

BAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2024

MAYOR KEITH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.

INVOCATION: CHIEF KEITH MILAM

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

WADE HAMILTON

ROB BURGESS

GRAHAM ELDRIDGE -ABSENT

DARRELL KIRBY

DAVID MILAM

CURTIS HOGAN

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE BY ZOOM: NONE

CITY ATTORNEY IN ATTENDANCE: ZACH MORRISON

GUESTS:

BECKY KEITH

CHRIS WALKER

DAVID MILAM MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE JANUARY 8, 2024, MINUTES.

CURTIS HOGAN 2ND THE MOTION

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

OLD BUSINESS:

COUNCILMAN BURGESS GAVE THE PURCHASING DETAILS PERTAINING TO THE JOHN DEERE TRACTOR AND ATTACHMENTS. ALL COUNCILMEN AGREED THIS WAS A GREAT PRICE AND THE INTEREST RATE WITH JOHN DEERE COULD NOT BE BEAT.

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE ON AND MAKE THE PURCHASE.

ROB BURGESS MADE THE MOTION TO ORDER THE TRACTOR AND ATTACHMENTS.

WADE HAMILTON 2ND MOTION CARRIED 5-0

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION HELD A SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2024. THE MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS THE APPLICATION CONCERNING THE REZONING OF SAI COLONY, FROM C-1 TO R-2. BOB TURMAN MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE ANY DECISION UNTIL THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING ON MARCH 26, 2024. THE REZONING WOULD MEAN CONSIDERABLE GROWTH FOR OUR CITY, SCHOOL, AND FINANCES.

POLICE REPORT PRESENTED BY CHIEF MILAM:

OFFICER BURNS APPLIED AND RECEIVED A BODY CAM GRANT.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE NEEDED UPDATE TO THE BODY CAM POLICY.

WADE HAMILTON MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT

CURTIS HOGAN 2nd

MOTION CARRIED- 5-0

MILAM STATED THE PLANS WERE TO HAVE THE ENTIRE POLICE FLEET GRAPHICS COMPLETED BY MONTH-END.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE CDS WERE MADE AS NEEDED. FORTUNATELY, WE HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY, VIKING INDUSTRIAL PAINTING THE COST OF \$136250.00 TO BRING THE TOWER UP TO CODE.

WE MUST MAINTAIN \$37000.00 IN A CD TO COVER ONE YEAR OF NOTE PAYMENTS TO USDA FOR THE MONEY WE OWE THEM. THIS IS NOT THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS; THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE BALANCE WE MUST MAINTAIN SEPARTELY. THE PRINCIPAL BALANCE OWED USDA AS OF 12-31-24 WAS A COMBINED TOTAL OF \$483228.32 SCHEDULED TO BE PAID OFF IN THE YEAR 2044.

NEW FOIA POLICY:

CITY ATTORNEY, ZACH MORRISON, CREATED A NEW FOIA POLICY AND ALSO A FOIA REQUEST FORM TO BE SUBMITTED WITH ALL REQUESTS. MAYOR KEITH, ATTORNEY MORRISON AND CHIEF OF POLICE KEITH MILAM WORKED HARD TOWARD THE PROCESS OF FILLING FOIA REQUESTS. ATTORNEY MORRISON ALSO SUGGESTED TO DESIGNATE A FOIA CORDINATOR. MAYOR KEITH ACCEPTED THAT POSITION. ALSO, A FOIA EMAIL WAS SETUP:

FOIA@ CITYOFBAY.ORG

MOTION MADE TO ACCEPT FOIA POLICY AND ADD TO THE POLICY BOOK

DAVID MILAM-MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT AND ADD TO THE CITY POLICY BOOK.

DARRELL KIRBY 2ND

MOTION PASSED 5-0

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK LEASE:

CURRENTLY THE BANK IS PAYING A “VERY” LOW MONTHLY RATE. AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO COLLECT MORE INFORMATION ON THE COST VS INCOME ON THE BANK LEASE TO DECIDE IF AN INCREASE IS NEEDED.

PAVING STREETS:

DEPENDING ON FUNDS AVAILABLE, THE MAYOR RECOMMENDED THE PAVING OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS:

PAULA

THOMAS

PATTERSON

HARRIS

THIS IS A “STRETCH” AND STREETS WILL BE CHOSEN BASED ON BIDS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS. AN AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 WAS BUDGETED FOR THIS PROJECT.

SOLAR ECLIPSE:

CHOSING TO TURN THIS INTO A PROFIT. STATE PARKS ARE ALREADY BOOKED AS WELL AS HOTELS, AND OTHER FACILITIES. PARAGOULD IS BOOKED SOLID!

IT WAS DECIDED TO THINK OF WAYS OUR CITY MIGHT BENEFIT FROM THE ECLIPSE. DISCUSSION WILL CONTINUE AT THE MARCH 11, 2024, COUNCIL MEETING.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN.

WADE HAMILTON MADE THE MOTION

MOTION PASSED 5-0

