

**BUDGET WORKSHOP
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF BLANCO**

**Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2023**

A budget workshop of the City Council, City of Blanco, Texas was held on June 13, 2023, at 4:30 pm at the Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 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 McClellan, Smith, Swinson, and Moses.

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

Public Comments:

- Trey Atchley, Blanco business owner, spoke in support of the Police Department budget, asking the council to look at very carefully. We are fortunate to have Chief Scott Rubin as our leader of the Police Department and should lean on his expert opinion concerning the staffing of the department.
- Neil Neyens, Blanco County resident since 1995 and 30-year retired law enforcement, spoke in support of the Police Department budget. He said Chief Rubin is doing an excellent job. It is hard to get and keep good people, especially in a small town. Encouraged the council to speak with the officers. Turnover adds additional cost.
- Joe Hernandez, 20 plus year Blanco County resident and Austin police veteran spoke in support of the Police Department budget. He said there is nothing like coming home to Blanco and enjoying the safety and all the other things Blanco has to offer. This is due to the citizens and the police department. Safety and expectation of officers plays a big part in keeping everyone safe. Want the best for Blanco. Thank you for your service.

Budget Workshop #1 – No action by Council.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm.

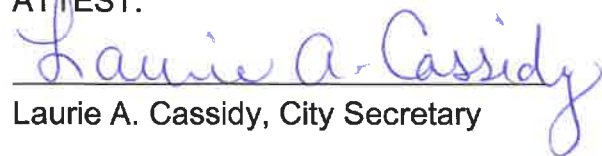
Respectfully submitted,



Mike Arnold, Mayor



ATTEST:



Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the 11th day of July, 2023.