CITY OF SAGINAW
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SAGINAW CITY HALL
333 WEST MCLEROY BLVD.
NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Present at the meeting:

Mayor	Todd Flippo
Mayor Pro-Tem	Valerie Junkersfeld
Councilmember	Charles Beasley
Councilmember	Nicky Lawson
Councilmember	Charles Tucker
Councilmember	Cindy Bighorse
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
Library Director	Ellen Ritchie
Chief Building Official	Larry Little
Utility Billing Supervisor	Karen Cromwell
Utility Billing Specialist	Maria Guynes
Court Administrator	Beverly Brown
Court Clerk	Alma Young
Management Analyst	Kevin Pantoja
Management Analyst	Ayoub Kahondogoro

Absent from the meeting:

Dir. of Comm. & Eco. Dev.	Keith Rinehart

Visitors at the meeting:

Kelly Stewart	Brack St. Clair
Ronnie Mills	Kyle Sikoski

(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

Pastor Ronnie Mills of Kingdom Chapel gave the invocation.

(3) Audience Participation

This item was covered on the video screen.

(4) Consent Agenda

a. Action regarding Minutes, October 19, 2021

b. Action regarding Ratification of a Settlement Agreement and Release associated with the matter of Brandon Cruz v. City of Saginaw/JLB Contracting, LLC, et al.

Summary: The City of Saginaw, JLB Contracting and others were named in a lawsuit involving an automobile accident that occurred on June 29, 2017 while the plaintiff was driving his vehicle in the 300 block of E. Bailey Boswell Road. The City was an additional insured under the contractor's insurance and was defended by the attorneys for the contractor's insurance carrier. The lawsuit has been settled at no cost to the City. To complete the settlement, a Settlement Agreement and Release was prepared as a comprehensive release and dismissal of all claims of all parties against other parties. There is no financial impact to the City.

c. Action regarding Approval of New Fire Station Information Technologies (Access Control, Security, Audio/Visual, Cabling and Associated Information Technology related work)

Summary: Information Technology solutions are vast and require user specific customization to ensure the end result meets the Fire Department's needs now and into the future. For these reasons, and in the initial planning of the fire station project, we selected to self design and contract directly for our access control, security, audio/visual and cabling services. Work is proposed to be performed by Network Cabling Services (NCS) with services and equipment procurement via cooperative purchasing partnerships with which we are members and results in the best leveraged pricing. NCS regularly provides information technology solutions for newly constructed public safety facilities including many in our region. They are also a common contracting partner with Steel & Freeman Inc. There are three pricing quotes which outline the work and components to be provided: ST-21-091 R2 Cabling and IT Distribution Framework ($54,915.82); ST-21-092 Access Control and Video Surveillance Systems ($95,536.26); 9499 & 8718 Audio/Visual Systems ($91,901.54). Although the financial impact is slightly above the initial estimates due to the volatility of material acquisition and pricing impacting construction across the country, pricing is within our approved fire station budget. Staff recommends approval of the three quotes from NCS as stated.

d. Action regarding Approval of Asbestos Abatement for the Structure located at 345 N. Saginaw Blvd.

Summary: The structure located at 345 N. Saginaw Blvd. (a vacant building formerly used as a laundromat) has been voluntarily released for demolition by the property owner. Because the structure contains asbestos, a qualified asbestos abatement contractor must remove this hazardous material before demolishing the structure. Staff recommends award of the contract to ATMS in the amount of $14,305 for asbestos abatement and removal. This contractor was the lowest bidder and was recommended by a State-mandated asbestos abatement consultant. After the asbestos is removed, bids will be received for the demolition of the structure.

There were requests to remove Items 4c and 4d from the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Tucker to approve Items 4a and 4b of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Items 4c (Action regarding Approval of New Fire Station Information Technologies (Access Control, Security, Audio/Visual, Cabling and Associated Information Technology related work) and 4d (Action regarding Approval of Asbestos Abatement for the Structure located at 345 N. Saginaw Blvd.) were discussed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bighorse with a second by Councilmember Tucker to approve Items 4c and 4d of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

(5) Recognition of Government Finance Officers Association Award of Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting presented to the City of Saginaw and Finance Director Quin

City Manager Reaume explained that the City recently received the Government Finance Officers Association Award of Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. He stated this is the 30th year that the City has received the award and the 9th year that Finance Director Quin has received the award. He expressed his appreciation to Finance Director Quin and her staff for their efforts. Finance Director Quin introduced members of the City Office Staff that were present. They were Karen Cromwell, Utility Billing Supervisor; Maria Guynes, Utility Billing Specialist; Beverly Brown, Court Administrator; and Alma Young, Court Clerk. Mayor Flippo presented the award to Finance Director Quin.

(6) PUBLIC HEARING – Consideration and Action regarding Ordinance No. 2021-24, Creation of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone containing approximately 295.44 acres of noncontiguous land generally located North of Bailey Boswell Road, North of McLeroy Blvd. and West of Saginaw Blvd., and being wholly located within the Corporate Limits of the City of Saginaw

Mayor Flippo declared the public hearing for this item opened at 6:32 p.m. There was discussion regarding the proposed ordinance and draft Preliminary Project and Finance Plan. City Attorney Meredith explained that the proposed ordinance is form driven and contains the required elements from the Tax Code. City Manager Reaume added that the Project Plan will be presented for approval at the next City Council Meeting. Mayor Flippo called for public input. There was none. Mayor Flippo declared the public hearing closed at 6:48 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Copeland with a second by Councilmember Beasley to approve Ordinance No. 2021-24, Creation of a Tax Reinvestment Zone, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

(7) 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

(8) 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 Flippo, Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld,
Councilmembers Beasley, Lawson, Tucker, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Mayor Flippo declared the City Council Meeting of November 2, 2021 adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

ATTEST: APPROVED:

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Janice England, City Secretary Todd Flippo, Mayor