

**CITY OF SAGINAW
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SAGINAW CITY HALL
333 WEST MCCLEROY BLVD.
MARCH 2, 2021**

Present at the meeting:

Mayor	Todd Flippo
Mayor Pro-Tem	Valerie Junkersfeld
Councilmember	Charles Beasley
Councilmember	Patrick Farr
Councilmember	Charles Tucker
Councilmember	Cindy Bighorse
Councilmember	Mary Copeland
City Attorney	Bryn Meredith
City Engineer	Andrew Simonsen, P.E.
City Engineer	Dana Shumard, P.E.
City Manager	Gabe Reaume
Asst. City Manager	Dolph Johnson
Finance Director	Kim Quin
City Secretary	Janice England
Director of Public Works	Rick Trice, P.E.
Police Chief	Lee Howell
Fire Chief	Doug Spears
Dir. of Community & Eco. Dev.	Keith Rinehart
Director of Human Resources	Melanie McManus
Chief Building Official	Larry Little
Code Enforcement Manager	Lisa Newsom
Senior Combination Inspector	Chris Dyer
Police Sergeant	Christine Gaytan
Police Officer	Brian Stewart

Absent from the meeting:

Library Director	Ellen Ritchie
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Visitors at the meeting:

Brack St. Clair	Kathryn Johnson
Caroline Dreese	Lee Luckeydoo
Randy Lee	Michael Orr
Ahmed Abdallah	

(1) Call to Order

Mayor Flippo called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with a quorum present.

Caroline Dreese of BSA Troop 2716 lead the pledges.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

Pledge of Allegiance to the State of Texas

(2) Invocation

Pastor Michael Orr of the Saginaw Church of Christ gave the invocation.

(3) Audience Participation

This item was covered on the video screen.

(4) Consent Agenda

a. Action regarding Minutes, February 19, 2021

b. Action regarding Award of Contract for Intersection Improvements at Old Decatur Road and WJ Boaz Road

Summary: On February 18, 2020 the City Council conducted a "Mid-Term Capital Improvement Project Planning" Workshop to review projects that might be considered as short-term or interim projects leading up to the proposed 2020 Bond Election. The Old Decatur Road and WJ Boaz Intersection was identified as a candidate. On May 19, 2020, the City Council authorized an Individual Project Order with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (KHA) for the design, bidding and construction administration for the project. The project was subsequently advertised bids on January 27, 2021 and on February 24, 2021 a total of eight (8) bids were received. KHA reviewed the bids and references, and has recommended the award of the contract to GRod Construction, LLC in the amount of \$804,770.35. Funds are available from the 2020 Certificates of Obligation, Account 06-1508-20.

Councilmember Bighorse requested that Item 4b be considered separately.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Tucker to approve Item 4a as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

For Mayor Flipppo, Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers
Beasley, Farr, Tucker, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The Council then considered Item 4b. Director of Public Works Trice briefly explained the recommended award of contract.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bighorse with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld to approve Item 4b as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

For Mayor Flipppo, Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers
Beasley, Farr, Tucker, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- (5) Consideration and Action regarding a Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for a Request for a Specific Use Permit to allow the operation of a Smoke Shop on Property located at Lot 2RA, Block A (1453 N. Saginaw Blvd. Ste. 110) of the Saginaw Retail Center (Ordinance No. 2021-08) (Public Hearing held and Item tabled at 2-19-2021 City Council Meeting)

Motion was made by Councilmember Copeland with a second by Councilmember Beasley to approve Ordinance No. 2021-08, approving a Specific Use Permit to allow the operation of a Smoke Shop on property located at 1453 N. Saginaw Blvd., Ste. 110. Motion carried. 6-1-0-0

For Mayor Flipppo, Councilmembers
Beasley, Farr, Tucker, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- (6) Consideration and Action regarding Resolution No. 2021-09, Adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Strategic Project List and Work Plan (Item tabled at 2-19-2021 City Council Meeting)

Motion was made by Councilmember Farr with a second by Councilmember Beasley to approve Resolution No. 2021-09, adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Strategic Project List and Work Plan as presented. Motion carried. 5-2-0-0

For Mayor Flipppo, Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers
Beasley, Farr, and Copeland

Against: Councilmembers Tucker and Bighorse

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- (7) Political Advertising Rules associated with City Bond Election

City Attorney Meredith gave a brief overview of political advertising rules. He emphasized that the expenditure of public funds for advocacy is prohibited. The City can only publish factual information that doesn't advocate for or against.

- (8) Presentation and Review of Tarrant County Bond Program

City Engineer Shumard gave an overview of the Tarrant County Bond Program scheduled for a November 2021 Election. She explained that following review of projects, a total of five projects are recommended for submittal for the 50% match funding. Those projects are the three phases of Knowles Drive and the two phases of West McLeroy Boulevard. Other potential projects were briefly discussed. The Council concurred with the recommended five projects.

(9) Lobbyist Engagement Agreement and Update with respect to the Texas National Guard property

Motion was made by Councilmember Farr with a second by Councilmember Bighorse to engage the lobbyist with a six month backstop until we get feedback from both Senators (Ted Cruz and John Cornyn) and one member of Congress (Kay Granger) as mentioned. Motion carried. 6-1-0-0

For Mayor Flipppo, Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers
Farr, Tucker, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: Councilmember Beasley

Abstain: None

Absent: None

(10) Executive Session

1 § 551.071. Texas Government Code. Consultation with Attorney. The City Council may convene in executive session to conduct a private consultation with its attorney on any legally posted agenda item, when the City Council seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the provisions of Chapter 551, including the following items:

a. Any Posted Item

1 § 551.087. Texas Government Code. Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations. The City Council may convene in executive session to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or Financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, Stay, or expand in or near the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations; Or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described above, including:

- a. Building Improvement Grant Application—100 S. Hampshire St., #200
- b. Western Center PID Incentive

Mayor Flipppo declared the meeting recessed into Executive Session at 7:49 p.m.

Councilmember Beasley left the meeting at this point.

Councilmember Farr left just prior to the meeting being back in Regular Session.

Mayor Flipppo declared the meeting back in Regular Session at 8:19 p.m.

(11) Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilmember Bighorse with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0-0-2

For Mayor Flipppo, Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers
Tucker, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Beasley and Farr

Mayor Flippo declared the City Council Meeting of March 2, 2021 adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Secretary Janice England

Mayor Todd Flippo