

Minutes for the City Council

333 West McLeroy Boulevard, Saginaw, Texas, 76179

October 17, 2023, 6:00 PM - October 17, 2023, 7:22 PM

Roll Call: (The following members were in attendance)

Todd Flippo, Mayor

Cindy Bighorse, Place 5

Valerie Junkersfeld, Mayor Pro Tem

Mary Copeland, Place 6

Nick Lawson, Place 2

Absent:

Paul Felegy, Place 1

Randy Edwards, Place 4

1. Call To Order

1A. Call To Order -- Todd Flippo, Mayor - 6:00 PM

Mayor Flippo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Police Chief Russell Ragsdale

Asst. Police Chief Brandon Badovinac

Fire Chief Doug Spears

Director of Public Works Randy Newsom

Director of Community & Economic Development Keith Rinehart

Library Director Ellen Ritchie

Communications Manager Pedro Zambrano

Environmental/Drainage Manager Matt Regan

Absent:

Councilmember Paul Felegy

Councilmember Randy Edwards

Director of Human Resources Melanie McManus

Visitors:

Brack St. Clair

Glenn Reeves

Michael Harris

Michael Harris Jr.

Kelly Stewart

Ronnie Horton

Mark Towns

John Reynolds

Jason Moore

Ryan Balliett

**1B. Pledges--Pledge of Allegiance to the United States; Pledge of Allegiance to the State of Texas--
"Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one State under God, one and indivisible" -
6:00 PM**

1C. Invocation--Dr. Mark Towns, First Baptist Church - 6:01 PM

Dr. Mark Towns of the First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

1D. Audience Participation--Anyone wishing to speak during the discussion of an item listed on the agenda must complete an audience participation form. These forms are located by the Police Chief. After completing the form, give it to the City Secretary. She will give it to the Mayor. The Mayor will call on you when that item is discussed. You will have three (3) minutes to make your comments. - 6:02 PM

2. Consent Agenda

All items listed are part of the Consent Agenda. Public hearing and review are held collectively unless opposition is presented, in which case the contested item will be heard separately.

Valerie Junkersfeld made a motion to Approve that was seconded by Cindy Bighorse with a result of 5-0-0-0

2A. Action regarding Minutes, October 3, 2023--Janice England, City Secretary - 6:02 PM

The minutes of the City Council Meeting held on October 3, 2023 were presented for consideration.

2B. Action regarding entering into Contract with Flock Group Inc. for Implementation of Flock Safety ALPR (Automatic License Plate Reader) System--Russell Ragsdale, Chief of Police - 6:02 PM

Flock Safety provides an infrastructure-free automatic license plate reading (ALPR) camera system for cities who want to reduce crime within a principled framework. Unlike traditional ALPR, Flock uses Vehicle Fingerprint technology to transform hours of footage into a searchable database to find the single piece of evidence needed, even when a license plate isn't available. It is important to clarify that the Flock ALPR system does not include facial recognition capabilities and does not capture personally identifiable information. The data capture by Flock is owned by each individual agency and Flock will never share or sell the data. The proposed contract is a two-year contract. The first year includes lease, setup and installation fees for a total of \$85,500. The second year lease fees total \$67,500, for a total two-year contract of \$153,000. Funds are included in the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund Budget (Account 11-5245-00, License Plate Reader Service) for the first year fees.

2C. Action regarding Resolution No. 2023-22, Requesting Authorization for the Installation of Automated License Plate Reader Cameras in Various Locations within Texas Department of Transportation Rights-of-Way within the City--Russell Ragsdale, Chief of Police - 6:02 PM

This item is related to Item 2B. Resolution No. 2023-22 requests authorization for the installation of automated license plate reader cameras in various locations within Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Rights-of-Way. This item is simply to request authorization so there is no financial impact.

2D. Action regarding Emergency Rooftop HVAC Repairs to Police Department--Russell Ragsdale, Chief of Police - 6:07 PM

A pre-season inspection on all Police Department HVAC units revealed emergency replacement needs to be completed on six (6) heat exchangers before they can be activated. The total cost of the emergency repairs will be \$24,109 through BuyBoard Contract #631-20 with TD Industries.

**** Item was Removed from Consent**

Cindy Bighorse made a motion to Approve that was seconded by Valerie Junkersfeld with a result of 5-0-0-0

2E. Action regarding Professional Services Agreement with LJA Engineering, Inc. for Planning Services--Randy Newsom, Director of Public Works - 6:08 PM

The proposed Professional Services Agreement with LJA Engineering, Inc. is for planning services to be provided by Abra Nusser. The agreement covers planning services as needed and replaces the prior agreement with Peleton Land Solutions. Since the agreement is on an as needed basis, the financial impact will be dependent on the actual services rendered.

**** Item was Removed from Consent**

Mary Copeland made a motion to Approve that was seconded by Nick Lawson with a result of 5-0-0-0

2F. Action regarding Ordinance No. 2023-29, Amending Chapter 98, "Utilities", Article V, "Cross Connection Control" of the Saginaw City Code; Amending Regulations governing the Cross Connection Control Program--Matt Regan, Environmental/Drainage Manager - 6:13 PM

Ordinance No. 1997-14, Cross Connection Ordinance, is being updated to include changes brought forth from the City of Fort Worth, our water supplier. As a result, we are amending the ordinance to allow only lead free backflow assemblies to be installed within the City. We are also adjusting the testing frequency to annual for all assemblies. Ordinance No. 2023-29 addresses these amendments.

**** Item was Removed from Consent**

Valerie Junkersfeld made a motion to Approve that was seconded by Cindy Bighorse with a result of 5-0-0-0

3. Proclamations-Presentations

4. Public Hearings

5. Business

5A. Consideration and Action Regarding a Guaranteed Maximum Price presented by Byrne Construction Services for the new Library and Senior Center Project--Lee Howell, Asst. City Manager - 6:16 PM

Asst. City Manager Howell stated that under CMAR contract, Byrne Construction has presented a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$24,446,792 for the construction of the new library and senior center. Byrne Construction has worked closely with the City and architectural teams to find the best value in design and construction materials. Every effort has been made to minimize cost increases. Upon approval of the GMP, Byrne Construction will execute contracts with material and construction

subcontractors. The proposed timeline sets a site mobilization date of December 4, 2023. Funds for the library and senior center project are budgeted from the 2020 voter authorized bond funds and remaining ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. Mr. Jason Moore, Byrne Construction Manager, and Mr. Ryan Balliett, Byrne Construction Senior Cost Estimator, were present. Mr. Moore stated that construction is anticipated to take fourteen to sixteen months following groundbreaking in December.

Valerie Junkersfeld made a motion to Approve that was seconded by Mary Copeland with a result of 5-0-0-0

5B. Projects Update--Trenton Tidwell, P.E., City Engineer & Randy Newsom, Director of Public Works -
6:52 PM

City Engineer Tidwell and Director of Public Works Newsom gave a brief update on several projects including: Knowles Drive; Highland Station Berm; Highland Station Park Restroom; and Highland Station Pedestrian Bridge, maintenance issues, and erosion concerns. Also briefly discussed was the possibility of expanding Sherwood Trail.

6. Executive Session

The City Council may take action on any Executive Session item posted.

6A. 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: -

6B. Any Posted Item -

7. Adjournment

7A. Adjournment--Todd Flippo, Mayor - 7:22 PM

Mayor Flippo declared the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Valerie Junkersfeld made a motion to Approve that was seconded by Cindy Bighorse with a result of 5-0-0-0