



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING CITY OF BAY CITY

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 5:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 1901 5th Street

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor: Robert K. Nelson

Mayor Pro Tem: Jim Folse

Council Members: Benjamin Flores, Jim Folse, Bradley Westmoreland, Susan Reardon, Blayne Finlay

Vision Statement

We envision Bay City as a thriving, family-centered community where our citizens can live, work, worship, and play, while welcoming visitors to experience our beautiful environment and diverse culture.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert K. Nelson at 5:02 PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Robert K. Nelson

Council Member Benjamin Flores (Via Teams)

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse

Council Member Bradley Westmoreland

Council Member Susan Reardon

Council Member Blayne Finlay

INVOCATION & PLEDGE

Texas State Flag Pledge: "Honor The Texas Flag; I Pledge Allegiance To Thee, Texas, One State Under God, One And Indivisible."

Councilwoman Susan Reardon

MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Bay City promotes economic growth and invests in quality-of-life initiatives through collaboration. We respond promptly and professionally to residents' concerns and strive to deliver superior municipal services.

Councilwoman Susan Reardon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Westmoreland to approve the agenda with the change of moving item six to be after item nine. Seconded by Council Member Finlay. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cheryl Stahle from For the Love of Animals made a public comment asking for an update on the proposed Animal Ordinance and voiced her concerns. Another citizen made a comment about the proposed Animal Ordinance and voiced concern about animal attacks in her neighborhood. Angelica Hernandez, a resident of 2306 Matthews, voiced concerns about the proposed Animal Ordinance and offered suggestions to help with some of the issues. Susan Dancer, from 3225 Avenue K commented as an animal rescuer about the costs associated with responsible pet ownership.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager, Scotty Jones, gave shout-outs to Public Works and Street and Bridge crews for their hard work. She then spoke about Ray with the Communications department and his efforts in spreading information to the community. She also explained the multiple platforms where the information can be found and how to access them. Ms. Jones congratulated the Library staff on their success and the attendance during the Deck the Library event. She then gave a shout-out to Elite Pressure Washing for their hard and efficient work and long hours spent pressure washing downtown. Ms. Jones spoke briefly about the Parks and Recreation department's park bench project, and about how LeTulle Park will be receiving \$1,000 toward beautification. 12 people participated in the Polar Plunge event, and there were 150 participants in the last movie event through Parks and Recreation. She also announced upcoming City events and programs.

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Pro Tem Folse mentioned that the City ran the street sweeper and found the parking lot at the Wharton Junior College building was in good enough condition to update the parking lot markings and striping. No other repairs will be needed. Council Member Susan Reardon gave a shout-out to Darve Smith for his work on the employee newsletters. They are a great resource for everyone. Council Member Blayne Finlay gave an attaboy to Ray Beltran for his social media posting and updates. He looks forward to seeing more. He also congratulated Officer Chris Hadash on all of his many years and hard work for the Bay City Police Department and best of luck on his new job. He will be missed at the City. Council Member Brad Westmoreland noticed all the events at Parks and Recreation and the Library among other departments throughout the City, They have such a positive impact, and he thanked all the teams and Scotty for continuing to offer these opportunities. He also asked for updates on the Public Safety building timeline and asked if they could have a conversation soon about the hours of operation for the Recycling Center. Lastly, he asked to have Union Pacific address the railroad crossing at McDonald's (Sonic), which is deteriorating rapidly. Council Member Benjamin Flores shared his thoughts on the proposed Animal Ordinance as he had to leave the meeting early, before the proposed Ordinance was addressed. He finds that limiting the citizens on the number of pets they can have is problematic. He does not support citizens having to register as breeders. Mayor Nelson thanked the City employees for all of their continued hard work, and thanked the citizens for attending the meeting and invited them back in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

1. Special Called Meeting minutes of November 18, 2025.
2. City Council Workshop minutes of December 9, 2025.
3. City Council Regular Meeting minutes of December 9, 2025.
4. Special Called meeting minutes of December 16, 2025

Motion made by Council Member Finlay to approve all Consent Agenda items. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

5. Municipal Court 1st Quarter Report.

Magistrate/ Court Administrator, Katy Plunkett, presented and discussed the Municipal Court 1st Quarter Report.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

6. Ordinance ~ Review and discuss the Public Input received and the proposed Animal Control Ordinance.

Bay City Police Chief, Christella Rodriguez presented a recap of the beginning stages of the Animal Control and discussed the proposed Ordinance in depth. Mayor Pro Tem, Jim Folse, stated his concern about Section 14.21 1d and 3e rescue individuals and organizations and would like to look over these sections again to make it easier to rescue. He also addressed the permit fees, which the Chief stated they are still working on but are almost completed. There were some questions asked of the public. The subject of Animal Control and police response time was briefly discussed. Council Member Westmoreland addressed his concern about Section 14.23 a1 (c), and going against sound medical advice. The Chief stated it will be looked into further. Council Member Finlay asked that Communications post accurate updates to the public explaining the steps that have been taken and information moving forward.

7. Contract ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve Change Order No. 3 request for additional construction work to the Cottonwood Lift Station Improvements Project and authorize the Mayor to execute a change order between the City of Bay City and LEM Construction in an amount not to exceed \$389,109.85.

Public Works Director, Herb Blomquist, presented and discussed the need for the change order. Tyson Hann with Garver Engineering, then explained the project and how it has evolved, costs associated, and why it's necessary to move forward.

Motion made by Council Member Westmoreland to approve Change Order No. 3 request for additional construction work to the Cottonwood Lift Station Improvements Project and authorize the Mayor to execute a change order between the City of Bay City and LEM Construction in an amount not to exceed \$389,109.85. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

8. Ordinance ~ Discuss, Consider, and/or approve an Ordinance of the City of Bay City, Texas adopting a "Budget Amendment #3 Final" to the "Annual Budget of the City of Bay City, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2025"; providing for supplemental appropriation and/or transfer of certain funds; providing for severability; and providing other matters related to the subject.

City Manager, Scotty Jones, presented and discussed an Ordinance adopting a "Budget Amendment #3

Final" to the "Annual Budget of the City of Bay City, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2025." Council Member Westmoreland thanked staff for the cleanup efforts downtown, citizens have noticed.

Motion made by Council Member Finlay to approve an Ordinance of the City of Bay City, Texas adopting a "Budget Amendment #3 Final" to the "Annual Budget of the City of Bay City, Texas, for the Fiscal Year 2025"; providing for supplemental appropriation and/ or transfer of certain funds; providing for severability; and other matters related to the subject. Seconded by Council Member Reardon. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Council Member Flores, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried. A poll was taken.

9. **Resolution ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve a Resolution of the City of Bay City, Texas committing the City to provide local matching funds to secure and complete application for the Boat Access Grant Program, for Phase 1 Engineering.**

Parks and Recreation Manager, Kelly Penewitt, discussed the need for local match funds for the Boat Access Grant Program. The city has \$15,000 available, the grant can go up to \$250,000. It is a matching 25/75 grant. The recommended cap is a \$25,000 match.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folse to approve a Resolution of the City of Bay City, Texas committing the City to provide local matching funds to secure and complete an application for the Boat Access Grant Program, for Phase 1 Engineering, noted that the cap is at a \$25,000 match. Seconded by Council Member Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Council Member Westmoreland, Council Member Reardon, Council Member Finlay. Motion carried.

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session

RECONVENE AND ACTION

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER

City Manager, Scotty Jones, announced that Travel Texas will be attending the 10th annual Camofest to present the Tourism Friendly certification. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse announced the Chamber of Commerce awards banquet is being held Thursday night.

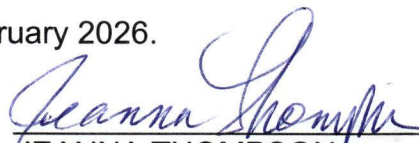
ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 7:10 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 24th day of February 2026.



ROBERT K. NELSON, MAYOR
CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS



JEANNA THOMPSON
CITY SECRETARY

