CITY OF SAGINAW
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SAGINAW CITY HALL
333 W. MCLEROY BLVD.
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

Present at the meeting:

Mayor	Todd Flippo
Mayor Pro-Tem	Valerie Junkersfeld
Councilmember	Charles Beasley
Councilmember	Patrick Farr
Councilmember	Charles Tucker
Councilmember	Cindy Bighorse
Councilmember	Mary Copeland
City Attorney	Bryn Meredith
City Engineer	Andrew Simonsen, 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.
Dir. of Comm. & Eco. Dev.	Keith Rinehart
Library Director	Ellen Ritchie
Chief Building Official	Larry Little
Sr. Bldg. Combination Insp.	Chris Dyer
Inspector	Jarid Smith
Bldg. Dept. Exec. Assistant	Debra Thomas
Management Analyst	Kevin Pantoja
Police Officer	Klayton Kaddatz

Absent from the meeting:

Director of Human Resources	Melanie McManus

Visitors at the meeting:

Jon Farrer	Mike Freeman
Robert Rivera	Stuart Fink
Dorothy Parks	Kelly Stewart
Darwin Winfield	

(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

Reverend Jon Farrer of the Saginaw United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

(3) Audience Participation

This item was covered on the video screen.

(4) Consent Agenda

a. Action regarding Minutes, August 15, 2020

b. Action regarding Minutes, August 18, 2020

c. Action regarding Resolution No. 2020-20, Approving a Negotiated Settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the Company's 2020 Rate Review Mechanism Filing
Summary: Saginaw is one of 172 cities who are members of the ACSC. Atmos filed a rate review request in March asking for additional revenues. ACSC's consultants reviewed the request and prepared a report for the ACSC Executive Committee who negotiated the attached settlement with Atmos. The impact of the settlement on an average residential bill is an increase of $5.15 on a monthly basis, or 9.9 percent. The increase for an average commercial bill will be $15.48 or 6.56 percent. These rates become effective December 1, 2020. Resolution No. 2020-20 addresses the settlement agreement.

d. Action regarding MedStar CARES Act Funding Request
Summary: On May 19, 2020 the City Council approved an interlocal agreement with Tarrant County governing the Allocation of federal assistance funds. The City received the Tarrant County allocation of $1,230,900 on July 23, 2020. MedStar has submitted a request for a portion of the allocation for additional costs necessary to provide service during the COVID-19 pandemic. MedStar is requesting a proportionate share of $4,029.20 of the City's CARES Act funding distribution from Tarrant County.

Motion was made by Councilmember Farr with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

(5) Consideration and Action regarding Approval of Funds for "Art in the Community Program" Mural

Motion was made by Councilmember Farr with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld to approve funds in the amount of $12,000 to be appropriated from the Keep Saginaw Beautiful Donation Fund for a new mural to be painted on the south side of the Northwest Plumbing building. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

(6) Consideration and Action regarding Agreement for Construction Manager at Risk Services for the New Central Fire Station with Steele and Freeman, Inc.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Tucker to approve Construction Manager at Risk Services for the new central fire station with Steele and Freeman, Inc. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

(7) Consideration and Action regarding Ordinance No. 2020-17, Amending Chapter 10, "Buildings and Building Regulations", of the Code of Ordinances by Amending Article XXIV "Rental Registration and Inspection Program" to establish Additional Registration and Inspection Requirements and Establishing Related Fees

Motion was made by Councilmember Copeland with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld to approve Ordinance No. 2020-17 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

(8) Consideration and Action regarding Ordinance No. 2020-18, Amending Ordinance No. 2010-14 as Amended, Amending Animal Services Fees regarding allowed number of Backyard Chickens; Public Works Fees; and Rental Registration and Inspection Fees in the Master Fee Schedule

Motion was made by Councilmember Farr with a second by Councilmember Beasley to approve Ordinance No. 2020-18 amending the Master Fee Schedule. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

(9) Discussion of National Night Out Event

Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld suggested the City host a "National Night Out" Event for residents on October 3rd, the Saturday before National Night Out. She suggested a kid's parade that could begin at the Recreation Center and end at the Farmer's Market area at the Saginaw Switchyard in Willow Creek Park. Other activities suggested included farmer's market, food trucks, animal adoptions, performances by school choirs or bands. She added that face masks and social distancing would be required. There was some discussion. The consensus of the Council was to hold an event on October 3rd if the details can be worked out and with the understanding that face masks and social distancing will be required.

(10) Discussion of Public Improvement District and Chapter 380 Incentive for Property located at Northwest Corner of Blue Mound Road (Hwy. 156) and East McLeroy Boulevard

Robert Rivera of FMS Bonds, underwriter representing Provident Realty, explained the process of creating a Public Improvement District (PID) and how a PID works. Dorothy Parks and Stuart Fink, both of Provident Realty, addressed the Council. Provident Realty is considering purchasing and developing the property at the northwest corner of Blue Mound Road and East McLeroy Boulevard.

(11) Executive Session

1 § 551.071. 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

(12) Adjournment

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Junkersfeld with a second by Councilmember Farr to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Mayor Flippo declared the City Council Meeting of September 1, 2020 adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Janice England

APPROVED:

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Mayor Todd Flippo