

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

**Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2021, 9:00 am**

A special meeting of the City Council, City of Blanco, Texas was held on November 1, 2021, at 9:00 pm at the Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am 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, Divine, and McClellan. Councilmember Smith was absent.

City staff present: Kelly Kuenstler, Laurie Cassidy, Ronnie Rodriguez, Zach Dorris, and Police Chief Rubin, and Lt. Thornhill.

Mayor Lumpee made the following announcement: The City Planning and Zoning Commission currently has two open seats.

Public Comments:

- Wayne Gosnell, spoke regarding the loss of Kelly Kuenstler as the City Administrator. He said the City should hire a professional and don't go cheap. Put the new hire on probation and have them in or near Blanco once fully hired.
- Mike Rieken spoke regarding City participation in pilot program in 2019, that included engineering work, GIS maps for wastewater, and reports/asset management plan, should prioritize to maintain the system. City has GIS for water system, not loaded, has hydraulic model perfect for use with long term growth management. It starts with city administration. Strongly support a strong administrator.
- Ray Don Tilley, City of Wood Creek spoke saying things have been outstanding and it has been wonderful to watch. Blanco's success matters. The glue is a strong City Administrator.

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

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Deliberate the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of A Public Officer or Employee, to Wit: Preparation of Request for Qualifications for City Attorney Services. Ms. Kuenstler, City Administrator said when City Attorney Bullock was hired the City did not go through the RFQ process. RFQ notice will post to paper this Wednesday, as well as on the City website and the TML website.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barron to post RFQ for City Attorney services, seconded by Councilmember Divine, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

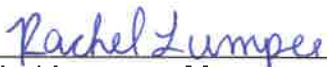
2. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the City Administrator Position. City Administrator, Kuenstler spoke regarding stepping down as Interim City Administrator. She has enjoyed being a part of the City, loves the area but has received a wonderful opportunity as Chief Operating Officer for AACOG, over Region 6 and Region 7. Ms. Kuenstler stated she will be staying with the City through the end of the year. Hoping to get some strong applicants. Outstanding brochure has been put together by Mayor Lumpee. Advertisement for the position will be posted to the City website as well as the TML website. **A motion was made by Councilmember Barron to approve posting of City Administration position, seconded by Councilmember McClellan, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.**
3. Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action on the Creation of a Capital Improvement and Asset Management Advisory Committee. City Administrator Kuenstler presented PowerPoint presentation with recommendation for approval of creation of this committee and have the City Administrator call the committee's first meeting so that a Chair can be appointed. **A motion was made by Councilmember Barron to approve Ordinance 2021-O-TBD creating a Capital Improvement and Asset Management Advisory Committee, with Mike Rieken to serve as the Chair, seconded by Councilmember McClellan, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment:

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


Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachel Lumpee, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the 9 day of November, 2021.

