

**CITY OF SAGINAW
MINUTES OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SAGINAW CITY HALL
333 WEST MCLEROY BLVD.
MARCH 10, 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 Manager	Gabe Reaume
Asst. City Manager	Dolph Johnson
City Secretary	Janice England
Finance Director	Kim Quin
Police Chief	Lee Howell
Fire Chief	Doug Spears
Fire Division Chief	Scott Craver
Director of Public Works	Rick Trice, P.E.
Director of Human Resources	Melanie McManus
Director of Comm. & Eco. Dev.	Keith Rinehart
Library Director	Ellen Ritchie

Absent from the meeting:

None

Visitors at the meeting:

Mary Ragle	Ayaub Job Kahondogoro
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(1) Call to Order

Mayor Flippo called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Mayor Flippo stated that Items 2 and 3 are related so both will be discussed and considered together.

- (2) Discussion and Possible Action concerning Activities Associated with the Impact of the Coronavirus (COVID19) on Saginaw Citizens, Businesses, and City of Saginaw Government Operations
- (3) Discussion and Possible Action concerning the City of Saginaw's Health and Safety Policy for City of Saginaw Buildings and Facilities

Mayor Flipppo stated that last week Governor Abbott rescinded the state's mask order effective today. He explained that yesterday the Tarrant County Commissioner's Court took action to extend their mask mandate until May 25, 2021. He added that several Tarrant County cities have done the same with many more planning to do so. He explained that the City can only mandate the requirement of masks for employees and guests in city facilities; and for large outdoor gatherings of over one hundred (100) people. He added that one reason for the extension of the mask order is to allow additional time for more residents to be vaccinated.

City Manager Reaume recommended that the City Council take action to follow the same guidelines as Tarrant County. He explained that the only outdoor gatherings that should be affected would be the Farmer's Market. He added that he has contacted Community Link Mission and they are aware of the guidelines and plan to require masks at the Farmer's Market this Saturday. Fire Chief Spears agreed with the recommendation to require masks for city employees and guests inside city facilities. City Manager Reaume added that the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District will be requiring teachers and students to wear masks. He also recommended no large senior group activities be allowed for the duration of the extended mask mandate. He stated that small group activities have been taking place and those will continue with ten to fifteen participants socially distanced at the Recreation Center.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Farr to recognize Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley's executive order and require that face masks be worn in all Saginaw facilities and at all outdoor gatherings of more than one hundred (100) people through May 25, 2021 unless terminated by the City Council before that date. 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

(4) Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilmember Tucker with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld to adjourn the meeting. 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

Mayor Flippo declared the City Council Meeting of March 10, 2021 adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Secretary Janice England

Mayor Todd Flippo