

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

**Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2022, 1:00 pm**

A special meeting of the City Council, City of Blanco, Texas was held on December 20, 2022, at 1:00 pm at the Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 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, and Thrailkill.

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

Mayor Lumpee made the following announcements:

- Blanco Underground Club will hold their Christmas Poker Party on December 21 at 6:00 pm
- Santa returns to Blanco to read *Night Before Christmas*, at 5:30 pm at the Courthouse, second floor (due to cold weather, event was moved indoors, not as originally scheduled at Bindseil Park)
- The Texas State Parks day hikes will begin January 1, 2023
- Please note, the winter storm is coming, make preparations now, get your pipes protected and stay warm.
- Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.

Public Comments:

- None

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

1. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on Approval of an Election Services Contract between the City of Blanco and the Blanco County Elections Office for the May 6, 2023, Uniform Election, Special Election, and Related Services. Kristen Spies, Blanco County Elections made presentation of estimated costs to run election, projected on the high side. **A motion was made by Council Member Smith to table item to January 10, 2023, meeting to gain a better understanding of the cost to our budget, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Barron, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**
2. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on Approval of Assignment of Julie Shacklett as Commissioner to the Planning & Zoning Commission for the remainder of the unexpired term. Ms. Shacklett spoke regarding parking issues, said she attends the planning meetings, and has learned a lot. Has some experience serving on economic development with Town of Hollywood Park. **A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Barron to appoint Julie Shacklett as Commissioner to the Planning & Zoning Commission for the remainder of the unexpired term, seconded by Council Member Smith, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

3. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action to Approve Contract Award for FY 2023 Pavement Restoration Program and Authorize City Administrator to Negotiate and Execute such Contract with Titan Milling, Inc. (Warren Escovy, City Administrator). Received two bids, City Engineer, Ardurra and Warren Escovy recommends Council approve the amount of \$250,000 to contract with Titan Milling, Inc. to perform the paving and filling of potholes. This is the first step to repairing streets. The City Administrator will monitor repairs as this is part of the ARPA funds. **A motion was made by Council Member Smith to approve the contract for FY 2023 Pavement Restoration Program, as recommended by the City Administrator and to negotiate contract with Titan Milling, Inc. not to exceed \$250,000, seconded by Council Member McClellan, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**
4. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on the Approval of City Acceptance of Water and Sewer Lines Improvements, Blanco 40 Acre Commercial at 2400 US Hwy. 281 N. (the City of Blanco and Six-Wheeler Investments, LLC). Tim Tuggey, the City Attorney said he has had subsequent meetings with the developer's attorney, and they have reached a tentative agreement with modified terms (summary of the terms was read). **A motion was made by Council Member Smith to approve the resolution as presented by Attorney Tuggey, regarding the Six-Wheeler property, Blanco 40 Acre Commercial at 2400 US Hwy 281 N.: Be it RESOLVED, the City Administrator is authorized, in connection with the City's acceptance of the related infrastructure, to negotiate and execute a written surety arrangement with Six-Wheeler Investments LLC (SWI) to: (1) provide that SWI and *its ownership shall guaranty* and perform prompt commencement and completion of all capital repairs on the water/sewer lines and related infrastructure serving the 40-acre commercial development *for a period of two (2) years* from the date of City acceptance, and (2) provide that SWI will cause issuance of a standby *line of credit* from a financial institution acceptable to the City in the amount of \$250,000, the terms of which shall allow the City, upon notice to SWI, to draw on the line to complete the capital repairs if SWI does not promptly perform as promised; provided, the credit line amount shall not relieve the *guaranty liability* to the extent it may exceed the full \$250,000 amount of line, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Barron, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**
5. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on Approval of Resolution 2022-R-016 authorizing the submission of an amendment request to Texas Department of Agriculture for TxCDBG project 7220040. Warren Escovy explained this item is for Council to approve a resolution to commit to funding the difference in costs between the roughly \$300,000 Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) CDBG grant and the \$1,437,847 construction bid (plus engineering and other professional fees). The gap in funding is estimated to be about \$1.2 million. In order to keep the TDA grant the City needed to bid on the lift station project before January and also needs to approve resolution to fund the difference. Our financial advisor recommends using a Tax Note.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Barron to approve resolution 2022-R-016 authorizing the submission of an amendment request to Texas Department of Agriculture for TxCDBG project 7220040 ensuring our commitment to fund the project, seconded by Council Member McClellan, motion passed 3-0 with Council Member Smith recusing himself from the vote.

6. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on Single City Council Position Vacancy and Related Holdover Status. The council discussed filling the position with someone who is willing to continue on Council. They recommend posting notice in the newspaper and on the city website for all interested candidates to complete their application. ~~Need to revise~~ application to state they will be filling the vacancy until the next election to be held May 6, 2023. Also revise residency requirement to state "Has your primary residence been inside the City Limits for over 6 months and the State for over 12 months". **A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Barron to post notice on City website, council will consider applications to fill vacancy, interested parties are asked to apply using application presented by Council, seconded by Council Member McClellan, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

The Council did not adjourn to Executive Session.

Adjournment:

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

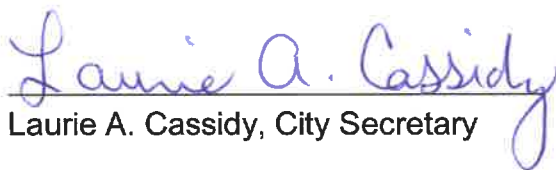
The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachel Lumpee, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

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

