

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

**Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2024**

A special meeting of the City Council, City of Blanco, Texas was held on April 19, 2024, at 2:00 pm at the Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm by Mayor Pro-Tem Thraikill, followed by roll call announcing a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Thraikill. Council members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Thraikill and Council Members Smith, and Moses. Mayor Arnold and Council Member Swinson were absent.

City staff present: Warren Escovy, City Administrator, Laurie Cassidy, City Secretary, and Lt. Jerry Thornhill.

Public Comments:

- Kenneth Welch, Blanco County resident spoke regarding this week’s candidate forum, and specifically regarding the Police Department and budget items.
- Ryan Moses read letter from Mayor Arnold titled “My thoughts and proposal regarding Police Department recruitment and retention” dated April 18, 2024.


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

1. Consideration, Discussion and Take Possible Action on Creation of Police Department Incentive Program and hear Presentation on Staffing, Recruitment, and Retention. Interim Chief/Lt. Jerry Thornhill spoke and shared he has been an employee of the City of Blanco for the last 14 years. He presented to the Council a presentation addressing the needs of our community and shared the mission and vision statements of the Blanco Police Department. The Council discussed. **No action taken.**

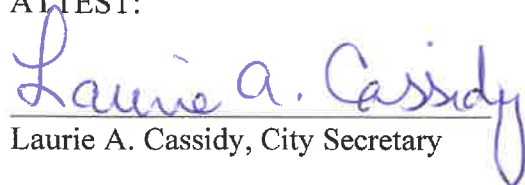
Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm after Council Member Moses left the meeting abruptly and a quorum was no longer present.

Respectfully submitted,


Rodney Thraikill, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the 14 day of May, 2024.