

**CITY OF SAGINAW
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SAGINAW CITY HALL
333 WEST MCLEROY BLVD.
MARCH 3, 2023**

Present at the meeting:

Mayor Pro-Tem	Valerie Junkersfeld
Councilmember	Paul Felegy
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
Fire Chief	Doug Spears
Asst. Fire Chief	Scott Craver
Police Chief	Russell Ragsdale
Director of Public Works	Randy Newsom
Dir. of Community & Eco. Dev.	Keith Rinehart
Director of Human Resources	Melanie McManus
Library Director	Ellen Ritchie
Chief Building Official	Larry Little
Building Inspector	Chris Dyer
Environmental Manager	Matt Regan
Fire Battalion Chief	John Tadlock
Fire Lieutenant	Austin Pittman
Fire Lieutenant	Dean Baumann

Absent from the meeting:

Mayor	Todd Flippo
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Visitors at the meeting:

Brack St. Clair	Bobby Cartwright
A.G. Hollenstein	Ronnie Horton
Rick Russell	Kelly Stewart
Dennis Hudson	Brandi Coble
Jonathan Wallace	Chloe Wallace
Megan Le	Theresa Berkenks
Mark Towns	Brian Hunter
Mark Perry	Bryan Waugh
Erick Munoz	Levi McCoid
David Walker	Matt Hubert
Malcolm Mitchell	Cory Robinson

(1) Call to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld 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 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 Minutes, February 21, 2023

b. Action regarding an Individual Project Order with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for Conceptual Design of McLeroy Boulevard Phase 3

Summary: Under the proposed Individual Project Order, Kimley-Horn and Associates will prepare the conceptual design for McLeroy Boulevard from Knowles Drive to Saginaw Boulevard. The intent of this project is to provide a conceptual level design that can be used to determine cross-section and begin franchise utility and right-of-way coordination. This project also includes geotechnical analysis and coordination with adjacent property owners, projects and agencies. The total financial impact will be \$318,000. Funding for this expenditure will come from the Tarrant County reimbursement for Knowles Drive Phase 1.

c. Action regarding Tarrant County Emergency Services District No. 1 (TCESD1) American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Recovery Funds Agreement Amendment

Summary: In June of 2022, the City Council approved an agreement with TCESD1 to receive \$30,000 of Tarrant County ARPA State and Local Recovery Funds to be used for firefighting equipment (PPE and/or SCBAs). That \$30,000 has been allocated toward PPE commonly referenced to as bunker gear (firefighting coat/pant ensembles, helmets, boots, gloves and hoods). An additional \$150,000 of ARPA funds has now been made available for the same purposes (PPE and SCBAs). The proposed agreement amendment is to approve acceptance of the additional ARPA funds. The expenditure process will follow a grant structure (submittal request to TCESD1 identifying equipment to be purchased; TCESD1 approval; acquisition of equipment; and request for reimbursement from TCESD1). A list of equipment will be created based on need and greatest benefit to our department's firefighting capabilities.

d. Action regarding Resolution No. 2023-04, Supporting State Rail Funding for Local Grade Separations

Summary: We have been contacted by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad regarding supporting the effort to get the Texas Legislature to appropriate funds specifically for local grade separation projects. Resolution No. 2023-04 confirms the City's support.

e. Action regarding a Contract with Burleson Demolition for the Demolition and Removal of the existing House, Metal Pole Barn, Asphalt along W. McLeroy Blvd., Abandoned Concrete on all lots; and Grading of Dirt at 300, 308 & 320 W. McLeroy Blvd.

Summary: The proposed contract with Burleson Demolition covers the removal of the house, metal pole barn, asphalt along West McLeroy Blvd., abandoned concrete house pad, chain link fencing, and miscellaneous concrete on all lots; and grading of dirt at 300, 308, and 320 W. McLeroy Blvd. This work will help prepare the site for future construction. The total cost will be \$12,950. Burleson Demolition has performed demolition work for the City in the past.

Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld explained she has received requests to pull Item 4d and Item 4e from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lawson with a second by Councilmember Bighorse approve Item a, Item b, and Item c of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0-0-1

For Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers Felegy, Lawson, Tucker, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mayor Flippo

The Council considered Item 4d, Action regarding Resolution No. 2023-04, Supporting State Rail Funding for Local Grade Separations.

Motion was made by Councilmember Felegy with a second by Councilmember Copeland to approve Item 4d as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0-0-1

For Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers Felegy, Lawson, Tucker, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mayor Flippo

The Council considered Item 4e, Action regarding a Contract with Burleson Demolition for the Demolition and Removal of the existing House, Metal Pole Barn, Asphalt along W. McLeroy Blvd., Abandoned Concrete on all lots; and Grading of Dirt at 300, 308 & 320 W. McLeroy Blvd.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lawson with a second by Councilmember Tucker to approve Item 4e as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0-0-1

For Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers Felegy, Lawson, Tucker, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mayor Flippo

(5) Discussion of City Ordinance regarding Foster Animals

Ms. Megan Le addressed the Council. She expressed her concern regarding the current city ordinance regarding animals, and that it does not address foster animals. She asked the Council to consider making changes.

The Council concurred that the proposed changes should be presented to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee for their consideration and recommendation of any changes to the Council.

(6) City Ordinance Review Discussion – Off Street Parking

Chief Building Official Little gave a presentation of proposed changes to the current off street parking requirements. The purpose of the proposed changes is to help eliminate any ambiguity, make the ordinance more pertinent to current conditions, and assist staff with gaining compliance with the intent of the ordinance.

(7) Fire Department Salary, Staffing, Budget, and General Overview Discussion

Fire Chief Spears gave a brief overview of the Fire Department budget and staffing. Battalion Chief Tadlock, Lieutenant Pittman, and Lieutenant Baumann gave a presentation regarding compensation considerations, service levels, training and education, regional recruiting competitiveness, and staffing needs.

(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 Councilmember Tucker with a second by Councilmember Bighorse to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0-0-1

For Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld, Councilmembers
Felegy, Lawson, Tucker, Bighorse, and Copeland

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mayor Flippo

Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld declared the City Council Meeting of March 7, 2023 adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Secretary Janice England

Mayor Todd Flippo