

CITY OF BAY CITY

MINUTES • JULY 11, 2023

COUNCIL
CHAMBERS | 1901
5th Street

City Council Regular Meeting

6:00 PM

1901 5TH STREET
BAY CITY TX, 77414



Mayor

Robert K. Nelson

Mayor Pro Tem

Blayne Finlay

Councilman

Jim Folse

Councilman

Bradley Westmoreland

Councilwoman

Becca Sitz

Councilman

Benjamin Flores

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 AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert K. Nelson at 6:25 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor Robert K. Nelson
Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse
Councilwoman Becca Sitz
Councilman Blayne Finlay
Councilman Benjamin Flores

ABSENT

Councilman Brad Westmoreland

INVOCATION & PLEDGE

Texas State Flag Pledge: *"Honor The Texas Flag; I Pledge Allegiance To Thee, Texas, One State Under God, One And Indivisible."*

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse

MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Bay City is committed to fostering future economic growth by collaborating with our citizens, employers, current and future businesses, as well as the Community and Economic Development Centers. We strive to deliver superior municipal services and to invest in quality-of-life initiatives such as housing, businesses, jobs and activities for all citizens. We make a concerted effort to respond to resident's concerns in a timely and professional manner in order to achieve customer satisfaction.

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Councilman Finlay to approve the agenda, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER

There were no acknowledgements.

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER

Councilman Folsie commended Wesley and his team on their work on potholes. Councilman Flores requested council to consider getting rid of single use plastics by the city and setting an example to citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to approve the consent items, Seconded by Councilman Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Folsie, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores. Motion carried.

1. **City Council Regular Meeting minutes of June 13, 2023.**
2. **City Council Workshop Meeting minutes of June 13, 2023.**
3. **City Council Workshop Meeting minutes of June 15, 2023.**
4. **City Council Regular Meeting minutes of June 27, 2023.**

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

5. **Award ~ Recognition of Angel Lee Chavez and his courage to take life saving action.**

Christella Rodriguez, Chief of Police, presented a Chief's Coin and Mayor Nelson presented a Certificate of Bravery to Angel Chavez for rescuing his family from a vehicle involved accident.

6. **Public Works~ Discuss CWSRF and DWSRF loan. D**

Dan Olsen, Garver, provided council with project updates as well as funding updates regarding Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF projects.

7. **Grant ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the Fire Marshall to apply for an LCRA Community Development grant seeking funding for pagers for use by all county Volunteer Fire Departments.**

Dan Shook, Fire Marshall, discussed the grant to seek funding assistance to replace all county Volunteer Fire Departments paging system. Cost would be shared with the county and the need for the fiber connection between the Police Department and Tower would be eliminated.

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to approve the Fire Marshall to apply for a grant, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folsie. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Folsie, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores. Motion carried.

8. **Resolution ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve resolution granting execution of an advance funding agreement with the state to replace or rehabilitate Sixth St & Ave I Bridge over Cottonwood Creek.** Gabriel Lopez, Engineering Tech

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folsie to approve the resolution, Seconded by Councilman Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Folsie, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores. Motion carried.

9. Appointment ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the appointment of Jonathon Hewitt to the Bay City Community Development Board. Robert Nelson, Mayor

Motion made by Councilman Flores to approve the appointment of Jonathon Hewitt to the Bay City Community Development Board, Seconded by Councilwoman Sitz. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Folsie, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores. Motion carried.

10. Appointment ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the election of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Nelson recommended the appointment of Blayne Finlay.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folsie to appoint Councilman Finlay as Mayor Pro Tem, Seconded by Councilman Flores. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Folsie, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores. Motion carried.

11. Districts ~ Discussions regarding the formation of an Emergency Services District.

Councilwoman Becca Sitz commented on the growing concern of the city's ISO rating and that it is probably out of the ordinary that a town our size does not have a paid fire department. Council discussed the formation of an Emergency Services District. Dan Shook, Fire Marshall, added that it could be comprised of both volunteer and paid. A recommendation was made to form a committee to look into it, as well as how citizens and the county feel about it.

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned into an executive session at 7:30 pm.

12. Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property).

RECONVENE AND ACTION

Council reconvened back into regular session at 8:11 pm. Council took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to adjourn, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilman Flores. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 25th day of July 2023.

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

JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY