

**CITY OF BAY CITY**  
**MINUTES • DECEMBER 19, 2023**

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**COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS | 1901  
5th Street**

**City Council Regular Meeting**

**5:00 PM**

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**1901 5TH STREET  
BAY CITY TX,77414**



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**Mayor**

Robert K. Nelson

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**Mayor Pro Tem**

Blayne Finlay

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**Councilman**

Jim Folse

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**Councilman**

Bradley Westmoreland

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**Councilwoman**

Becca Sitz

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**Councilman**

Benjamin Flores

*Through a united and collaborative effort, we seek to grow the City of Bay City with a diverse culture that is proud to call Bay City home. We envision a thriving family-centered community where citizens are involved in the future development of our city. We desire our citizens to work, play, worship and shop in the community in which we live. Visitors are welcomed and encouraged to enjoy the friendly environment and amenities the citizens and business owners have created together.*

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**CALL TO ORDER AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert K. Nelson at 5:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Mayor Robert K. Nelson  
Councilman Benjamin Flores  
Councilman Jim Folse  
Councilwoman Becca Sitz

**ABSENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Blayne Finlay  
Councilman Brad Westmoreland

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE**

Texas State Flag Pledge: *"Honor The Texas Flag; I Pledge Allegiance To Thee, Texas, One State Under God, One And Indivisible."*

*Councilwoman Becca Sitz*

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The City of Bay City is committed to fostering future economic growth by collaborating with our citizens, employers, current and future businesses, as well as the Community and Economic Development Centers. We strive to deliver superior municipal services and to invest in quality-of-life initiatives such as housing, businesses, jobs and activities for all citizens. We make a concerted effort to respond to resident's concerns in a timely and professional manner in order to achieve customer satisfaction.*

*Councilwoman Becca Sitz*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Councilman Folse to approve the agenda, Seconded by Councilwoman Sitz. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lt. Clayton Ryman, Bay City Police Department, thanked Council for their participation in Shop With A Cop.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CITY MANAGER**

Shawna Burkhart, City Manager, acknowledged Kelly Penewitt and Parks & Recreation staff on the re-scheduling of the Christmas Parade. Ms. Burkhart also thanked the Lions Club for their assistance.

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**ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilman Folsie thanked Parks & Rec and the Lion's Club for their work with the Christmas Parade that turned out nice. Councilwoman Sitz stated that the Audubon Christmas Bird Count has counted a total 226 species. Councilman Folsie recognized the Tinnin family Christmas Village that brought a lot of good national attention. Councilman Flores commented on the Library events from yesterday that were well attended. Mayor Nelson thanked the Tinnin's for reaching out to the City to help partner with them for this event and thanked PD and other officers that help with Shop With A Cop and supporting our young people.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL**

1. **City Council Workshop meeting minutes of November 14, 2023.**
2. **City Council Regular meeting minutes of November 14, 2023.**
3. **City Council Regular meeting minutes of November 28, 2023.**

Motion made by Councilman Folsie to approve the consent items, Seconded by Councilwoman Sitz. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folsie, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

4. **Presentation ~ Public Works report and presentation.**

Herb Blomquist, Public Works Director, provided a presentation and review stats and projects. Mr. Blomquist discussed issues regarding the recruitment of CDL drivers for the Street Sweeper.

**REGULAR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL**

5. **Agreement ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bay City and Matagorda County for library services for the 2023 year.** Samantha Denbow, Library Director

Mayor Nelson pointed out that the amount that the County contributes has been the same for several years. Shawna Burkhart, City Manager, replied that they will discuss with the County when County does their budget.

Motion made by Councilman Flores to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bay City and Matagorda County for library services for the 2024 year, Seconded by Councilman Folsie. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folsie, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried.

- 6. Resolution ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bay City authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract agreement with Flock Safety, Inc. for the acquisition, installation, maintenance, and monitoring of twelve (12) automated license plate recognition (ALPR) cameras.**

Lieutenant Clayton Ryman, Police Department, introduced the Resolution, stating that it was one step in multiple layers, adding that the resolution provides right-of-way through TxDOT.

Motion made by Councilman Folsie approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bay City authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract agreement with Flock Safety, Inc. for the acquisition, installation, maintenance, and monitoring of twelve (12) automated license plate recognition (ALPR) cameras, Seconded by Councilwoman Sitz. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Folsie, Councilwoman Sitz. Voting Nay: Councilman Flores. Motion carried.

- 7. Parks ~ Discuss, consider, and/or take action to approve use of \$150,000 reimbursed funds from insurance claims, remaining ARPA Funds, and General Funds to complete lighting project at Hardeman Park.**

Shawna Burkhart, City Manager, asked that the item be tabled.

- 8. Contract ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve an Engineering Contract for the Quiet Zone.**

Shawna Burkhart, City Manager, stated that BCCDC was willing to partner with the City. Councilman Flores expressed his concern that this will be another survey we do that just sits there. Item was tabled till January 23rd.

#### **CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council adjourned and went into Executive Session at 5:44 p.m.

- 9. Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Deliberation regarding Real Property).**

#### **RECONVENE AND ACTION**

Council reconvened at 6:05 p.m. and took no action on item #9.

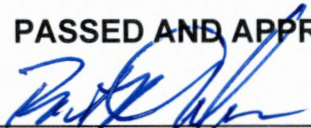
#### **ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER**

Council wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilman Flores to adjourn, Seconded by Councilman Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilman Flores, Councilman Folse, Councilwoman Sitz. Motion carried and Council adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**, this 23rd day of January 2024.

  
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ROBERT K. NELSON, MAYOR  
CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS

  
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JEANNA THOMPSON  
CITY SECRETARY

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