

City of Saginaw
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
Held on May 13, 2025
333 West McLeroy Boulevard

Present at the Meeting:

- Paul Felegy, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place 1
- Nick Lawson, Place 2
- Valerie Junkersfeld, Place 3
- Brack St. Clair, Place 4
- Cindy Bighorse, Place 5
- Mary Copeland, Place 6
- Gabe Reaume, City Manager
- Kim Quin, Finance Director
- Russell Ragsdale, Police Chief
- Randy Newsom, Director of Public Works
- Pedro Zambrano, Director of Economic Development & Community Engagement
- Melanie McManus, Director of Human Resources
- Vicky Vega, City Secretary

Absent:

- Todd Flipp, Mayor
- Bryn Meredith, City Attorney
- Trenton Tidwell, City Engineer
- Lee Howell, Asst. City Manager
- Doug Spears, Fire Chief
- Ellen Ritchie, Library Director

Visitors at the Meeting:

- Shawn Morrison
- Kalee Morrison
- Doug Mark
- Rebecca Nieves
- Patti Felegy
- Matt Nieves
- Jennifer Ferguson
- John Peet
- Patrick O'Connor
- Tabitha O'Connor
- Siobhan Lilley
- Aaron Donaldson
- Deb Norris
- Mark Crenshaw
- Crystal Smithers

- Allen Smithers
- Mariah Smithers
- Melanie Hidalgo

1. Call To Order

1.A. Call To Order -- Paul Felegy, Mayor Pro-Tem

In the absence of Mayor Flipppo, Mayor Pro-Tem Felegy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Business

2.A. Consideration and Action Regarding Resolution No. 2025-09, Canvassing Return and Declaring the Results of an Election held on May 3, 2025, for the Purpose of Electing Councilmember Place 1, Councilmember 3, and Councilmember Place 5--Vicky Vega, City Secretary

City Secretary Vega stated that Resolution No. 2025-09 canvasses the official results of the May 3, 2025 Election. The results are as follows.

Councilmember Place 1

Paul Felegy - 571

Pedro Peña - 294

Councilmember Place 3

Valerie Junkersfeld - 678

Councilmember Place 5

Shawn Morrison - 500

Adhel Torres - 372

Motion was made by Councilmember St. Clair and seconded by Councilmember Bighorse to approve Resolution No. 2025-09 as presented. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0-0-1 (Mayor Flipppo Absent)

2.B. Presentation to Outgoing Councilmember Cindy Bighorse--Paul Felegy, Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Pro-Tem Felegy presented flowers and a service recognition award to outgoing Councilmember Bighorse.

2.C. Oath of Office for Councilmember Place 1, Councilmember 3, and Councilmember Place 5--Vicky Vega, City Secretary

City Secretary Vega administered the Oath of Office to Paul Felegy, Councilmember Place 1; Valerie Junkersfeld, Councilmember Place 3; and Shawn Morrison, Councilmember Place 5.

2.D. Action Regarding Funding of the 2025 Independence Celebration Fireworks Event -- Pedro Zambrano, Director of Economic & Community Engagement

The Advisory Recreation and Parks Board has voted to recommend approval of the funding for the 2025 Independence Celebration Fireworks Event. The event will be held at Saginaw High School on Saturday, June 28th. This year's event will include live music on stage. Turnip Blood Entertainment will handle this portion of the event. The estimated total for the event is \$27,085 (stage, bands, and

production team: \$20,000; generators \$1,650; tables and chairs \$435; and activities such as face painting, bounce houses, caricature artist, rock climbing, etc. \$5,000). Total cost from the Parks Donation Fund is \$17, 085. Total cost from HOT (promotion of the arts) is \$10,000. All sponsorship funds and other fees will be used to offset the use of the donation funds.

Motion was made by Councilmember Junkersfeld and seconded by Councilmember Morrison to approve the funding for the 2025 Independence Celebration Fireworks Event as presented. Motion passed unanimously. 6-0-0-1 (Mayor Flippo absent)

3. Adjournment

3.A. Adjournment--Paul Felegy, Mayor Pro-Tem

Motion was made by Councilmember Morrison and seconded by Councilmember Junkersfeld to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 6-0-0-1 (Mayor Flippo Absent)

Mayor Pro-Tem Felegy declared the May 13th City Council Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Victoria Vega, City Secretary

Todd Flippo, Mayor