

**SPECIAL MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF BLANCO**

**Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2024**

A special meeting and budget workshop of the City Council, City of Blanco, Texas was held on August 6, 2024, 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. Council members present: Mayor Arnold, Mayor Pro-Tem Mack-McClung and Council Members Swinson, Moses, Cargill, and Moore.

City staff present: Warren Escovy, City Administrator, Laurie Cassidy, City Secretary, Dana Bundick, Interim Finance Director, and Chief Jerry Thornhill.

Mayor Arnold made the following announcements:

- The Eagle atop our flagpole has been repaired by Gary Currier.
- Coffee with the Mayor, to be held Friday from 8-10 am at the Feed Store.
- Police Appreciation Picnic, 9/14, from 11-1 pm at Bindseil Park

Public Comments:

- Crystal Spybuck, City of Blanco resident and Library Director, Blanco County South Library spoke regarding request of \$15,000 in budget funds.
- Dan Murrah, City of Blanco resident spoke regarding the budget and city administrator fees.
- B. Ballas, City of Blanco resident spoke regarding Library allocation of \$15,000. Expressed hope for and value of the Library.

NEW BUSINESS: Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action on the following:

1. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on Approval of H2O Analytics Corp Customer Portal Plan, to be part of the new automatic metering system. The council discussed and item was tabled to August 13, 2024, meeting. **No Action Taken.**
2. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action on Approval of Ordinance 2024-O-006 Adopting Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan. Warren Escovy, City Administrator and Byron with Ardurra updated the Council regarding revisions to the plan. The City last approved the Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan in 2017. **A motion was made by Council Member Moses to approve Ordinance 2024-O-006 Adopting Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan, with correction to Texas Water, and UDC enforcement, seconded by Council Member Cargill, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

3. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Possible Action to allow the City Administrator to Direct Darrell Wagner (Available Construction) to work on a project valued at \$35,000 to fill a majority of potholes in Blanco. Warren Escovy spoke regarding taking \$35,000 that has not been spent in the fiscal year 23-24 budget for street repairs and hire Available Construction to fill potholes for as much of the city as possible. In current discussions with Inframark, to add an additional person for maintenance and repair of streets. **A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mack-McClung to hire Available Construction to repair potholes, not to exceed \$35,000.00, seconded by Council Member Moore, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

Budget Workshop

1. Budget Discussion Workshop #2-- No Action Taken

Mayor Arnold made a statement regarding the budget and corrected the information; we are a Council Manager form of government, and the Mayor is the Budget Officer. Will be making change, may be adding additional budget workshop. Warren presented the current budget numbers to council.

Adjournment:

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

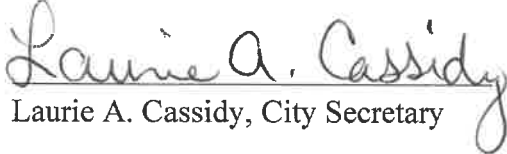
The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the 10 day of September, 2024.

