

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

**Meeting Minutes
December 30, 2024**

A special meeting of the City Council, City of Blanco, Texas was held on December 30, 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 Mike Arnold, followed by roll call announcing a quorum was present. Council members present: Mayor Mike Arnold, Mayor Pro-Tem Mack-McClung and Council Members Moses, Moore and Cargill. Council Member Swinson was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Cargill.

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

Announcements: None

Public Comments:

- None

WORKSHOP:

Council Discussion:

- *Bond Program Discussion (to fund restoration/replacement of infrastructure)* – OJ Armstrong, CIAMAC Chair did a presentation on the City’s need for a Bond Program to cover Infrastructure of Water/Sewer/Streets and the need to develop an Asset Management Plan. The Council discussed next steps: 1) Need to hold a minimum of three workshops to inform the public and receive feedback, 2) Mail out information flyer in the January water bill and/or a survey and also in the newspaper, 3) Form a bond committee. The residents will want to know how much this will increase their taxes paid annually and the public needs to see a list of projects these fees will fund.
- *City Hall Relocation* – Warren Escovy shared assumptions for revenue and remodel costs at City Hall, the Byars Building, and the old fire station (break-even of 4 years before making a profit). The Council discussed various ideas to utilize the old fire station including building city offices and chamber space of 50% and rental of the other 50%, lease building to a tenant in 50% of fire station space. Will need to tear down to metal frame and rebuild, could complete the work in stages.
- *Communication and Social Media Policy* – Warren shared talking points to introduce communications items and how to improve two-way communication between the City/City Council and the residents of Blanco. The Council discussed revisiting at the January regular meeting and possibly taking action then.

Items for next Council meeting: Bond Program (discussion only) and Communication Policy.

Questions from the Public:

Bill Depew said maybe we need a PR/Open Communication Committee to get residents involved. Inspiration of community engagement.

Amy Arnold added happy hour with Council or 1-800 call Warren.

Donna Ledvina said she still has a water leak at her house. Inframark has been notified.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Council Member Moses to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Moore, all in favor.

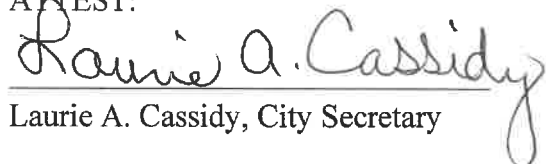
The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

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

