

**SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF BLANCO**

**Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2023**

A special meeting of the governing body of the City of Blanco was held on August 22, 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 Moses. Council members present: Mayor Arnold, Mayor Pro-Tem Thrailkill and Council Members Smith, and Moses. Council Members McClellan (medically excused by Mayor Arnold) and Swinson were absent.

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

Announcements from the Mayor:

- We received some rain today, thank you.

Public Comments:

- None

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

1. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on Approval of Ordinance 2023-O-013 Water and Sewer Rates in the City of Blanco and Blanco's ETJ. Warren Escovy, City Administrator shared rate order with expenses from Enterprise Fund. Revenue needed to cover water and sewer expenses is estimated to be \$2,773,411.39. The past five rate increases were in 1987, 2001, 2012, 2017, and 2020. Phillip Givens, Managing Principal with Superior Water Management of Texas, LLC completed the current water and sewer rate study for the city, paid for by PUC. Recommendation was 35% increase in utility rates. Current year to date expenses \$2,672,367.93. Budget to actuals going to the council quarterly. Council discussed. CIAMAC and the work they have done is highly appreciated. Council Member Moses is opposed to raising the rates by over 10%. CIAMAC will be reviewing the numbers quarterly. **A motion was made by Council Member Smith to approve Ordinance 2023-O-013 Water and Sewer Rates in the City of Blanco and Blanco's ETJ, with review of rates at a minimum annually, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Thrailkill, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

Closed regular session at 6:35 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, Section 551.071.

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 pending legal matters.

Closed executive session at 7:21 pm and convened into regular session.

Executive Session, Item 1: No Action Taken

Adjournment:

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

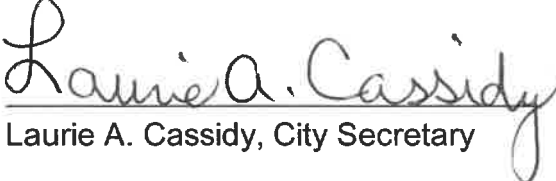
The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the 12 day of September, 2023.

