

CITY OF BAY CITY

MINUTES • AUGUST 16, 2022

COUNCIL
CHAMBERS | 1901
5th Street

City Council Workshop

4:00 PM

1901 5TH STREET
BAY CITY TX, 77414



Mayor

Robert K. Nelson

Councilman

Blayne Finlay

Mayor Pro Tem

Jim Folse

Councilman

Bradley Westmoreland

Councilwoman

Becca Sitz

Councilwoman

Floyce Brown

Through a united and collaborative effort, we seek to grow the City of Bay City with a diverse culture that is proud to call Bay City home. We envision a thriving family-centered community where citizens are involved in the future development of our city. We desire our citizens to work, play, worship and shop in the community in which we live. Visitors are welcomed and encouraged to enjoy the friendly environment and amenities the citizens and business owners have created together.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert K. Nelson at 4:02 pm.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Quorum certified

PRESENT

Mayor Robert K. Nelson
Councilwoman Floyce Brown
Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse
Councilwoman Becca Sitz
Councilman Brad Westmoreland
Councilman Blayne Finlay

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND / OR APPROVAL

1. **Discuss and consider Utility Rate Study and and provide staff guidance on ordinance amendments specific to upcoming Water and Wastewater rate adjustments.**

Megan Kirkland, NewGen Strategies, reviewed the updates to the water rate study and provide Council with two proposed rate options. Ms. Kirkland discussed proposed senior discount of \$5.00 that will be spread across all accounts. Councilman Westmoreland did not feel that it was fair to discriminate the classes and Mayor Nelson stated that he believes that now is not the time with inflation effecting all. Council did agree not to implement a senior discount this year. Council leaned more to option number 2 rates. Shawna Burkhart, City Manager, added that they were more confident with NewGen's numbers and they were calculated. Scotty Jones, Finance Director, stated that the rates will be approved by an ordinance.

2. **Discuss, consider, and/or amend the Proposed Budget of the City of Bay City for the 2023 Fiscal Year.**

Scotty Jones, Finance Director, reviewed the proposed budget and stated that she will adjust for the water rates. The proposed budget with adjustments for water rates will be brought back in the August 23rd workshop and effects on budget.

Councilman Westmoreland stated that he appreciates the effort to sale city property to eliminate maintenance cost and asked if we could put before the voters as to which unused parks we need to sell in a General Election. Councilwoman Sitz added that four properties might be transferred to Bay City Community Development Commission

for development. Councilman Westmoreland added that we need to look at our reevaluate our leases and rentals and maybe raise to market rates. Councilwoman Sitz stated we need to reevaluate our property insurance.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilwoman Brown to adjourn, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilman Finlay. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 23rd day of August 2022.

ROBERT K. NELSON, MAYOR
CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS

JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY