

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

**Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2023**

A special meeting of the City Council, City of Blanco, Texas was held on July 19, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Arnold, followed by roll call announcing a quorum was present. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Smith. Council members present: Mayor Arnold, Mayor Pro-Tem Thrailkill and Council Members Smith, and Moses. Council Members Swinson and McClellan were absent.

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

Announcements from the Mayor:

- Blanco County Burn Ban is on
- City Water is currently at Stage 5 Drought Contingency Water Restrictions
- Local pastors have organized a group to gather on the square and pray for rain.

Public Comments:

- Heinz Roach, Cielo Springs resident, asked if the water restrictions apply to well owners and/or rainwater harvesting. The city has no jurisdiction over private wells and rainwater harvesting.
- David Smith, Blanco city resident, said he appreciates the Council member's hard work. Concerned seeing meeting minutes regarding water systems and treatment plant being under construction. He suggested Council retain all water rights we have within the city. Need to keep our water rights.

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

1. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on Update on Drought Management and Water Situation with Canyon Lake/Texas Water Company. Damon Barryman, Inframark discussed the various city water tanks and elevation levels as well as explaining summary of water distribution to the City. Council discussed. **Tabled item to executive session.**
2. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on Amendment or Modification to Expand Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Blanco and the Meadows Center. This item is for discussion only. Need to discuss in more detail with The Meadows first and then bring back to Council for further discussion. – **No Action Taken.**

Closed the regular meeting at 6:21 pm and convened into executive session.

Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code: in accordance with the authority contained in the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071, 551.072, 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 Update on Drought Management and Water Situation with Canyon Lake/Texas Water Company.

Closed executive session at 7:19 pm and convened into regular session.

No Action Taken


Addressing long and short term water solutions and planning a future workshop.

Adjournment:

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

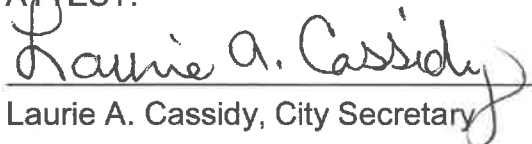
The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the 8 day of August, 2023.

