

**City of Saginaw**  
**Minutes for the City Council**

333 West McLeroy Boulevard, Saginaw, Texas 76179

September 2, 2025

**Present at the Meeting:**

- Todd Flippo, Mayor
- Paul Felegy, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place 1
- Nick Lawson, Place 2
- Valerie Junkersfeld, Place 3
- Brack St. Clair, Place 4
- Shawn Morrison, Place 5
- Mary Copeland, Place 6
- Bryn Meredith, City Attorney
- Gabe Reaume, City Manager
- Lee Howell, Asst. City Manager
- Kim Quin, Finance Director
- Doug Spears, Fire Chief
- Russell Ragsdale, Police Chief
- Randy Newsom, Director of Public Works
- Jarred Coursey, Asst. Director of Public Works
- Pedro Zambrano, Director of Economic Development & Community Engagement
- Ellen Ritchie, Library Director
- Vicky Vega, City Secretary
- Vickie Weldon, Recreation Services Manager
- CJ Ross, W/WW Crew Leader
- Sgt. Pruitt
- Officer Barbour

**Absent from the Meeting:**

- Trenton Tidwell, City Engineer
- Melanie McManus, Director of Human Resources

**Visitors at the Meeting:**

- Meghan Adams
- Cheyne McIlroy
- Sheri McIlroy
- Kelly Schilling
- Amy Huynh
- Obediah Thomas
- Judy Deller
- Benjamin Guttery
- Adliyah Bellow
- Daniel Chambers

## 1. Call To Order

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### 1.A. Call To Order -- Todd Flippo, Mayor

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

**1.B. 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"**

### 1.C. Invocation

Councilmember Copeland gave the invocation.

**1.D. 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 comment**

## 2. Consent Agenda

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Motion was made by Councilmember Junkersfeld and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Felegy to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously. 7-0-0-0.

### 2.A. Action Regarding Minutes, August 12, 2025, meeting--Vicky Vega, City Secretary

This item was approved by consent.

### 2.B. Action Regarding Minutes, August 19, 2025, meeting--Vicky Vega, City Secretary

This item was approved by consent.

**2.C. Action Regarding an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Saginaw, Texas, approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2025 rate review mechanism filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; finding the rates to be set by the attached settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest--Bryn Meredith, City Attorney**

Council approved negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division Regarding the Company's 2025 Rate Review Mechanism filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; finding the rates to be set by the attached settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest.

This item was approved by consent.

**2.D. Consideration and Action Regarding the Keep Saginaw Beautiful Photo Area at the 2025 Train & Grain Festival -- Pedro Zambrano -- Director of Economic & Community Engagement**

Council approved the Keep Saginaw Beautiful photo area at the 2025 Train & Grain Festival and authorized the use of no more than \$850 from the KSB donation fund.

This item was approved by consent

### **3. Proclamations-Presentations**

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#### **3.A. Recognitions/Presentations--Gabe Reaume, City Manager**

Assistant Director of Public Works Coursey recognized CJ Ross for receiving his Collections III Water License with the state of Texas.

Recreation Services Manager Weldon recognized seasonal staff from the Aquatic Center and Summer Camp. Daniel Chambers, Aquatic Trainer and Cheyne McIlroy, Camp Director and Meghan Adams, Assistant Camp Director.

This item was informational, and no action was taken.

#### **3.B. Discussion Regarding Drone Awareness, Safety, Privacy Rights & Freedom to Pursue Justice--Obediah Thomas, Saginaw Resident**

Saginaw resident Obediah Thomas gave an overview regarding drone awareness, safety, privacy rights & freedom to pursue justice.

This item was informational, and no action was taken.

#### **3.C. Discussion Regarding Traffic Light Design Located at Bailey Boswell & Jarvis Rd--Kelly Schilling, Saginaw Resident**

Saginaw residents Kelly Schilling and Amy Huynh briefed the Council regarding traffic safety concerns at the intersection of Bailey Boswell and Jarvis Road.

Council discussed potential deterrents to improve safety in the affected area. Beginning October 1st, with the adoption of the new budget, flashing stop signs will be installed to address the concerns.

This item was informational, and no action was taken.

#### **3.D. Discussion Regarding Shade Structure for the Animal Recreation Yard-Valerie Junkersfeld, Councilmember Place No. 3**

Councilmember Junkersfeld informed the Council, that she and her husband will donate three shade structures to the Animal Shelter. These structures are intended to provide coverage for the animal recreation yard. She explained that her husband's business will perform all the work and assume full responsibility for the cost, labor and liability. She stated that they do not want any monetary donations towards this project but if someone wanted to donate any supplies, that is welcomed and anyone who helps with supplies will be recognized.

This item was informational, and no action was taken.

### **4. Executive Session**

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Mayor Flippo declared the meeting into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

**4.A. 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:

**4.B. Any Posted Item-**

**4.C. 551.087. Texas Government Code. Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations.** The City Council may convene in executive session to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City, and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described above, including:-

**4.D. Building Improvement Grant Application for 681 N. Saginaw Blvd.**

**4.E. 1005 N. Saginaw Blvd**

## **5. Business from Executive Session**

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Mayor Flippo called the meeting back into regular session at 7:07 p.m.

### **5.A. Consideration and Action Regarding a Building Improvement Grant Application for 681 N. Saginaw Blvd.**

Asst. Director of Economic Development & Community Engagement Victor, informed the Council that the city received a Building Improvement Grant application from Ashton Apartments located at 681 N. Saginaw Blvd. In their application they are requesting funding for multiple enhancements, which include facade, landscaping, lighting, parking and driveways, signage, and public art. Ms. Victor explained with the current policy in place they are only eligible for lighting, signage and public art, since they have not begun any work on those three requests.

There was one request to speak on topic from Benjamin Guttery, a Saginaw resident. He expressed satisfaction with the new ownership of the Ashton Apartments and stated that he had conducted research and provided the Council with background information on the new owners. Mr. Guttery noted that the new owners have been moving very quickly with the renovations but in doing so have caused some detrimental effects, such as chopping down 30-year-old trees and leaving stumps that are unsightly.

Mr. Guttery discussed the proposed mural and expressed concerns that he does not believe it qualifies as public art, since it would face the parking lot for the 150 apartment units rather than the general public. However, he also stated that he is very pleased with the new owners and complimented the fresh paint on the apartments, noting that it looks very nice but also wants Council to be mindful about taxpayer's dollars when awarding funds.

Mayor Flippo explained that when awarding funding, the policy only allows projects that have not yet begun, to be funded. In this case, the application qualifies only for lighting, signage and art. The art component is still pending additional details, Council expressed that they would like the art to better reflect Saginaw.

Council discussed the funding for the enhancements for lighting (\$2,230) and Signage (\$4,340), totaling to \$6,570.

Motion was made by Councilmember Morrison and seconded by Councilmember Copeland to approve the Building Improvement Grant application for the lighting and signage enhancements that total to \$6,570. Motion passed unanimously. 7-0-0-0.

## **6. Adjournment**

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### **6.A. Adjournment--Todd Flippo, Mayor**

Motion was made by Councilmember Junkersfeld and seconded by Councilmember St. Clair to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. 7-0-0-0.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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VICKY VEGA, CITY SECRETARY

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TODD FLIPPO, MAYOR