

CITY OF SAGINAW
MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

333 West McLeroy Boulevard, Saginaw, Texas 76179

August 4, 2026, 6:00 PM

Roll Call: *(The following members were in attendance)*

- Todd Flippo, Mayor
- Paul Felegy, Mayor Pro-Tem, Councilmember, Place 1
- Valerie Junkersfeld, Councilmember, Place 3
- Brack St. Clair, Councilmember, Place 4
- Shawn Morrison, Councilmember, Place 5
- Mary Copeland, Councilmember, Place 6
- Bryn Meredith, City Attorney
- Gabe Reaume, City Manager
- Lee Howell, Assistant 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
- Susy Victor, Asst. Director of Economic & Community Engagement
- Melanie McManus, Director of Human Resources
- Vicky Vega, City Secretary
- Luisa Pina, Public Works Admin Coordinator
- Maria Hernandez, Planner I
- Ronnie Martinez, Superintendent of Water Utilities
- Jarred Coursey, Asst. Director of Public Works
- Ellen Ritchie, Library Director
- Chris Dyer, Chief Building Official
- Robin Espinosa, Police Sergeant
- James Crippen Police Lieutenant

Absent

- Nick Lawson, Councilmember, Place 2

Visitors:

- The Pruitt Family
- George Rodriguez
- Andrew Friedman with SAMCO Capital
- Jack McLiney with SAMCO Capital
- Judy Deller
- Shanna Saurez

1. Call To Order

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

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

**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

Pastor Mark Towns 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

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Felegy and seconded by Councilmember Junkersfeld to approve 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, and 2E of the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0-0-1 (Absent: Councilmember Lawson)

2.A. Action Regarding Minutes from July 21, 2026 meeting--Vicky Vega, City Secretary

Council approved the minutes from July 21, 2026.

Item was approved the Consent Agenda.

2.B. Action Regarding Appointment of Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) Board of Directors for Members with Terms Expiring September 1, 2026--Vicky Vega, City Secretary

Council took action to reappoint Todd Flippo, Shawn Morrison, and Mary Copeland of Crime Control and Prevention District Board. New term expires September 1, 2028.

This item was approved through the Consent Agenda.

2.C. Action Regarding Ordinance No. 2026-24, 2026 Annual Service Plan Update and 2026 Assessment Roll for Public Improvements for the Belmill Public Improvement District--Gabe Reaume, City Manager

Council approved Ordinance No. 2026-24, the 2026 Annual Service Plan Update and 2026 Assessment Roll for public improvements for the Beltnell Public Improvement District (no changes to the actual plan).

This item was approved through the Consent Agenda.

2.D. Action Regarding Purchase of Holiday Decorations for the Library--Ellen Ritchie, Library Director

Council approved the Library Board's recommendation to purchase holiday décor for the Library facility. The recommendation includes a 15-foot tree and ornaments for the lobby area. The Library Board voted on this item at its July 14, 2026 meeting. Approximately \$9,500 will be funded from the Library Donations Fund balance.

This item was approved through the Consent Agenda.

2.E. Action Regarding Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County for Remote Video Magistration - Russell Ragsdale, Chief of Police

Council approved an Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County for Remote Video Magistration. Tarrant County Criminal Courts Administration has requested the Saginaw Police Department to participate in their Remote Video Magistration Program. Several law enforcement agencies throughout Tarrant County currently participate in this program, including our NWECC partner agency, Lake Worth. Currently inmates that are arrested on county charges must appear before a Tarrant County magistrate for arraignment. To ensure this occurs within the allotted time frame, the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office typically transports inmates from our detention facility daily. By implementing Remote Video Magistration, the county will be better positioned to meet statutory requirements while streamlining the initial appearance process for inmates in custody. Eligible inmates will have the opportunity to appear before a magistrate and, if appropriate, post bond and be released from our detention facility the same day. It also significantly reduces the need for inmate transportation by the Sheriff's Office, resulting in more efficient use of personnel and resources and ultimately reducing overall inmate population in the Tarrant County Jail. This program is designed to improve coordination among all participating agencies by creating a more efficient, timely and consistent judicial process. The financial impact is less than \$250.00 dollars for hardware that would be absorbed in our current I.T. budget. The County will assist in providing additional hardware as necessary.

This item was approved through the Consent Agenda.

3. Proclamations-Presentations

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

Chief Ragsdale recognized and introduced Lieutenant Pruitt in honor of his most recent promotion and presided over his swearing-in ceremony and pinning of his badge.

3.B. Discussion Regarding the Proposed Fees for the Switchyard & Recreation Center and Updating Rental Agreement Form--Vickie Weldon, Recreation Services Manager

Recreation Services Manager Weldon, discussed the proposed fees for the Switchyard and Recreation Center.

The proposed changes include fees associated with the Aquatic Center, Summer Camp Program, and Indoor and Outdoor Facility Rentals for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget.

Motion was made by Councilmember St. Clair and seconded by Councilmember Morrison to approved item 3B as presented. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0-0-1 (Absent: Councilmember Lawson)

3.C. Discussion Regarding Home Garage Enclosure/Conversion--Chris Dyer, Chief Building Official

Chief Building Official Dyer led a discussion with Council regarding residential garage conversions and the Carport Overlay District. Mr. Dyer explained that the previous ordinance referencing the Carport Overlay District was repealed to allow carports citywide in the applicable zoning districts. However, an existing enclosed garage exemption in the current Ordinance, section 4-6, Non-Conforming Buildings, still requires single-family residential properties to maintain two enclosed parking spaces within the "Carport Overlay District." Because the Carport Overlay District is still referenced in the City Code of Ordinances, Council agreed that the inconsistency should be addressed and that an ordinance revision is necessary. Staff will return at a future meeting to present the proposed revision for Council's consideration.

3.D. Discussion Regarding Police Recruitment, Recruitment Plan/Process, and Plan to Fill Police Vacancies--Shawn Morrison, Councilmember 5

Motion was made by Councilmember Morrison and seconded by Councilmember Junkersfeld to Table item 3D, pending a future Workshop on topic. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0-0-1 (Absent: Councilmember Lawson)

4. Public Hearings

4.A. PUBLIC HEARING--Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Proposed Budget--Kim Quin, Finance Director

Public Hearing was opened at 6:24 PM

Mayor Flippo declared the public hearing open at 6:24 pm regarding the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. Finance Director Quin gave a brief overview of the proposed budget. Mayor Flippo called for public input. There was none. Finance Director Quin explained that the City Council must Table the public hearing in order for it to be continued at the August 11, 2026, Special Called meeting.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Felegy and seconded by Councilmember Junkersfeld to Table the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0-0-1 (Absent: Councilmember Lawson)
Public Hearing to be continued on August 11, 2026, at the Special Called Meeting.

5. Business

5.A. Consideration and Action taken on an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Saginaw, Texas combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation, series 2026; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said certificates; approving the official statement; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions related to the subject. -- Kim Quin, Finance Director

Finance Director Quin reminded the Council on the actions taken at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting, during which direction was given to issue \$4,200,000 in certificates of obligation for the purchase of a fire truck, renovations to Fire Station #2, and the acquisition of land for the Animal Shelter. Ms. Quin also noted that Notice of the issuance was published on June 10, 2026, and June 17, 2026, in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and on the City website and the bid deadline is on August 4, 2026. Andrew Friedman and Jack McLiney of SAMCO Capital Market briefed the Council on the bidding process. The bid period for the Certificate of Obligations closed on August 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., and seven bids were received. The lowest bidder was R.W. Baird & Co.

Motion was made by Councilmember St. Clair and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Felegy to Approve Ordinance No. 2026-19, Authorizing the issuance and sale of the City of Saginaw, Texas, combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation, series 2026; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said certificates; approving the official statement; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0-0-1 (Absent: Councilmember Lawson)

5.B. Consideration and Action taken on an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Saginaw, Texas general obligation bonds, series 2026; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said bonds; approving the official statement; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.--Kim Quin, Finance Director

Finance Director Quin reminded Council that on May 2, 2026, voters approved Proposition A for street improvements and Proposition C for an animal shelter. She also noted that at the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting, Council directed staff to issue \$4,550,000 in bonds, for street improvements (\$1,300,000) and for an animal shelter (\$3,250,000). Ms. Quin further reported that notice of the bond issuance was published in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and on the City's website on June 10, 2026, and June 17, 2026. She added that bids are due on August 4, 2026. Andrew Friedman and Jack McLiney representatives of SAMCO Capital Market briefed the Council on the bidding process. The bid period for the Certificate of Obligations closed on August 4, 2026, at 11:00 am, and eight bids were received. The lowest bidder was R.W. Baird & Co.

Motion was made by Councilmember St. Clair and seconded by Councilmember Junkersfeld to Approve Ordinance No. 2026-20, Authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Saginaw, Texas general obligation bonds, Series 2026; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said bonds; approving the official statement; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0-0-1 (Absent: Councilmember Lawson)

6. Executive Session

Mayor Flippo declared the meeting into Executive Session at 6:39 pm

6.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:

6.B. Any Posted Item

6.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:

6.D. Texas Enterprise Zone Nomination

6.E. 620 S. Saginaw Blvd

7. Adjournment

7.A. Adjournment--Todd Flippo, Mayor

Mayor Flippo called the meeting back into regular session from Executive Session at 6:49 pm

Motion was made by Councilmember St. Clair and seconded by Councilmember Junkersfeld to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0-0-1 (Absent: Councilmember Lawson)

Mayor Flippo adjourned the meeting at 6:49 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Vicky Vega, City Secretary

Todd Flippo, Mayor