

CITY OF BAY CITY

MINUTES • APRIL 12, 2022

**COUNCIL
CHAMBERS | 1901
5th Street**

City Council Regular Meeting

6:00 PM

**1901 5TH STREET
BAY CITY TX, 77414**



Mayor

Robert K. Nelson

Councilman

Jim Folse

Mayor Pro Tem

Jason W. Childers

Councilman

Bradley Westmoreland

Councilwoman

Becca Sitz

Councilwoman

Floyce Brown

***Bay City is committed to developing and enhancing the long-term prosperity,
sustainability, and health of the community.***

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robert K. Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE

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

Councilman Westmoreland

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Robert K. Nelson certified that a quorum was present.

PRESENT

Mayor Robert K. Nelson
Mayor Pro Tem Jason W. Childers
Councilwoman Floyce Brown
Councilman Jim Folse
Councilwoman Becca Sitz
Councilman Brad Westmoreland

MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Bay City is a community that fosters future economic growth, strives to deliver superior municipal services, invests in quality of life initiatives and is the gateway to the great outdoors. We encourage access to our unique historical and eco-cultural resources while maintaining our small-town Texas charm.

Councilman Westmoreland

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilwoman Floyce Brown made a motion to approve the agenda and Mayor Pro Tem Jason Childers seconded the motion. The motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**1. City Council Workshop Meeting minutes of March 22, 2022**

Mayor Pro Tem Jason Childers made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Councilwoman Floyce Brown seconded the motion. The motion carries.

REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL

- 2. Proclamation ~ Presentation of a Proclamation designating a certain alley as "Eagles Way" honoring Eagle Scouts.**

Mayor Robert K. Nelson presented the proclamation to Boy Scout Troop 45 designating the alley behind the Scout building as Eagles Way.

- 3. Appointment ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the appointment of Lawanda Hines to the Public Housing Authority.**

Per Mayor Robert K. Nelson, this item will be remove and no action at this time.

- 4. Appointment ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve the appointment of Susan Fehmel to the Main Street Board.**

Tina Israel, Main Street Manager, addressed the Mayor and Council to approve the appointment of Susan Fehmel to the Main Street Board.

Motion made by Councilwoman Brown, Seconded by Councilman Folse.
Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Childers, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland

- 5. Award ~ Presentation of 2021 TMLDA Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award.**

Samantha Denbow, Library Director, addressed the Mayor and Council to provide information on the 2021 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries award. Out of the 565 public libraries in this state, 59 earned this award. This placed the Bay City Public Library in the top 10% of the state. Ms. Denbow advised that in order to receive this award you must meet the requirements for ten different categories.

- 6. Report ~ Library Quarterly report and updates.**

Samantha Denbow, Library Director, provided the Mayor and Council with quarterly report and programming updates. She advised they are starting to get their momentum back after the Covid pandemic. They have already surpassed the attendance numbers for last year. The library has participated in several events, including National Night Out and Trunk or Treat. They have also been doing the Lego Club, Bad Art Night for adults, and Creative Aging for seniors. Ms. Denbow stated they are also working on updating their policy manual.

- 7. Ordinance ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve an ordinance amending the City Code of Ordinances relating to Chapter 114 Utilities, Article IV ("Sewers and Sewage Disposal"), Division 4 ("Repair of Sanitary Sewer Leaks on Private Property"); providing penalties; providing for repeal all prior law in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date.**

Barry Calhoun, Public Works Director, addressed the Mayor and Council for approval on an ordinance that would amend the City Code of Ordinances Chapter 114 Utilities, Article IV, Division 4. This amendment would allow for transparency in regards to whether the city of the citizen would incur the cost of certain repairs. Mr. Calhoun did advise that if the amendment was adopted, there is not currently an agreement in place for Section One, Sec. 114-210 (g).

Councilwoman Floyce Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented and Councilman Brad Westmoreland seconded the motion. The motion carries.

8. Ordinance ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve an Ordinance adopting budget amendments for the quarter ending March 31, 2022.

Scotty Jones, Finance Director, addressed the Mayor and Council in regard to a 2nd quarter budget amendment. This amendment includes the compensation plan, asphalt spreader, cyber security software and the local match for the TXDOT runway fund.

Motion made by Councilwoman Sitz to approve the ordinance adopting budget amendments, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Childers, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried.

9. Agreement ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bay City and Bay City I.S.D. regarding the recreational facilities use of the 16th Street Pool (Valiant Pool).

Scotty Jones, Finance Director, provided information to the Mayor and Council on this agreement. She advised that the BCISD School Board voted on this item at their meeting the week before. The school board would like to have a firm two year agreement that would end in March 2024 that would also allow an opt out option if the facility was deemed as non-functional. The school would pay \$6,250 monthly and would work with Bay City Parks and Recreation for scheduling.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Childers to approve the Interlocal Agreement with BCISD, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Mayor Pro Tem Childers, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland. Motion carried.

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council did not require consultation on item 10 and tabled item 11.

10. Legal ~ Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government code (Consultation with Counsel on legal matters).

11. Pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (To discuss appointment, employment, evaluation, responsibilities and duties,

reassignment, discipline or dismissal of an officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee: City Manager.

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, & CITY MANAGER

Councilman Folse asked to get an update on how the merit pay system was progressing as well as an update on the Hamman Road phase 1 and 2 projects. Mayor Robert K. Nelson advised that there would be a benefits meeting on Monday and Councilman Westmoreland stated that he should be attending. Councilman Westmoreland also raised the question about changes at the Civic Center. Mayor Nelson replied that he would get with Mitch Thames to check on those changes. Councilwoman Sitz talked about the downtown streets being opened. Councilwoman Brown gave information on the Good Friday Easter egg hunt at Letulle Park from 12-3.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Floyce Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Jim Folse seconded the motion. The motion carries and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 10th day of May 2022.



ROBERT K. NELSON, MAYOR

CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS



JEANNA THOMPSON

CITY SECRETARY

