

**CITY OF BAY CITY**  
**MINUTES • JUNE 13, 2023**

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**COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS | 1901  
5th Street**

**City Council Regular Meeting**

**6:00 PM**

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**1901 5TH STREET  
BAY CITY TX,77414**



**Mayor**

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Robert K. Nelson

**Councilman**

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Blayne Finlay

**Mayor Pro Tem**

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Jim Folse

**Councilman**

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Bradley Westmoreland

**Councilwoman**

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Becca Sitz

**Councilman**

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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.*

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**CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert K. Nelson at 6:00 pm.

**PRESENT**

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

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE**

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

*Councilman Benjamin Flores*

**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.*

*Councilman Benjamin Flores*

**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 Westmoreland, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**CEREMONIAL**

- 1. Award ~ Recognition of Floyce Brown for her years of service to the City of Bay City as a Council Member.**

Mayor Robert K. Nelson presented Floyce Brown a plaque and signed resolution for her service as a City Council Member.

**2. Award ~ Presentation of 2023 Main Street America Accreditation award. Tina**

Tina Israel, Bay City Main Street Program Manager, presented the 2023 Main Street America Accreditation award for Bay City Main Street achievements.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER**

Shawna Burkhart, City Manager, presented "I See You" awards to employees Jessica Davis and Mike Burchard for Excellent Customer Service to the Lynn Group. Ms. Burkhart also acknowledged Wesley Davis for doing a stellar job in Public Works.

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

Councilman Westmoreland stated that he appreciates the job Wesley Davis is doing. Councilman Westmoreland also stated that he still has concerns about the gentleman driving lawnmower on streets and that it is a safety issue. Mayor Pro Tem Folse also thanked Wesley Davis.

**REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL****3. Planning ~ Discuss, consider and/or adopt the City's Strategic Plan and Council Goals for Fiscal Year 2024. Shawna Burkhart, City Manager**

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to adopt the City's Strategic Plan and Council Goals for Fiscal Year 2024, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores. Motion carried.

**4. Discuss, consider and/or approve sharing the cost of rehab on 12th Street with Matagorda County. Shawna Burkhart, City Manager**

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to approve sharing the cost of rehab on 12th Street with Matagorda County, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores. Motion carried.

**5. Ordinance ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve an Ordinance of the City Code of Ordinances Chapter 18 "Aviation": Article I ("In General") and Article III ("Airport Rule and Regulations"); Providing for a cumulative & conflicts clause, providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. James Mason, Airport Manager**

Mayor Pro Tem Folse brought attention to wrong Fire code used and Councilman Flores addressed drone definition.

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Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to approve the ordinance with the two changes, Seconded by Councilman Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores. Motion carried.

### **CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council adjourned into an executive session at 6:35 pm.

- 6. 551.072 Real Estate**
- 7. Section 551.074 Personnel matters - City Manager reorganization of staff.**
- 8. 551.071 (2) ~ Attorney client privilege contemplated litigation.**

### **RECONVENE AND ACTION**

Council reconvened back into regular session at 8:21 pm.

Motion on item #6 made by Councilwoman Sitz to authorize the sale of property located at 2318 Avenue K via sealed bid, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores. Motion carried.

No action taken on items #7 and #8.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to adjourn, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilman Finlay, Councilman Flores. Motion carried and council adjourned at 8:32 pm.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**, this 11th day of July 2023.

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

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JEANNA THOMPSON  
CITY SECRETARY