

**SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF BLANCO**

**Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2022, 12:30 pm**

A special meeting and public hearing of the City Council, City of Blanco, Texas was held on August 21, 2022, at 12:30 pm at the Byars Building, 300 Pecan Street, Blanco, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 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 Barron, and Council Members McClellan, Thraikill, and Divine. Council Member Smith was absent.

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

Mayor Lumpee made the following announcement: Tomorrow Chamber is hosting 281 Forum at 6:30 pm at the Old Blanco County Courthouse, upstairs.

Public Comments:

- None

Closed Regular Meeting at 12:32 pm and convened Into Public Hearings.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Public Hearing on the adoption of the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Municipal Budget which includes: General Fund and Enterprise Fund.
2. Public Hearing on the adoption of the proposed 2022 ad valorem tax rate and levy of \$0.3577 of all taxable property within the corporate city limits of the City of Blanco, Texas.

No public comments

Closed Public Hearing at 12:33 and returned to Regular Meeting.

Consent Agenda: *The following items may be acted upon in one motion.* No separate discussion or action is necessary unless requested by the Mayor or a Councilmember, in which those items will be pulled for separate consideration.

1. Approval of City of Blanco Amended Organizational Chart.
2. Approval of City of Blanco Holiday Schedule 2023.

A motion was made by Council Member Divine to approve items one and two on the consent agenda, the organizational chart, and the holiday schedule, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Barron, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Consideration, Discussion, and Take Action on Adoption of General Policy for the City of Blanco relating to Public Improvement Districts (PID). Mayor Pro-Tem Barron said Council was waiting for bond council and financial advisor to review, this has been done. Bond term options taken to 30 years. Council Member Thrailkill had couple comments. Page 1, under PID location, add language stating any resulting annexation agreement shall include a service plan consistent with Texas LGC, pages 2-3; preferential factors, #9 add dark sky lighting and take out specialty lighting and decorative pedestrian lighting; #10 after treated wastewater add on-site wastewater reuse; and #11 after xeriscaping add rainwater harvesting and gray water plumbing. **A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Barron to Adopt the General Policy for the City of Blanco relating to Public Improvement Districts (PID) with the noted amendments as stated by Council Member Thrailkill, seconded by Council Member Thrailkill, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

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

1. Consideration, Discussion and Take Action on the Approval of Ordinance 2022-O-009 of the City of Blanco, Texas, Setting and Approving the Municipal Budget for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year; Funding Municipal Purposes; Authorizing Expenditures; Providing for: Findings of Fact; Enactment; Filing of Budget; Repealer; Severability; Effective Date; and Proper Notice and Meeting. Council Member Thrailkill asked how we are funding our Community Compliance position. Warren said 20 hours per week, out of the general fund, at a cost of \$25,000 per year. **A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Barron to approve Ordinance 2022-O-009 of the City of Blanco, Texas Setting and Approving the Municipal budget for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year; Funding Municipal Purposes; Authorizing Expenditures; Providing for: Findings of Fact; Enactment; Filing of Budget; Repealer; Severability; Effective Date; and Proper Notice and Meeting seconded by Council Member Thrailkill, The vote was unanimous with Mayor Pro Tem Barron, Council Members McClellan, Thrailkill, and Divine voting for, no one voting no, and Council Member Smith absent.**
2. Discussion and Take Action on the 2022 proposed maintenance and operating tax rate of \$0.1917 to fund the 2022-2023 Budget. **A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Barron to approve the maintenance and operating tax rate of \$0.1917 to fund the 2022-2023 Budget, seconded by Council Member Divine, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**
3. Discussion and Take Action on the 2022 proposed debt tax rate of \$0.1660 to fund the 2022-2023 debt obligation. **A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Barron to approve the debt tax rate of \$0.1660 to fund the 2022-2023 debt obligation, seconded by Council Member McClellan, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**
4. Discussion and Take Action on approval of Resolution 2022-R-006 of the City of Blanco, Texas, Ratifying expenditures; filing of budget; repealer; severability; effective the Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; funding municipal purposes; authorizing date; and proper notice.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Barron to approve Resolution 2022-R-006 of the City of Blanco, Texas, Ratifying expenditures; filing of budget; repealer; severability; effective the Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; funding municipal purposes; authorizing date; and proper notice, seconded by Council Member Divine. The vote was unanimous with Mayor Pro Tem Barron, Council Members McClellan, Thraikill, and Divine voting for, no one voting no, and Council Member Smith absent.

5. Consideration, Discussion and Take Action on the approval of Ordinance 2022-O-010 of the City of Blanco, Texas, Setting and Approving the 2022 ad valorem tax rate and levy of \$0.3577 cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate city limits of the City of Blanco, Texas. **Council Member Thraikill moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.3577, which is effectively a 28.7% tax increase in the tax rate, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Barron. The vote was unanimous with Mayor Pro Tem Barron, Council Members McClellan, Thraikill, and Divine voting for, no one voting no, and Council Member Smith absent.**


City Secretary, Laurie Cassidy provided the Roll Call Vote Confirmation for agenda items 1, 4 and 5.

Adjournment:

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

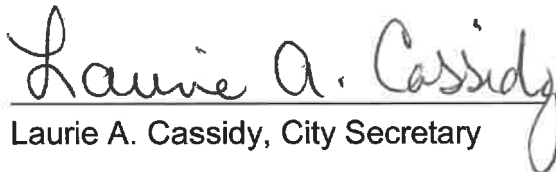
Meeting was adjourned at 12:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachel Lumpee, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laurie A. Cassidy, City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the 13 day of September, 2022.

