

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

**Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2023**

A special meeting of the City Council, City of Blanco, Texas was held on April 26, 2023, at 10:00 am at the Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Mayor 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, and Council Members Thraikill, Smith, and Swinson. . Mayor Pro-Tem Barron and Council Member McClellan were absent.

City staff present: Warren Escovy, Laurie Cassidy, and Police Chief Scott Rubin.

Mayor Lumpee made the following announcements:

- Last full meeting as Mayor, thank you to everyone!

Public Comments:

- Alison Lieser, resident at 1519 Mesquite, spoke asking why a special meeting and why the draft drought contingency plan was not part of the agenda packet. The community does not know what the changes are, special meeting not clear, the community has questions.
- Retta Martin, resident at 302 4th Street read a message from Ryan Moses regarding the rock wall. Thank you and please vote in support of this item. Regarding the agenda item, water conservation plan, think deeply of what we are trying to accomplish. Ms. Martin commented on rock wall sharing that lots of studies on the flooding have been done and asked if we need another study?
- Candy Cargill, resident at 1605 Pany, spoke regarding rushed special meeting. Stated that complete information was not distributed online. Corp of Engineers is a want not a need. Needs are water, sewer, streets. Thank you for the water conservation plan, UDC needs to be updated as well.
- John Benham, resident at 518 3rd Street, spoke regarding streets, potholes, third street, interest in Uptown Blanco, and said waste of water needs to be addressed. Entire city streets and infrastructure are a disaster. Sidewalks have been installed but are not highly utilized. He also expressed his frustration at not being able to get a hold of anyone at city hall.

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

1. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action Regarding Hot Funds Distribution to the Chamber of Commerce. The HOT funds committee has been working on this for the past few months. The current council is reviewing this because they are the ones who have been working on this. There is about \$100,000 in funds that the committee is trying to distribute. Need a plan to spend current funds. Mayor suggested spending \$22,000 to go toward way finder signs, kiosk, events and HPO. This is the third party funds.

Requester can apply for funds two times per year. There is a process to apply, make sure request meets the code, and once the funds are approved and spent, lastly need receipt of amount spent. The Chamber in the past has had town hall to explain the process. It is important to know what you can and cannot do with the funds. Important to plan ahead for all events. Council Member Swinson was concerned with denial of request and recourse back to Council for appeal. Libbey Aly with the Blanco Chamber said 90% of requests are approved, it is based on the law. **A motion was made by Council Member Smith to approve \$22,000 of the non-allocated funds, does not want the City to allocate the funds, keep that duty with the Blanco Chamber, seconded by Council Member Thrailkill, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

2. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action to Authorize the Mayor to Submit Request for Feasibility Study and Related Assistance from the US Army Corps of Engineers, relating to Flood and Erosion Control. Warren spoke, saying all that is being requested at this time is to move forward with the grant request. The project will come back to Council before any funds are spent. The Corp will review the plans. Swinson said this is an important issue to be reviewed. **A motion was made by Council Member Thrailkill to submit Request for Feasibility Study and Related Assistance from the US Army Corps of Engineers, relating to Flood and Erosion Control, seconded by Council Member Swinson, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**
3. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on Approval of Ordinance 2023-O-006 Water Conservation Plan. Warren explained the citizens why's. This is an updated plan to the 2017 plan. We have a water PIF that requires an update. We have a new engineer. Bill M said he can push the Class C Mis. Does not need a \$\$ amount, cap at \$500. The City Engineer requested this item but did not provide it. **A motion was made by Council Member Smith to table item, approval of Ordinance 2023-O-006 Water Conservation plan, seconded by Council Member Swinson, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

4. **Adjournment:**

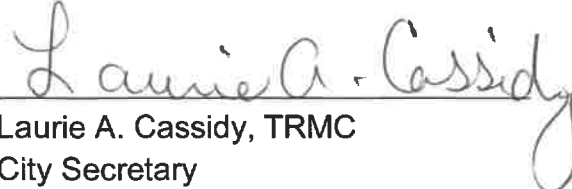
A motion was made by Council Member Thrailkill to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Smith, all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am.

Respectfully submitted,


Rachel Lumpee, Mayor

ATTEST:


Laurie A. Cassidy, TRMC
City Secretary



These minutes were approved on the 16 day of May, 2023.