

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

333 West McLeroy Boulevard, Saginaw, Texas 76179

February 17, 2026, 6:00 PM

**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
- Kim Quin, Finance Director
- Doug Spears, Fire Chief
- Russell Ragsdale, Police Chief
- Jarred Coursey, Asst. Director of Public Works
- Trenton Tidwell, P.E. City Engineer
- Pedro Zambrano, Director of Economic Development & Community Engagement
- Melanie McManus, Director of Human Resources
- Ellen Ritchie, Library Director
- Vicky Vega, City Secretary
- Vickie Weldon, Recreation Services Manager
- Ronnie Horton, Adult Library Services

**Absent from the Meeting:**

- Randy Newsom, Director of Public Works

**Visitors at the Meeting:**

- Judge Christopher Gregory
- Dan Dittsfurth

**1. Call To Order**

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

Mayor Flippo called the meeting 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--Dr. Mark Towns, First Baptist Church**

Councilmember St. Clair gave the invocation in absence of Dr. Mark Towns.

**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 Councilmember St. Clair to approve item 2A, 2B, 2C and to remove 2D from the Consent Agenda. Motion carried. 7-0-0-0.

### **2.A. Action regarding Minutes from the February 3, 2026, meeting--Vicky Vega, City Secretary**

Council approved the Minutes from the February 3, 2026.

### **2.B. Action regarding Aquatic Center Repairs/Improvements--Vickie Weldon, Recreation Service Manager**

Council approved repairs and improvements to the Aquatic Center, including repainting and gel coated of the play structures and slides in the amount of \$78,655, as well as replacements of the treads and decking on the slide tower for a cost of \$47,970. All work is funded with the approved FY 2025/2026 budget.

This item was approved through Consent.

### **2.C. Action regarding a Resolution declaring intent to reimburse an amount not to exceed \$4,200,000 for certain capital expenditures with proceeds from debt; and placing time restrictions on the issuance of tax-exempt obligations.**

Council adopting Resolution No. 2026-03, will allow the City to reimburse itself from a future debt issuance (Certificates of Obligation) for moneys spent on animal shelter and fire department projects. The projects to be financed that are the subject of this Resolution are the acquisition, construction, renovation, improvement and equipment of buildings, facilities and public safety facilities for the animal services and fire departments, including an animal control facility and the acquisition of a fire truck and related equipment; and acquiring land and interests in land necessary for such projects.

This item was approved through Consent.

## **2.D. Action regarding the purchase of Right-of-Way Easement and Real Property located at the intersection of McLeroy Blvd & Saginaw Blvd from "Seller" Dick Elkins--Bryn Meredith, City Attorney**

Council discussed two non-substantive changes requested by Mr. Elkins attorney to the purchase agreement. Staff also clarified that the purchase agreement price would increase from \$650,000 to \$700,000, reflecting an additional \$50,000 related to demolition of the existing structure to accommodate a future dedicated turn lane improvement.

City Manager Reaume explained that the City would acquire approximately a thirteen foot strip of property and that the demolition would be completed by the property owner prior to the closing.

Council discussed whether the additional \$50,000 would be structured as a reimbursement with receipt or incorporated into the purchase price, payable once the property was demolished, in order to avoid City involvement in potential asbestos abatement and demo activities.

Staff confirmed that the transaction must be completed prior to the bidding the associated roadway project, anticipated by September 2027. The project remains within the approved budget.

### **\*\* Item was Removed from Consent**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Felegy and seconded by Councilmember Junkersfeld to approve the increase purchase price to \$700,000 and subject to the city attorney final approval of the language in the agreement. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0.

## **3. Proclamations-Presentations**

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

No Recognition's/Presentations by Staff.

### **3.B. Presentation on Professional Services--City Staff**

Staff provided a presentation regarding the procurement process for professional services, emphasizing that firms are selected based on qualifications rather than price, in accordance with state law and established procurement standards. The presentation outlined how services such as attorneys, city engineers and architects are procured through a qualification based selection process. Staff that pricing is negotiated only after the most qualified firm is identified. The presentation also addressed fact versus fiction related to professional services procurement, clarifying common misconceptions about the selection of process, evaluation criteria, and legal requirements governing these contracts.

This item was informational and no action taken.

## **4. Business**

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### **4.A. Consideration and Action regarding award of Bid for Municipal Engineering Services--Jarred Coursey, Asst. Director of Public Works**

Jarred Coursey, Assistant Director of Public Works presented staff recommendation to award the bid for professional engineering services to Kimley-Horn and Associates. Mr. Coursey provided a brief overview of the evaluation process, explaining that four vendors proposals were received and reviewed by a scoring committee comprised of City staff. Each proposal was evaluated using a standardized scoring metrics that included the following criteria:

- Company background
- Related project experience
- Staff members
- Project Schedule
- Reference
- Complete Proposal Packet
- Capabilities

Following a comprehensive review of the submitted proposals and services offered, staff recommended awarding the engineering services contract to Kimley-Horn. Staff noted that Kimley-Horn consistently provides high quality service due to the firms depth of expertise and available resources. Additionally, maintaining a consistent engineering workflow is critical to daily operations, and Kimley-Horn's reliability, availability, and institutional knowledge help the City achieve that continuity.

Council discussed prior projects that were considered dissatisfaction and expressed concerns regarding past performance. There was discussion to bring the other vendors who submitted a proposal to make a presentation to Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lawson and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Felegy to Table item and have various vendors present to Council their proposals. Motion passed. 5-2-0-0-. (Yea: Felegy, St.Clair, Morrison, Lawson, Junkersfeld) (Nay: Copeland and Flippo)

**4.B. Consideration and Action Regarding Amendment #1 to an Individual Project Order (IPO) with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (KHA) for Final Design of McLeroy Boulevard Phase 3. --Trenton Tidwell, P.E. City Engineer**

Council approved Amendment No. 1 to an Individual Project Order (IPO) with Kimley-Horn and Associates for the final design of McLeroy Blvd, Phase 3. The amendment includes the redesign of approximately 1,200 linear feet of McLeroy Blvd, extending from Western Center to Belmont Street. The revised design shifts McLeroy Blvd south within the existing right-of-way to accommodate on street parking adjacent to the cemetery. The project cost for the design scope of work for the IPO is a \$80,000 and will be paid from the 2021 Bond funding.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Felegy and seconded by Councilmember Junkersfeld to approve item as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0.

**4.C. Consideration and action regarding Resolution No 2026-02, 2026 Work Plan--Gabe Reaume, City Manager**

Council approved Resolution No. 2026-02, 2026 Annual Strategic Project List and Work Plan:

- Employee Personnel Manual Update
- 2026 Bond Communication and Informational Awareness
- Creation of "Friends of Parks" or other parks related non-profit
- Citywide Tree Assessment/Tree Relocation Program
- Update and Standardize Gateway/City Limits/"Welcome" Monument Signs

- Update of the Economic Development Plan (Last adopted in 2016)
- Review a Street Maintenance Fee • Update facility deposit fees, rental fees, and program offerings. (Recreation and Aquatics) • Hotel Recruitment/Hotel Market Study
- Cyber Security Audit Risk Assessment • Minimum Property Standards Compliance-Hotels • Strategic Plan Review

Motion was made by Councilmember St. Clair and seconded by Councilmember Junkersfeld to approve item. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0.

## 5. Executive Session

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No Executive Session

**5.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:**

### 5.B. Any Item Posted

## 6. Adjournment

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

Motion was made by Councilmember Junkersfeld and second by Councilmember St. Clair to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0.

Mayor Flippo adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Vicky Vega, City Secretary

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Todd Flippo,