

**CITY OF SAGINAW
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SAGINAW CITY HALL
333 WEST MCLEROY BLVD.
JUNE 7, 2022**

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	Lee Howell
Finance Director	Kim Quin
City Secretary	Janice England
Police Chief	Russell Ragsdale
Fire Chief	Doug Spears
Director of Public Works	Randy Newsom
Director of Human Resources	Melanie McManus
Director of Comm. & Eco Dev.	Keith Rinehart
Library Director	Ellen Ritchie
Director of Communications	Pedro Zambrano
Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator	Joseph Laster
Asst. Police Chief	Brandon Badovinac
Police Sergeant	James Crippen
Management Intern	Aabid Rajwani
Police Officer	Bernal

Absent from the meeting:

None

Visitors at the meeting:

James McClinton	John Peet
Paul Felegy	Michael Orr
Jonathon Reames	J.T. Manoushagain

(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 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, May 17, 2022

b. Action regarding Resolution No. 2022-15 Denying the DCRF Application proposed by Oncor Electric Delivery Company

Summary: Oncor Electric Delivery Company (Oncor) filed an application on or about May 13, 2022 with cities retaining original jurisdiction seeking to increase system-wide transmission and distribution rates by about \$251 million or approximately 4.5% over present revenues. They are requesting an 11.2% increase in residential rates and a 1.6% increase in street lighting rates. The proposed resolution suspends the June 17, 2022 effective date of the requested increase to allow the City working in conjunction with the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor (a coalition of 169 cities) time to evaluate the filing, determine whether the filing complies with law, and if lawful, determine what further strategy, including settlement, to pursue. The Steering Committee is a coalition of 169 cities.

c. Action regarding Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County Emergency Services District #1 for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Funding

Summary: Tarrant County has facilitated county ARPA funding to Tarrant County Emergency Services District #1 (TCESD1). Departments who contract with TCESD1 to provide fire and EMS services in the unincorporated areas of Tarrant County are eligible for the ARPA funding through an Interlocal Agreement grant. The Fire Department has applied for a grant and for the maximum eligible amount. Approval of the proposed Interlocal Agreement will permit the Fire Department to expend the TCESD1 approved expenditure(s) which will be followed by submission for reimbursement. The financial impact will be the gain of \$29,985 in fire service protective equipment with no impact to the city budget.

d. Action regarding Ordinance No. 2022-07, Increasing Amount of Over 65 Homestead Exemption

Summary: The City currently grants a residence homestead exemption for persons who are 65 years of age or older. The exemption has changed through the years (in 1974 the exemption was \$3,000; in 1981 it was increased to \$6,000; in 1984 it was increased to \$25,000; in 1985 it was increased to \$30,000; in 2002 it was increased to \$40,000; and in 2007 it was increased to the current \$50,000). The exemption reduces the appraised value of a property thus decreasing the taxes owed. The proposed ordinance will increase the amount of exemption to \$100,000.

e. Action regarding Participation in Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

Summary: The City of Fort Worth's Neighborhood Services Department contacted the City of Saginaw to participate in their Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). This is a program that prioritizes helping low income households that have fallen behind on water and wastewater payments in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic with the intention to restore connection and prevent disconnection. Accounts who are up to date on payments but still meet the federal income requirements are eligible to receive a one-time subsidy capped at \$600. All payments are made to the water provider and all priority groups are subject to federal poverty guidelines. The benefits of the program are implemented on a sliding scale where the lowest income levels will receive the highest level of assistance. Households will be eligible at or below 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. There is no cost to the City of Saginaw for participation in this program.

f. Action regarding Interlocal Agreement with the cities of Burleson, Decatur, Haltom City, Haslet, Keller, Richland Hills, Roanoke, Watauga, the Benbrook Library District, and the Forest Hill Library District for reciprocal lending of library materials

Summary: The proposed Interlocal Agreement makes the Saginaw Public Library a member of the MetroShare Library Consortium. A consortium is a network of libraries that share a common catalog and allows for borrowing between libraries. Staff is proposing the change from NTLC to MetroShare which will offer added benefits to our patrons and staff. There is no cost to join MetroShare. The Library Board recommends approval.

g. Action regarding contract with ByWater Solutions for Library software installation, hosting and support

Summary: This contract provides for the installation ongoing hosting and support for a new library software system This is the software that allows us to keep a database (catalog) of all the Library's items, as well as to check items in and out. The software we use is determined by which library network (consortium) we choose to be a part of. Staff is proposing a change from our current consortium (NTLC) to MetroShare (Item 4f). The financial impact will be \$13,000 (\$5,200 annual cost plus \$7,800 for installation). Funds for this expenditure will be taken from Account 01-4300-09, Library Data Processing Expenses and Accounts 20-4300-62 and 20-5245-62, Donations Fund Accounts—Library (Data Processing Expenses and Contract Services). The Library Board recommends approval.

Mayor Flippo stated that Items 4d, 4e, 4f, and 4g have been requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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. 7-0-0-0

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The Council considered Item 4d, Action regarding Ordinance No. 2022-07, Increasing Amount of Over 65 Homestead Exemption and Item 4e, Action regarding Participation in Low Income Household Water Assistance Program.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Bighorse to approve Items 4d and 4e 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

The Council considered Item 4f , Action regarding Interlocal Agreement with the cities of Burleson, Decatur, Haltom City, Haslet, Keller, Richland Hills, Roanoke, Watauga, the Benbrook Library District, and the Forest Hill Library District for reciprocal lending of library materials, and Item 4g, Action regarding contract with ByWater Solutions for Library software installation, hosting and support.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Tucker to approve Items 4f and 4g 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) Discussion of Board and Committee Recommendations

Councilmembers Lawson, Bighorse, and Copeland gave an update on their review of the various boards, commissions, and committees. Their suggestions and proposed changes were explained.

(6) K9 Program Update

Lake Worth Police Chief J.T. Manoushagian gave a presentation and answered questions regarding the current K9 Program in Lake Worth.

(7) Northwest Tarrant CERT Update

Emergency Management Coordinator Laster gave a presentation and update on the activities of the Northwest Tarrant County Civilian Emergency Response Team.

(8) 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

(9) Adjournment

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Tucker 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 June 7, 2022 adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Secretary Janice England

Mayor Todd Flippo