

**CITY OF BAY CITY**  
**MINUTES • JANUARY 10, 2023**

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**COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS | 1901  
5th Street**

**City Council Regular Meeting**

**6:00 PM**

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



**Mayor**

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Robert K. Nelson

**Councilman**

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Blayne Finlay

**Mayor Pro Tem**

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Jim Folse

**Councilman**

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Bradley Westmoreland

**Councilwoman**

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Becca Sitz

**Councilwoman**

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Floyce Brown

*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 6:01 pm.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE**

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

*Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse*

**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.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Councilwoman Brown to approve the agenda, Seconded by Councilwoman Sitz. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilman Finlay. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chief of Police, Christella Rodriguez, requested recognition of a citizen who witness a crime in progress. The citizen reported to the police and gave descriptions that led to arrest and saving the business over \$40,000 worth of equipment. Chief Rodriguez awarded Mayor Pro Tem Jim Folse a Chief Challenge Coin for his bravery and involvement.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR APPROVAL****1. Regular Council Meeting minutes of December 20, 2022.**

Motion made by Councilman Finlay to approve the consent items, Seconded by Councilwoman Brown. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilman Finlay. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS****2. Tourism reports:**

- 1) Final report on Day of the Dead Event

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Susie Brito, Day of the Dead Committee, provide the final report regarding the Day of the Dead Event. The event had a \$40,000 budget and spent \$38,664 and total revenue of \$3162

2) Sign update

Darve Smith, Tourism Manager, stated that he has been having trouble reaching the sign company.

**3. Parks & Recreation presentation ~ Scenic Texas and Bay City Tree Give Away**

Shawn Blackburn, Parks and Recreation Director, announced that the city was awarded the Scenic Texas Grant that provides 2000 trees to give away to the public. Mayor Nelson added that HGAC has recognized us for summer programs and it will be announce in February.

**4. Public Works reports:**

1) Patch Truck

Barry Calhoun, Public Works Director, provided an update on the patch truck and he has been in contact with the vendor and finding a compatible truck. Mr. Calhoun added that they are using ARPA funds and trying to find best purchasing Co-op and looking at TIPS.

2) Hamman Road Drainage

Mr. Calhoun summarized the Hamman Road Drainage project. Stating that JTM is doing good work and staying on schedule. First Change Order was due to a conflict with the water line and had to lower the line. The second Change Order has three inlets added that were left out and an increase of \$107,849. Shawna Burkhart added that due to Nile Valley, was able to cut \$7000 and double booking of engineering expenses.

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

**5. Contract ~ Discuss, consider, and/or approve committing \$107,849.20 in additional ARPA funds towards the construction cost of Hamman Road Drainage Phase 1B Revised Project. Gabriel Lopez, Engineering Tech**

Gabriel Lopez, Engineering Tech, presented to Council. Anne Marie Odefey, City Attorney, recommended holding the Change Order until credit of \$7000 is in writing.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Folse to approve the change order pending credit, Seconded by Councilman Westmoreland. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilman Finlay. Motion carried.

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

Councilwoman Floyce Brown thanked those who attended New Hope Baptist Church's event honoring First Responders.

Mayor Pro Tem Folse commended the police officers for being prompt and professional and the dispatchers for getting the license plate out immediately.

Councilman Westmoreland commented on the condition of the 600 block of 4th, gave thanks for the work at Tennie Holmes school and asked why the potholes at Le Tulle Park were filled with dirt and rocks instead of asphalt. Mayor Nelson replied that there is a shortage of asphalt.

Councilwoman Floyce Brown stated that the construction/concrete trucks have torn up Spruce Street.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilwoman Brown to adjourn, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Folse. Voting Yea: Mayor Nelson, Councilwoman Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Folse, Councilwoman Sitz, Councilman Westmoreland, Councilman Finlay. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**, this 14th day of February 2023.

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

  
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JEANNA THOMPSON  
CITY SECRETARY

