

CITY OF BAY CITY

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**COUNCIL
CHAMBERS | 1901
5th Street**

City Council Regular Meeting (Updated)

6:00 PM

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



Mayor

Robert K. Nelson

Councilman

Jim Folse

Mayor Pro Tem

Jason W. Childers

Councilman

Bradley Westmoreland

Councilwoman

Becca Sitz

Councilwoman

Floyce Brown

***Bay City is committed to developing and enhancing the long-term prosperity,
sustainability, and health of the community.***

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Jason Childers at 6:10 pm.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE

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

Councilman James Folse

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**PRESENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Jason W. Childers
Councilwoman Floyce Brown
Councilman Jim Folse
Councilwoman Becca Sitz
Councilman Brad Westmoreland

ABSENT

Mayor Robert K. Nelson

MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Bay City is a community that fosters future economic growth, strives to deliver superior municipal services, invests in quality of life initiatives and is the gateway to the great outdoors. We encourage access to our unique historical and eco-cultural resources while maintaining our small-town Texas charm.

Councilman James Folse

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Councilwoman Brown to approve the agenda, Seconded by Councilman Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Childers, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

Motion made by Councilwoman Brown to approve the consent items, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Childers, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried.

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting on July 13, 2021

2. Minutes of Council Workshop on July 27, 2021**REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL****3. Personnel ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the 2021-2022 City of Bay City Employee Benefits Plan.**

Rhonda Clegg, Director of Human Resources, recapped from last workshop regarding bids and offering a 3rd option for employees of an HMO plan. Councilman Westmoreland would like to include personnel education on the HMO plan.

Motion made by Councilwoman Brown to approve the employee benefits plan, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Childers, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried.

4. Property ~ Review and discussion of proposed location and remodeling costs of Public Safety Services and provide direction of project.

Robert Lister, Chief of Police, presented the proposal on \$10,600,000 to remodel existing property. Shawna stated that the land to purchase is \$30,000 acre to buy land to build, Engineeris have estimated to build new cost is same as remodeling existing building. There is still the decision to add fire department or leave them in their current location. Shawna Burkhart, City Manager, recommends backing out the fire department, due to fire department expressing they would like to stay where they are at. Mayor Pro Tem Childers stated that we need to be forward thinking if we were to go to an un-volunteer fire department. Councilwoman Brown stated that the fire department would have use of the old Police Department building and they have expressed wanting to stay there. Ms. Burkhart stated that there is room for the Fire Department to grow in new location and use the current location as substation. Ms. Burkhart recommended the Fire Chief attend discussion in meeting on his opinions.

5. Report ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the City's Quarterly Financial and Investment Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2021.

Scotty Jones, Finance Director. reviewed and provided summary stating that we are now at 75% of the budget.

Motion made by Councilwoman Brown to approve the quarterly Financial and Investment Report, Seconded by Councilwoman Sitz. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Childers, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried.

6. Financials ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve financial assistance with Matagorda County street repairs to 12th Street. Shawna Burkhart, City Manager

Shawna Burkhart, City Manager, state that this request came in late and County Commissioner Frick is asking us to participate in the repairs to 12th and share in cost.

Mayor Pro Tem Childers stated that he thinks the amount is reasonable. Ms. Burkhart added that the County would like to start as soon as possible, but she told him it may be a 2 year process since we have done our five year plan and need to get this added. Councilman Westmoreland would like the Commissioners input to the plan. Council expressed interest requested more info and took no action.

7. Appointment ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the re-appointment of William Bell Jr. as TIRZ #1 Chairman of the Board.

Motion made by Councilman Folse to approve the re-appointment of William Bell Jr. as the TIRZ #1 Chairman, Seconded by Councilwoman Brown. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Childers, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried.

8. Appointment ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the re-appointment of William Bell Jr. as TIRZ #2 Chairman of the Board.

Motion made by Councilman Folse to approve the re-appointment of William Bell Jr. as the TIRZ #2 Chairman, Seconded by Councilwoman Brown. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Childers, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried.

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned into an Executive session as 6:52 pm.

9. Personnel ~ Closed meeting to discuss personnel matters in accordance with Title 5, Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (To discuss appointment, employment, evaluation, responsibilities and duties, reassignment, discipline or dismissal of an officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee: City Councilmember

OPEN SESSION

Council reconvened at 7:55 into a regular session and took no action on item #9.

ITEMS / COMMENTS & MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilwoman Sitz requested an Ordinance on noise be worked on. Mayor Pro Tem stated that the mayor is in our prayers and to pray for his speedy recovery,.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilwoman Brown to adjourn, Seconded by Councilwoman Sitz. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Childers, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 24th day of August 2021.

JASON CHILDERS, MAYOR PRO TEM

CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS

JEANNA THOMPSON

CITY SECRETARY