

CITY OF BAY CITY
MINUTES • SEPTEMBER 12, 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 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Councilwoman Becca Sitz

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Esau Rodriguez, President of the Girls Softball Association, addressed council regarding the invoices they received for electricity for the fields, adding that other districts do not charge.

David Torres complained about City Officials parking in handicap spaces and big trucks parking in compact parking spaces.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER

Shawna Burkhart, City Manager, acknowledged the work street crews were doing, adding that they have completed Tepeyac Avenue and side streets. Ms. Burkhart announced that the patch truck is due to be in by next week. Ms. Burkhart also stated that they have made contact with the county for use of equipment and forthcoming.

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

Councilman Westmoreland commended the work done on the streets as well as utility crews.

Councilman Flores recommended the city publish our stats and upcoming projects. Ms. Burkhart replied the city is implementing "Your City @ Work" with a QR code weekly and on Facebook going into effect October 1st.

Mayor Pro Tem Finlay stated that the streets are looking good and the recycling center is doing a great job.

Councilman Westmoreland stated, regarding ball fields, he was curious as to cost to water Hardeman Park and are we being fair to all entities. Councilman Westmoreland also stated he was told that two non-profits were charged \$1500.00 for the day use at the Service Center.

Councilman Folsie stated the ball clubs were offered to move to the Sports Complex and both declined.

Mayor Nelson thanked Mayor Pro Tem Finlay for stepping in during his absence.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

- 1. City Council Workshop minutes of August 15, 2023.**
- 2. City Council Workshop minutes of August 22, 2023.**
- 3. City Council Regular Meeting minutes of August 22, 2023.**

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

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

- 4. Property ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve a declaration of unusable equipment: a surplus police vehicle, and authorize staff to sell said surplus equipment through the use of an online auction or other means.** Lt. Clayton Ryman

Motion made by Councilman Westmoreland to approve declaring police vehicles as surplus, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folsie, Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried.

5. **Tourism ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the Tourism Logo.** P. Darve Smith, Tourism Manager

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve the tourism logo, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried.

6. **Bid ~ Discuss, consider and/or select GFL Environmental for the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal and Recycling Services and Authorize the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute a contract approved to form by the City Attorney between the City of Bay City and GFL Environmental.** Krystal Mason, Assistant Public Works Director

Council expressed concern of the increase of 28%. Scotty Jones stated that this was a potential shortfall of \$200,000.00. Item tabled until the September 26th meeting. Council requested workshop on the topic on the 26th as well.

7. **Ordinance ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve amending the City Code of Ordinances by repealing Chapter 66, Division 2 "Curfew"; repealing any conflicting ordinances; and providing an effective date.** Anne Marie Odefey, City Attorney

Motion made by Councilman Flores to approve the ordinance amending Chapter 66 "Curfew", Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Nay: Councilman Folse. Motion carried.

8. **Budget ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the amendments to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.** Scotty Jones, Finance Director

Motion made by Councilman Folse to approve the amendments to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried.

9. **Policy ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the Budgetary and Financial Management Policy.** Scotty Jones, Finance Director

Motion made by Councilman Westmoreland to approve the Budgetary and Financial Management Policy, Seconded by Councilman Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilman Westmoreland to adjourn, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Finlay, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried and council adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 26th day of September 2023.

ROBERT NELSON, MAYOR
CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS

JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY