

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

**Meeting Minutes  
August 4, 2022, 3:00 pm**

A special meeting and budget workshop of the City Council, City of Blanco, Texas was held on August 4, 2022, 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 Barron, Council Members Smith, McClellan, Thrailkill, and Divine.

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

Mayor Lumpee made the following announcements:

- The Smoke Rider fire on the Blanco/Hays border is 60% contained. Anyone wanting to donate Water or Gatorade can drop it off at Gem of the Hills Monday-Thursday 9 am-1 pm or Sunday 2 pm-4 pm. The ESD auxiliary recommends avoiding going to the ESD2 station to allow the first responders time to get some rest if they are able. Thank you to all the firefighters and emergency responders. We hope everyone remains safe during this time.
- Today is Thursday which means it is Trivia night over at the Red Bud.
- Gem of the Hills will be hosting another "Read between the lines" event on Sunday, Aug. 7 from 5:30 to 7
- There will be a Human Trafficking Awareness Forum on Tues. Aug. 9 at 8:30 am by the Chamber for restaurant, lodging, and brewery/distillery members.
- Lastly, mark your calendars for a FREE community ice cream social on Aug. 13 at Bindseil Park from 4-6. There will be live music by the El Verde Boys. This event is hosted by the City and Chamber.

**Public Comments:**

- Kenneth Welch, 1685 Peyton Colony Road, Blanco County resident, commends Council on having meeting with TxDOT. Citizens are mad, concerned, wants public to know this impacts all of us and we are all in this together and we need to work together and influence them. Stop the mudslinging and let's make it the best of it and work together.
- Susan Moore, Blanco resident, spoke about the bulk water situation. Still seeing bulk water tanker trucks utilizing the hydrant meter throughout the day. Please look into this as we are under Stage 3 water restrictions.

## **Presentations:**

1. Public Improvement District (PID) Presentation by Craig Cunningham and Bart Fowler, Financial Advisor, D.A. Davidson Companies. Mr. Cunningham spoke regarding What a PID is and use of PID Policy. (SAP = Service and Assessment Plan).
2. Presentation from Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP for fiscal year 2020-2021 Audit review presented by Darla Dear. Reviewed pages 1 unmodified opinion, page 25 revenues and expenditures, and page 59 budget. She also spoke on need of single audit. Pages 44-45 capital assets, long-term debt, page 21 under liabilities/unearned revenue (COVID funds unspent).

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

1. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approval of Amendment 1 to Task Order 10 to Extend the Water and Wastewater PIF. This Amendment will Increase the Contract by \$4,487.50 (Tom Turk, Freeland Turk, City Engineer). Council Member Smith asked to table this item at the last meeting. Warren Escovy met the Freeland Turk Engineering and they have agreed to turn over all work to Ardurra effective August 15, 2022. We did this to ensure a smoother transition. Have already notified the TWDB. **A motion was made by Council Member Smith approve Amendment 1, to Task Order 10 to increase contract amount by \$4,487.50 with the understanding this is the last change order, task order to contract amount with Freeland Turk Engineering to be approved by Council, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Barron, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**
2. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approval of Software Contract in the amount of \$55,000 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Between Fundview and the City of Blanco. Sasha Ricks spoke on the need and benefits for utilization of updated fund accounting software. Terms of payment, deadline date of November 15, should be done before, service portion will be paid upfront. Once module goes live the module portion will be due and payable. Online payments, online time entry. Cost will be \$29,500 per year. More upfront cost this year for initial setup. **A motion was made by Council Member Smith approval of software contract in the amount of \$55,000 FY 2022-2023 between Fundview and the City of Blanco, payment provision shall be progressive draw system with completion date of November 15, 2022, with no additional draws after this date until installation is complete, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Barron, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**
3. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Approval of Continuance of Stage 3 Water Restrictions (Warren Escovy, City Administrator). Water tank levels went down extremely low, to dangerous levels which caused us to issue Stage 2 and then Stage 3 level. Recommendation is to stay at Stage 3 but allow residents to hand water outside plants. Levels seem to be holding. Need to follow Canyon Lake restrictions. NBU has been at Stage 3 since June 21, while allowing hand watering during restricted hours. Council Member Thrailkill is concerned with the water tank levels.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith to continue with Stage 3 water restrictions, but modify to allow hand watering of fruit, as allowed by staff , 8pm to 8 am, provided it is not in violation with Canyon Lake restrictions, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barron. Further discussion regarding watering of fruit trees, lawns and times of watering and following Canyon Lake restrictions. Council Member Smith withdrew his motion. **Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the continuance of Stage 3 Water Restrictions with the following modifications: allow for hand watering of fruit trees (in addition to vegetable gardens), allow for hand watering between 8 pm and 8 am as allowed by staff, must follow the restrictions imposed by Canyon Lake Water Company, seconded by Council Member Divine, all in favor, motion carried 3-1 with Council Member Thrailkill opposed. Council Member McClellan was absent.**

**Break for 5 minutes. Closed meeting at 5:02 pm.**

**Budget Workshop #2:**

- Warren Escovy, City Administrator and Sasha Ricks, Finance Director went over review of the proposed fiscal year 2022-2023 budget. **No Action Taken**

**Adjournment:**

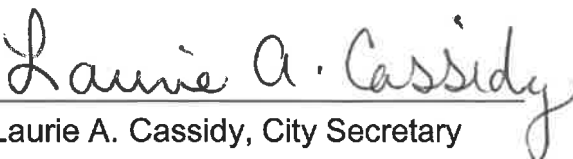
**A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Barron to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Divine, all in favor.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Rachel Lumpee, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the 13 day of September, 2022.

