# State of the City



### March 23, 2023



Brian Watson, Mayor



# The Beeville City Council



Michael Willow, II, Mayor Pro Tem Ward 1



Benny Puente, Jr. Ward 2



**Alexis Bledsoe** Ward 3







Brian Watson, Mayor Ward 5

Darryl Martin Ward 4



# City Manager's Office





John Benson City Manager

John Chen Assistant City Manager





# Longstanding & Outstanding!

21 Employees with 5+ years of service

16 Employees with 10+ years of service

1 Employee with 20+ years of service

3 Employees with 30+ years of service



### Leo Cantu Public Works



Albert Bridge Public Works



Fred Diaz Parks & Recreation



TAX RATE:2022: .5432021: .6632020: .6632019: .5972018: .612

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### **FY 2023 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES** (BY DEPT. PERCENTAGES)





## Water & Wastewater

### • Moore St. wastewater treatment plant

• 14.5 million dollar investment in upgrades and renovations

### • Drinking Water Improvements

- New Water Storage Tanks
- New SCADA Systems
- Pipe Looping and Flushing
- Chase Field Wells & Trunk Line
- New Water Meters
- Backup Generators for Booster Pumps
- Pipe Storage Building
- INCREDIBLE WATER WORKERS!







# **Building for Tomorrow**

### • Economic Development

- Bee Area Partnership (BAP)
- Beeville Economic Improvement Corp. (BEIC)
- Bee Development Authority (BDA)
- Streamline development and permitting

### • New Housing Opportunities:

- The Summits at the former Thomas Jefferson school site-
  - approved for a 25 single-family residential development
- Parks at Huntington-
  - construction has begun on a 26 single-family residential development
- Private/Federal funded individual home site building







### • Comprehensive Plan "Be Bold, Be Focused"

- Land Use & Development
- Growth Capacity & Transportation
- Economic Development
- Housing and Neighborhoods
- Recreation and Amenities

### • Strategic Plan

- Completion in 2023
- Specific Action Items
- Accountability

# Laying the Plans







### • Online Service Request Portal

### • Track City Response to Problem Areas



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#### Animal Issues

- 📍 🛛 🛣 Animal Complaint (dead needs removed) 1 request
- 🗌 📍 🛣 Animal Complaint (loose, # kept, vicious dog, noise) 1 request

#### **Building Violation**

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#### Exterior Code Violation

Blight on Property - (building code, high grass, etc.) - 5 requests

#### Homeless Issues

- 🗆 📍 👗 Encampment 1 request
- **Parks & Recreation Facilities** 
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#### **Private Property / Vehicles**

Abandoned Motor Vehicle (on private property) - 1 request

Right of Way / Obstruction / Vehicle (on Street)

- Abandoned Motor Vehicle (on street) 2 requests
- Improper Parking (on-street) 2 requests

Road Maintenance / Marking Request

Potholes and Street Defects - 1 request

#### Storm Water

🗌 📍 🚟 Clogged Catch Basin - 1 request

#### **Tree Maintenance**

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**Beeville 311** 

#### For Emergencies, Dial 911





- Spring Cleaning
- Brush With Kindness
- Increased Code Enforcement
- Violation Signs
- Demolitions



What's all the BUZZ about? Let's join the movement to make Beeville "Bee-u-tiful"! Looking for Volunteers with trucks & trailers. Let's be the difference and make change for the Citizens of Beeville. Please call (361)358-4641 Ext. 290 & 240 to volunteer. 'Working towards a more clean, safe, and healthy City for all to enjoy!"









- Parks Master Plan
- *Klipstein Park shade structure from the Beeville Lions Club*
- Upgraded playground equipment with Grant Funding
- Inclusive Playground Equipment
- Improvements to Sports Facilities
- Golf Course Upgrades



# Quality of Life

# **Police Department**

• 26,888 Service Calls

Best Practices Program

• Training and Retaining









### Chief Kevin Behr













# Volunteer Fire Department

- 637 Service Calls
- 19% Increase from 2021
- 146 Brush/Grass Fires
- 61 Structure Fires
- \$10,000 grant from Conoco-Phillips for the purchase of new personal protection equipment



Led by Fire Chief

**Bill Burris** 



# **Connecting with our Citizens**



- Engagement Director • NEW – Facebook Page
- - Ray Garcia Clerk





City of Beeville, Texas-Government 7 likes • 555 follower



• **NEW** – Michelle Myers - Community • Gabriela Hernandez – City Secretary Corinna Shumake – Deputy Secretary



# Looking Forward

- **GRANT**: Downtown sidewalk improvements for accessibility, lighting and alignment
- **GRANT:** Funding through CDBG-MIT for an approximate 2.6 million dollars that will be used for water system capital improvements
- **GRANT:** Poesta and Tinsley Creeks will see new bridges at Jackson St. and Tyler St. for new low water crossings as part of a 39 million dollar GLO project, anticipated start 2024
- NEED A GRANT: Continued work on transmission line challenges for the water distribution issue from Swinney Switch.



