

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

**Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2021, 3:00 pm**

A special meeting and budget workshop of the City Council, City of Blanco, Texas was held on August 3, 2021 at 3:00 pm at the Byars Building, 308 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 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 Saucedo, Councilmembers Barron and Smith, and Divine (via Go To Meeting). Councilmember McClellan was absent.

City staff present: Kelly Kuenstler, Laurie Cassidy, Zach Dorris, Linda Coones, and Chief Rubin.

Mayor Lumpee reminded Councilmember to speak into their mics. She also made the following announcements: the Blanco County burn ban is off at this time; as of July 27 there are 25 active COVID cases, CRC food pantry is having a joint open house on August 9 from 1-3 pm, location is Johnson City, the next regular City Council meeting will be held on August 10 at 6 pm.

Public Comments:

- Justin Pulliam, Rosenberg, Texas spoke regarding the city administration and organization. Concerned with amount of money being spent. Take it slow, when hiring new personnel and get public input. City staff, dept heads, all staff very important. Reach out and listen to residents.

Consent Agenda:

1. Discussion and Possible Action on adding the Blanco Chamber of Commerce to the Stakeholders Section of the City of Blanco's Organizational Chart (Kelly Kuenstler, Interim City Administrator). **A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to add the Chamber of Commerce to the Stakeholders Section of the City of Blanco's Organizational Chart, seconded by Councilmember Barron, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

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

1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Final Change Order Proposal from ACP for the City of Blanco Clarifier Replacement. (Ronnie Rodriguez, Director of Public Works/Tom Turk, City Engineer, Freeland Turk Engineering Group). Mr. Turk spoke regarding the age of clarifier and severity of corrosion. The cost of change order is \$426,556.95. Councilmember Smith reviewed the change order and finds it equitable and fair. TWDB is aware of the change order. The project had a 5% contingency. Ms. Kuenstler will be reviewing all loans with TWDB, TCEQ, and bond attorney. Time frame is additional 76 days bring substantial completion date to July 1, 2022. CLWSC has been made aware of this date. Cost will come from budget reserves. Without the clarifier the Water Treatment Plant cannot go back online, this is a MUST. **A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to approve Change Order (C.P. #1.1) dated 7/27/2021 in the amount of \$426,556.95, seconded by Councilmember Barron, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

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

1. Discussion and Possible Action on Extending the Freeland Turk Engineering Group (FTEG) Task Order for 2 Additional Months (Task Order #6, Amendment #2) . (Ronnie Rodriguez, Director of Public Works/Tom Turk, City Engineer, Freeland Turk Engineering Group). Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Turk spoke regarding Amendment #2 to Task Order #6, additional services to include providing additional residential project representation and construction administration for two additional months to replace the primary clarifier. **A motion was made by Councilmember Smith to approve Amendment #2, Task Order #6, in the amount of \$19,000 bringing the task order to a total of \$234,750, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Saucedo, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.**
2. Presentation and Discussion on Final Report from City Hall Essentials (Joe Salvaggio). Mr. Salvaggio spoke to Council, completed their review of desk audits, revised job descriptions, policy assessments, revisions to personnel policy, updated organizational chart, market salary study, council retreat. Salary survey difficult to gather all information from smaller cities, within an hour of Blanco and under 10,000 in size, no response from Johnson City. 109 recommendations made initially. Additional recommendations have been made. CJIS, found by Joe and reported by staff. Old warrants not purged but are out of circulation, no one should be arrested due to old warrant. Not following established accounting principles, corrections being made now.

Budget workshops being held. Final agreement amount is below original estimate. Ms. Kuenstler was appointed as Interim City Administrator on July 20, 2021. Website being updated, additional Council training needed. **No Action Taken.**

Budget Workshop


1. Budget Discussion Workshop #2– **No Action Taken**

Adjournment

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

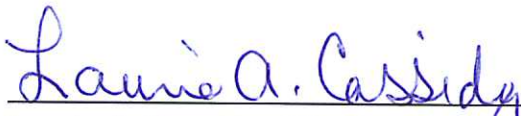
Meeting was adjourned a 4:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachel Lumpee, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the 10 day of August, 2021.

