

## Bay City Council Meeting Minutes

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Keith at 6 p.m.

Council in attendance were:

Darrell Kirby, Rob Burgess, and Graham Eldridge.

Guests present: City Atty. Zac Morrison, Fire Chief Charles Mitchell, Water Supervisor Daniel Nix, and Patrolman Chris Walker.

Other Guests present: Becky Keith, Jarred Self

April minutes were presented to the council. Motion by Graham Eldridge, and second by Rob Burgess to accept the minutes as presented. No discussion, Motion carried 4-0.

### Old Business

Record reflect that the 2023 Annual Financial Statement had been posted in public areas as required.

### New Business

Police Report - Monthly numbers were provided by Chief Milam for police department activity.

911 Report from dispatch was received and distributed to council members.

Update by Mayor Keith on the current contract for housing inmates at the county jail. A new contract has not been signed but expect costs to go up from what has been paid in the past.

Financial Report - City finances, reports from Treasurer Paula Martin were distributed to council members for review from the previous month. No questions or comments from the council.

An update was given by Mayor Keith and Water Supervisor Daniel Nix for the upcoming mosquito abatement program. The fogging machine had been worked on and is ready to go as soon as it is time to begin spraying. The city currently has a \$1 charge on all water bills collected monthly. This charge brings in around \$19,000 annually. Records were pulled from the costs of the previous year for application, labor, and supplies and it comes out to about \$15,000 a year.

The 2022 Legislative audit has been completed and will go before the legislative audit committee with a complete report to follow.

### Water & Sewer Report

Daniel Nix, water supervisor gave an update on the status of water and sewer. He reported no issues, just doing general maintenance and fixes as they come. He stated he had new uniforms for water and sewer employees for a more professional look and it was at a savings to the city from previous uniforms.

The city has upgraded its billing software to new web-based software. It went live last week and is currently being utilized. There will be new options available to the customers for payment procedures, and customers may utilize a new customer portal to view their account. There are kinks still being worked out, but it is working as it should.

Mayor Keith updated the council on appropriations request through Congressman Boozman's office. Our engineer, Jason McDonald, put together a request for total costs of our upcoming project for a new sewer plant. Hopefully, we can see some results from congress next year,

A new committee has been formed to seek out grant money through the Delta Regional Authority. Mayor Keith selected community members at random and the following accepted appointments to be on the committee: Jennifer Francamano, Tracy McMasters, Paula Martin, Becky Keith, Pam Lamb. They will be putting together some grant proposals for the city from the authority.

The June meeting was brought up by Mayor Keith. After a discussion about the number of members that were not going to be available for the June meeting Rob Burgess made a motion to cancel the June meeting, and if anything come up prior to the June date that needed to be addressed it could be done with a special called meeting. A second by Darrell Kirby. No further discussion motion carried 4-0.

Harvest Festival Committee - There was no one in attendance from the committee for updates.

There were no items added to the agenda.

Motion by Rob Burgess to adjourn, second by Darrell Kirby

Motion carried 4-0.

*Approved by Council  
July 8, 2024  
Paul Kalk, Mayor*