

City of Saginaw
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
Held on January 7, 2025
333 West McLeroy Blvd.

Present at the Meeting:

- Todd Flippo, Mayor
- Paul Felegy, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place 1
- Nicky Lawson, Place 2
- Valerie Junkersfeld, Place 3
- Brack St. Clair, Place 4
- Cindy Bighorse, Place 5
- Mary Copeland, Place 6
- Bryn Meredith, City Attorney
- Lee Howell, Asst. City Manager
- Kim Quin, Finance Director
- Janice England, City Secretary
- Russell Ragsdale, Police Chief
- Corey Burnett, Police Lieutenant
- Doug Spears, Fire Chief
- Jarred Coursey, Asst. Director of Public Works
- Keith Rinehart, Director of Community & Economic Development
- Melanie McManus, Director of Human Resources
- Ellen Ritchie, Library Director
- Pedro Zambrano, Communications Manager
- Lorraine Irby, Municipal Court Judge

Absent from the Meeting:

- Trenton Tidwell, City Engineer
- Gabe Reaume, City Manager

Visitors at the Meeting:

- Valentino Gutierrez
- Joe Knox Reed
- Mark Towns
- Nathan Towns
- Josh Roberson
- Ericka Gambill
- Kristie Dean
- Duane Mann
- Ronnie Horton

1. Call To Order

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

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

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"

1C. Invocation--Dr. Mark Towns, First Baptist Church

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.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Junkersfeld with a second by Mayor Pro-Tem Felegy to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

2A. Action regarding Minutes, November 19, 2024--Janice England, City Secretary

2B. Action regarding Minutes, December 3, 2024--Janice England, City Secretary

2C. Action regarding Ordinance No. 2025-1, Appointment of Municipal Court Judge and Associate Judges; and Approval of Municipal Court Judge Agreement--Kim Quin, Finance Director

In January of 2012, a Municipal Court of Record was established by the City Council. Attorney Lorraine Irby was appointed Judge in 2012 and she has been reappointed since that time. Associate Judges are appointed in conjunction with the Judge's appointment. The current Associate Judges are Wendy Cooper, Stewart Bass, and Bonnie Wolf. The current term of office for the Judge and Associate Judges expire on January 31, 2025. Ordinance No. 2025-01 reappoints the Judge and Associate Judges for a one year term that will expire January 31, 2026. The proposed Municipal Court Judge Agreement is the same as the current agreement. The annual cost of the Judge's services is \$45,360 and up to \$350 for training expenses. The cost of the agreement is included in the FY 2024/2025 Adopted Budget. Staff recommends approval.

2D. Action regarding Reappointment of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 Board of Directors--Janice England, City Secretary

The terms of office of five (5) members of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 Board of Directors expired on December 31, 2024. Terms of office are two years. The members with expired terms are: Place 1-Todd Flippo, Place 2-Paul Felegy, Place 3-Nicky Lawson, Place 4-Valerie Junkersfeld, and Place 6-Cindy Bighorse. Action must be taken to reappoint the five members listed.

3. Proclamations-Presentations

3A. Employee Recognitions/Presentations--Lee Howell, Asst. City Manager

Communications Manager Zambrano recognized the members of the City Staff as well as volunteers that assisted with the many events held during 2024.

3B. Discussion regarding Senior Center--Joe Knox Reed

Mr. Joe Knox Reed addressed the City Council. He requested the Council's consideration of naming the new senior center in honor of Ms. Gloria Dale Reed. He gave a brief history of Ms. Reed's service to the City over the past 60+ years. He added that Ms. Reed has always supported the Saginaw community; worked tirelessly to bring a senior citizen living complex to Saginaw; and loves this community. He expressed his appreciation for the Council's time and consideration. Mayor Flippo requested that staff email the resolution establishing the criteria and guidelines for naming city facilities to the Council for review.

3C. Branding Guideline Update Workshop - Work Plan Project -- Pedro Zambrano, Communications Manager

Communications Manager Zambrano updated the Council on the branding guidelines. Seven options for an official City Logo were presented for consideration. After some discussion, the Council narrowed the number of options to two. Those two were option 4 and option 5. The Council concurred to let the citizens of Saginaw vote on the two options. Communications Manager Zambrano stated that the results of voting by the citizens as well as a resolution addressing the logo and its use would be presented to the Council at a future meeting.

At this point in the meeting Mayor Flippo recognized Mr. Valentino Gutierrez. Mr. Gutierrez requested to address the Council. City Attorney Meredith explained that the Council could hear Mr. Gutierrez but not deliberate or respond to him since he is not speaking on an item listed on the agenda. Mr. Gutierrez addressed the Council. He expressed his concerns regarding city employees and their lack of respect for citizens. He also gave a prayer urging everyone to treat all people with respect.

4. Executive Session

Mayor Flippo declared the meeting recessed into Executive Session at 6:22 p.m.

Councilmember Junkersfeld left the meeting at this time due to a Conflict of Interest.

4A. 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:

4B. Any Posted Item

4C. 400 S. Saginaw Blvd. and 405 S. Belmont St.

4D. 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:

4E. 400 S. Saginaw Blvd. and 405 S. Belmont St.

5. Adjournment

5A. Adjournment--Todd Flippo, Mayor

Mayor Flippo declared the meeting back in Regular Session at 6:53 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bighorse with a second by Councilmember St. Clair to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0-0-1 (Junkersfeld Absent)

Mayor Flippo declared the January 7, 2025 City Council Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.