

**CITY OF SAGINAW
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SAGINAW CITY HALL
333 WEST MCLEROY BLVD.
JUNE 1, 2021**

Present at the meeting:

Mayor	Todd Flippo
Mayor Pro-Tem	Valerie Junkersfeld
Councilmember	Charles Beasley
Councilmember	Patrick Farr
Councilmember	Charles Tucker
Councilmember	Mary Copeland
City Attorney	Bryn Meredith
City Engineer	Trenton Tidwell, P.E.
City Manager	Gabe Reaume
Asst. City Manager	Dolph Johnson
Finance Director	Kim Quin
City Secretary	Janice England
Police Chief	Lee Howell
Fire Chief	Doug Spears
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
Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator	Joseph Laster
Management Analyst	Abdoulie Jarju
Police Officer	E. Spears

Absent from the meeting:

Councilmember	Cindy Bighorse
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Visitors at the meeting:

Brett Bowers	Brack St. Clair
Nicky Lawson	Chuck Inmon
Jan Young	Patti Felegy
Paul Felegy	Adam Whelan

(1) Call to Order

Mayor Flippo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

Pledge of Allegiance to the State of Texas

(2) Invocation

Councilmember Farr gave the invocation.

(3) Audience Participation

This item was covered on the video screen.

(4) Consent Agenda

a. Action regarding Minutes, May 18, 2021

b. Action regarding an Agreement with CMJ Engineering, Inc. for Pavement Investigation Basswood Blvd. Grand Central Parkway to N. Blue Mound Rd. (FM156)

Summary: On May 4, 2021, the City Council received an update on an intersection analysis of Basswood Blvd. and High Country Trail from Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. (KHA). KHA provided alternatives for intersection improvements on Basswood at High Country Trail and at Grand Central Parkway. In addition to the intersection improvements KHA recommended that Basswood Blvd. be reduced in size from a six lane divided to a four lane divided. The four lane divided will have sufficient capacity for ultimate build out. During the presentation the City Council was informed of a problem in the roadway from Grand Central Pkwy. to FM156, where the travel lanes adjacent to the median were heaving, likely from underlying expansive soils. Staff is proposing to engage CMJ Engineering, Inc. to perform a forensic investigation of the subgrade to determine the cause of the heaving and provide recommendations for remediation. The investigation is warranted whether the pavement section is removed and replaced, or simply removed. The cost of the work required is not to exceed \$16,900 without prior authorization. Funds are available in Fund Balance for this expense.

c. Action regarding Administrative Services Agreement for ICMA Retirement Corporation 457 Plan

Summary: The City currently offers a voluntary 457 retirement savings plan for employees through Equitable, formerly known as AXA. This is separate and unrelated to the Texas Municipal Retirement System, which is mandatory for all employees. The plan costs nothing to the City and is offered to employees as a voluntary deduction. Approximately 25 employees contribute to the current 457 plan. Staff would like to offer a 457 plan through ICMA Retirement Corporation which is structured differently than the current plan through Equitable. This would give employees an option of different plans if they choose to open a voluntary 457 plan account.

d. Action regarding Approval of Funds for Sister City Delegation Visit

Summary: As part of the Train & Grain Festival, our Sister City Banjul's Mayor Rohey Lowe and some of the Banjul City Council will be invited to Saginaw for a one week stay. We intend to have a feature at the Train & Grain Festival that showcases Gambian culture, music, and food. The estimated financial impact will be \$15,000 which will pay for airfare and lodging for a delegation to be in Saginaw from October 14-October 21. The funds will come from hotel occupancy taxes.

Mayor Flipppo stated that he received a request to pull Item 4d from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Tucker to approve Items 4a, 4b, and 4c of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0-0-1

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Bighorse

Item 4d (Action regarding Approval of Funds for Sister City Delegation Visit) was discussed. City Manager Reaume stated this item is for approval of the funds to invite a delegation of six to eight people from our Sister City Banjul to visit Saginaw for approximately one week in October. The delegation would attend the 2021 Train & Grain Festival and also a City Council Meeting. The total requested is \$15,000 to cover costs related to travel for the delegation. Management Analyst Jarju added that the Mayor of Banjul is excited about the prospect of visiting Saginaw and introducing residents to the culture, music, and dance of Banjul.

Motion was made by Councilmember Farr with a second by Councilmember Beasley to approve Item 4d of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 5-1-0-1

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

Against: Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Bighorse

(5) Presentation of COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Final Report

Emergency Management Coordinator Laster presented the final report of the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic held at the Saginaw Recreation Center. He expressed his appreciation to the members of Saginaw CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) that assisted with the clinic and presented them with awards. Those members were Paul Felegy, Adam Whelan, Chuck Inmon, and Jan Young. Members recognized but not present were Cindy Bighorse, Kenneth Bond, Vianney Bond, and Jeree Reames.

(6) Consideration and Action regarding authorization of the sale of \$9,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds

Andrew Friedman of SAMCO Capital Markets explained the proposed sale of \$9,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds. Voters recently approved the issuance of \$67,000,000 in bonds. The first issuance will cover Knowles Drive Phase 1 (Edwards to Woodcrest including the roundabout at W.J. Boaz), and the design of the new library and senior citizens center. The Council concurred to proceed with the process to issue \$9,000,000 as discussed.

(7) Recess into Workshop

Mayor Flipppo declared the meeting recessed into Workshop at 6:29 p.m.

(8) Presentation and Discussion of Employee Benefits

Mr. Brett Bowers of HUB International, the City's benefits consultant, gave a power point presentation analyzing and comparing current employee benefits.

(9) Reconvene Back into Regular Session

Mayor Flipppo declared the meeting back in Regular Session at 7:04 p.m.

(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—510-548 S. Saginaw Blvd.

Mayor Flippo declared the meeting recessed into Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Flippo declared the meeting back in Regular Session at 7:17 p.m.

(11) Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilmember Farr with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0-0-1

For: Mayor Flippo, Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers
Beasley, Farr, Tucker, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Bighorse

Mayor Flippo declared the City Council Meeting of June 1, 2021 adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Secretary Janice England

Mayor Todd Flippo