

**CITY OF SAGINAW
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SAGINAW CITY HALL
333 WEST MCLEROY BLVD.
JUNE 21, 2022**

Present at the meeting:

Mayor	Todd Flippo
Mayor Pro-Tem	Valerie Junkersfeld
Councilmember	Nicky Lawson
Councilmember	Cindy Bighorse
Councilmember	Mary Copeland
City Attorney	Bryn Meredith
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 Comm. & Eco. Dev.	Keith Rinehart
Director of Human Resources	Melanie McManus
Library Director	Ellen Ritchie
Police Officer	Brian Stewart
Information Technology Mgr.	Greg Clayton
Finance Manager	Jennifer Garrett
Management Analyst	Ayoub Kahondogoro

Absent from the meeting:

Councilmember	Charles Beasley
Councilmember	Charles Tucker

Visitors at the meeting:

Brack St. Clair	Melissa King
Kay Miller	Egan Borgmann
Paul Felegy	John Peet
Mark Towns	Linda MacAhan
Dennis Hudson	Kristie Dean
Kelly Stewart	

(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

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(2) Invocation

Pastor Dennis Hudson of Saginaw Park Baptist Church gave the invocation.

(3) Audience Participation

This item was covered on the video screen.

(4) Consent Agenda

a. Action regarding Approval of Minutes, June 7, 2022

b. Action regarding Ad Valorem Tax Collection Contract with Tarrant County

Summary: The City has contracted with Tarrant County for the collection of ad valorem taxes for many years. The use of Tarrant County for city, school, county, and special district tax collection provides an economy of scale and ultimate savings to our customers. The proposed contract is for tax years 2022 through 2024, which are fiscal years 2022/2023, 2023/2024, and 2024/2025. The collection rate in the proposed contract is \$.98 per account (the same rate charged per account since 2017). State law requires the county to charge the actual cost for tax collection. Tarrant County handles all services related to billing and collecting our taxes. The number of accounts estimated for 2022 is 10,938 for an estimated cost of \$10,719.

c. Action regarding Agreement between City of Saginaw and Tarrant County College District to participate in Reinvestment Zone No. 1

Summary: This agreement addresses the City's and Tarrant County College District's participation in Reinvestment Zone No. 1. Following approval by the City Council, the agreement will be presented to the Tarrant County College District for action.

Mayor Flipppo stated that he received a request to remove Item 4b from the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Lawson to approve Items 4a and 4c of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0-0-2

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Beasley and Tucker

The Council considered Item 4b, Action regarding Ad Valorem Tax Collection Contract with Tarrant County.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Bighorse to approve Item 4b of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0-0-2

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Beasley and Tucker

(5) Recognition of Makayla Miller's Community Garden Project

Councilmember Bighorse read a certificate in recognition of Makayla Miller's Community Garden Project. Councilmember Bighorse presented the certificate to Ms. Miller.

(Councilmember Bighorse left the meeting at this point.)

(6) FY2022-2023 Budget Workshop

Finance Director Quin gave a presentation regarding the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund and the Street Maintenance Fund. She briefly explained the budget for both funds. Both are funded by local sales tax revenues.

(7) Update on the 2022 Strategic Project List & Work Plan

Director of Community and Economic Development Rinehart explained options for starting a chamber of commerce as well as joining an established chamber of commerce in the area. The three options are as follows.

1. Form a new Chamber of Commerce with assistance from Tarrant County College
2. In May, City joined a regional economic development partnership with the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. However, this isn't a typical chamber of commerce as it is geared more toward economic development.
3. Join the Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce. They are considering expanding into the northwestern portion of Tarrant County which would include Saginaw.

There was discussion regarding the options. The Council requested more information including cost estimates for each option as well as the pros and cons.

(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
- b. 400 S. Saginaw Blvd. & 405 S. Belmont St.

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—120 W. McLeroy Blvd.
- b. 400 S. Saginaw Blvd. & 405 S. Belmont St.

Mayor Flippo declared the meeting recessed into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m.

Mayor Flippo declared the meeting back in Regular Session at 7:11 p.m.

(9) Adjournment

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Copeland to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 4-0-0-3

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Beasley, Tucker, and Bighorse.

Mayor Flippo declared the City Council Meeting of June 21, 2022 adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Secretary Janice England

Mayor Todd Flippo