideration and Approval of the August 10, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Consideration and Approval of the September 17, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes
4. Consideration and Possible Action on the Relocation of Blanco City Council Meetings to the Gem of the Hills Until Further Notice Due to Rising Covid Numbers (Kelly Kuenstler)
5. Resolution 2021-R-011 to Consider and Possibly Adopt COVID 19 Guidelines.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to approve the consent items one through five, seconded by Councilmember Barron, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Consider, Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on the Following: Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code: in accordance with the authority contained in the Texas Government Code, Section 551.072.

1. Discussion and Possible Action on Amendment to City of Blanco's Reclaimed Water Rates (Councilmember Smith). Council discussed rates. Motion by Councilmember Barron of rate change to \$1.75 was withdrawn. **A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to change reclaimed water rate to \$.35/1000 gallons for TCEQ approved users, seconded by Councilmember Barron, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.**
2. Discussion and Possible Action on Amendment to Fee Schedule Ordinance 2020-O-011, Appendix A (Ronnie Rodriguez, Public Works Director). Linda Coones, Finance Director presented slides of suggested changes. **A motion was made by Councilmember Barron to increase base water fee 3% to all water users, seconded by Councilmember Smith, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

3. Discussion and Possible Action on an Amendment to the Builder's Risk Flood Insurance at the Water Treatment Plant (Councilmember Smith). Kuenstler presented slideshow. TML went to underwriter on behalf of City and is able to provide flood insurance at a cost of \$2,533.00 which includes a \$1,000 deductible. **A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to independently contract for the builder's risk flood insurance policy to protect the City's interests during the construction of the water treatment plant and approve the cost of \$2,533 with \$1,000 deductible, seconded by Councilmember Barron, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.**
4. Discussion and Possible Action on Sending a Nomination for the Board of Director Member (s) of the Blanco County Appraisal District (Kelly Kuenstler, Interim City Administrator). Ms. Kuenstler said the Blanco County Appraisal District is accepting nominations for the Board of Director Member(s). Each taxing unit may nominate, by Resolution, one candidate. The Mayor must submit name of nominee by October 15. **Councilmember Smith asked to table, seconded by Councilmember Barron, all in favor, item tabled.**
6. Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action on a Land Use Agreement Between the City of Blanco and Good Samaritan of Blanco (Kelly Kuenstler, Interim City Administrator) Kuenstler presented slides. **A motion was made by Councilmember Barron to enter into land use agreement to lease portion of property at Bee Street to Good Samaritan, in the amount of \$1.00 per year for term of five years with a five year extension option and any improvements made to the property be overseen by our City Administrator, seconded by Councilmember Smith, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.**
7. Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action on the American Rescue Plan Funds (Kelly Kuenstler, Interim City Administrator). Ms. Kuenstler, applied for grant and was approved on August 2, funds in the amount of \$256,582.35 were received August 27. The Federal Register Guidelines state the Government services can include, but are not limited to, maintenance or pay-go funded building of infrastructure including roads, modernization of cyber security, including hardware, software and protection of critical infrastructure, health services, environmental remediation, school of educational services and the provision of police, fire, and other public safety services. Linda will set up separate fund and as Council directs, account will be set up. Councilmember Barron would like to see some of these funds go toward roads but also wants a study completed on current status of all city roads first. **Councilmember Barron moved we wait to spend funds until we receive reports from public works, seconded by Councilmember Smith, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

8. Discussion and Possible Action on the Approval of Ordinance 2021-O-007 of the City of Blanco, Texas, Setting and Approving the Municipal Budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year; Funding Municipal Purposes; Authorizing Expenditures; Providing for: Findings of Fact; Enactment; Filing of Budget; Repealer; Severability; Effective Date; and Proper Notice and Meeting. Council discussion: Chamber funds payout from HOT funds, Library enter into MOU and pay out of Community Aid funds, Blanco Historic Preservation, \$3,500 paid out of HOT funds, Recycling Center - \$0, CARTS – tabled, Children’s Advocacy Center enter into MOU and fund for \$2,000 out of Community Aid funds, Keep Blanco Beautiful, fund \$2,000 out of HOT funds and Streetscape funding \$7,000 out of HOT funds. HOT Funds total \$12,500 + \$72,000 and Community Aid total \$17,000 and no funding of CARTS or Recycling Center at this time) No 2.2% COLA for Interim City Administrator.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to approve Ordinance 2021-O-007 of the City of Blanco, Setting and Approving the Municipal Budget for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, with the amendments to budget that were previously discussed (changes to Community Aid, changes to HOT funds, \$5,000 addition to Enterprise Fund for 3% base fee increase, FEMA budget as is , COVID budget as is, 2.2% COLA excluding Interim City Administrator, addition of water rate increase), seconded by Councilmember Barron. The vote was unanimous with Mayor Pro-Tem Saucedo, Councilmembers McClellan, Smith, Barron, and Divine voting for and no one voting no. Motion passed.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on the 2021 proposed maintenance and operating tax rate of \$0.1655 to fund the 2021-2022 Budget. **A motion was made by Councilmember Barron to adopt a Maintenance and Operating Tax Rate of \$0.1430 to fund the 2021-2022 Budget, seconded by Councilmember Smith. The vote was unanimous with Mayor Pro-Tem Saucedo, Councilmembers McClellan, Smith, Barron, and Divine voting for and no one voting no. Motion passed.**
10. Discussion and Possible Action on the 2021 proposed debt tax rate of \$0.2073 to fund the 2021-2022 debt obligation. **A motion was made by Councilmember Barron to adopt the proposed debt tax rate of \$0.2073 to fund the 2021-2022 debt obligation, seconded by Councilmember Smith. The vote was unanimous with Mayor Pro-Tem Saucedo, Councilmembers McClellan, Smith, Barron, and Divine voting for and no one voting no. Motion passed.**
11. Discussion and Possible Action on approval of Resolution 2021-R-012 of the City of Blanco, Texas, Ratifying expenditures; filing of budget; repealer; severability; effective the Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; funding municipal purposes; authorizing date; and proper notice. This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of \$88,160.36 which is a 13.10% tax increase from last year’s budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$6,586.67.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to approve Resolution 2021-R-012 of the City of Blanco, Texas Ratifying expenditures, filing of budget, repealer; severability; effective the Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; funding municipal purposes; authorizing date, and proper notice, seconded by Councilmember Barron. The vote was unanimous with Mayor Pro-Tem Saucedo, Councilmembers McClellan, Smith, Barron, and Divine voting for and no one voting no. Motion passed.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on the approval of Ordinance 2021-O-008 of the City of Blanco, Texas, Setting and Approving the 2021 ad valorem tax rate and levy of \$0.3728 cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate city limits of the City of Blanco, Texas. **A motion was made by Councilmember Barron to approve Ordinance 2021-O-008 of the City of Blanco, Texas, Setting and Approving the 2021 Ad Valorem Tax Rate and Levy of \$0.3503 cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate city limits of the City of Blanco, Texas, seconded by Councilmember Smith. The vote was unanimous with Mayor Pro-Tem Saucedo, Councilmembers McClellan, Smith, Barron, and Divine voting for and no one voting no. Motion passed.**
13. Discussion and Possible Action on the Submission of an RFQ for Professional Services for Running the Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Plants (Councilmember Barron) Ms. Kuenstler presents PowerPoint presentation. **A motion was made by Councilmember Barron to have the City Administrator issue RFQ for Professional Services for Running the Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Plants as outlined in the sample RFQ and to be sent out no later than October 15, seconded by Councilmember Divine, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.**
14. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of an Ordinance Relating to Permit Expirations and Project Dormancy as Authorized by Chapter 245 of the Texas Local Government Code (Councilmember Barron). Council to provide ordinance wording to Planning & Zoning for their review and annual UDC updates and recommendations. **No action taken.**

Closed regular meeting at 6:38 pm and moved to Executive Session at 6:39 pm.

Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code: in accordance with the authority contained in the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 and 551.072.

1. Deliberations Regarding Real Property Pursuant to Chapter 551.072 of the Texas Government Code for Discussion Regarding the Value, Sale, Purchase, or Lease of Certain Real Property Owned by the City of Blanco.
2. Texas Government Code – Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Section 1.05, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. Confer with City Attorney Regarding Legal Issues Associated with Wastewater Treatment Plant Easement

Closed Executive Session at 7:19 pm and opened regular session.

New Business (Items moved to after Executive Session per Mayor Lumpee):

5. Discussion and Possible Action Related to Amendment to Wastewater Treatment Plant Easement Agreement with Adjoining Landowner (Kelly Kuentler, Interim City Administrator) **No Action Taken.**
15. Discussion and Possible Action Related to the Value, Sale, Purchase or Lease of Certain Real Property Owned by the City of Blanco. (Kelly Kuentler, Interim City Administrator. **No Action Taken.**

No Action taken on Items 1-2 Executive Session.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Barron, all in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Lumpee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the _____ day of _____, 2021.