

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

**Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023**

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

City staff present: Warren Escovy and Laurie Cassidy

Announcements from the Mayor:

- No announcement.

Public Comments:

- None

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

1. *Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on Approval to Submit Letter of Intent to Performance Services of Texas, Inc. ("PSI") Regarding Investment Grade Audit to perform services related to the installation of water meters and Advanced Metering Infrastructure or AMI, in an amount not to exceed forty three thousand eight hundred dollars and zero cents (\$43,800.00).* Chip Woods, Business Development Manager with Performance Services, Inc. (PSI) shared information regarding the history of PSI and their project objectives being reduction in water loss, increased accuracy and transparency, introduction to operations and maintenance efficiencies, addressing infrastructure challenges, and distribution monitoring. Brandon Carlson, CIAMAC committee member, reached out to five other cities. They were all very pleased with the customer service, reduction in water loss from 28 to 8 % and recovery of costs. The council discussed it in detail. Meter warranty, 20 year pro rated, improved battery technology, long lasting lithium, anticipates full 20 year life. 15 is the recommended years of life for the meters. This would be a time saver for current Inframark employees and a good opportunity to discuss expectations of the anticipated 100 plus hours. Recap – Why PSI? #1 focus is customer satisfaction, guaranteed performance, no upfront costs, no budget dollars needed (pays for itself with today's dollars and tomorrow's savings). The PSI Process has four stages of energy savings Performance Contracting. 1) Preliminary Utility Audit (identify existing conditions); 2) Investment Grade Audit (define existing conditions, establish utility baselines and final pricing) 60-90 day timeline; 3) Implementation (subcontracting, project schedule and management, training) estimated 4-5 months;

4) M&V/Energy Leadership (monitoring, measurement and verification, Blanco staff training/community education). The audit provides us with a benchmark and the lead and copper replacement would be a huge savings. **A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Thraikill to Submit Letter of Intent to Performance Services of Texas, Inc. ("PSI") Regarding Investment Grade Audit to perform services related to the installation of water meters and Advanced Metering Infrastructure or AMI, in an amount not to exceed forty three thousand eight hundred dollars and zero cents (\$43,800.00), seconded by Council Member Swinson, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

Closed regular session at 7:04 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 7:12 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Thraikill, all in favor.

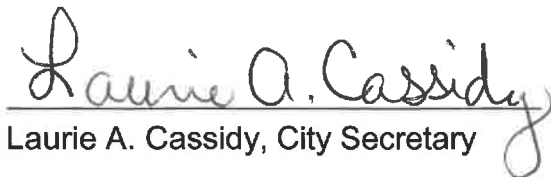
The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:


Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the 10 day of October, 2023.

