

BAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2025

MAYOR KEITH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER: 6:00

INVOCATION: COUNCILMAN KEITH MILAM

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

WADE HAMILTON

ROB BURGESS

GRAHAM ELDRIDGE

OPEN

DAVID MILAM

CURTIS HOGAN

CITY OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

POLICE CHIEF: KEITH MILAM

ASSISTANT CHIEF: CHRIS WALKER

CITY ATTORNEY: ZACH MORRISON

PATROL OFFICER: TYLER GRIFFIN

FIRE CHIEF: CHARLES MITCHELL

WATER SUPERVISOR: DANIEL NIX

GUESTS:

BECKY KEITH

PAMELA LAMB

TERRI CRAFT

LESLIE MITCHELL

FEBRUARY 10, 2025, MINUTES:

DAVID MILAM MADE THE MOTIONS TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2025.

CURTIS HOGAN 2ND

MOTION PASSED 5-0

OLD BUSINESS:

OPEN COUNCIL POSITIONS:

CURTIS HOGAN HAS SHOWN AN INTEREST IN ACCEPTING THE COUNCIL SEAT

REPRESENTING WARD 3 POSITION 2.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT CURTIS HOGAN TO REPRESENT WARD 3 POSITION 2.

DAVID MILAM MADE THE MOTION

WADE HAMILTON 2ND

MOTION PASSED 4-0

MAYOR KEITH RECEIVED ONE LETTER. DANIEL NIX, SUBMITTED HIS LETTER OF INTEREST AND QUALIFICATIONS TO FILL THE COUNCIL SEAT VACATED BY DARRELL KIRBY. HE WOULD BE REPRESENTING WARD 2 POSITION 2. THE MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT MR NIX, TO FILL THE SEAT, REPRESENTING WARD 2 POSITION 2 ON THE OPINION OF THE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ALLOWING THE CITY EMPLOYEE/SUPERVISOR TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL.

ROB BURGESS MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT DANIEL NIX TO FILL THE VACATED POSITION UPON THE OPINION OF THE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

DAVID MILAM 2ND

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

ELDER STREET PROPERTY:

THE CITY PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 317 ELDER STREET WAS FINALIZED. THE MORTGAGE WAS SETUP ON A 2-YEAR-BALLOON NOTE WITH MONTHLY PAYMENTS.

SPEED BUMPS:

TERRI CRAFT APPROACHED THE COUNCIL CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND PREDESTRIANS ON CENTRAL AVENUE. SHE SUGGESTED SIGNS BE PLACED CAUTIONING DRIVERS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING THE THREE CITY CHURCHES LOCATED IN THE AREA. THIS BROUGHT THE DISCUSSION TO SPEED BUMPS AND ADDITIONAL STOP SIGNS NEEDED TO SLOW TRAFFIC AROUND THE CITY. COUNCILMAN HAMILTON INQUIRED ABOUT PLACING SPEED TABLES INSTEAD OF SPEED BUMPS. MAYOR KEITH EXPLAINED THE COST OF A SPEED TABLE IS TWICE THE COST OF A SPEED BUMP. THE 4 SPEED BUMPS, RECENTLY PURCHASED AT A COST OF \$1500.00, ARE AVAILABLE TO BE PLACED IN THE MOST NEED AREAS.

CENTRAL AVENUE IS DESIGNATED A “NO TRUCK ROUTE” WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FARM TRUCKS. THE MAYOR WILL ADDRESS THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SIGNS.

MOTION WAS MADE TO PLACE 2 SPEED BUMPS ON BROWN STREET AND 2 SPEED BUMPS ON CENTRAL AVENUE.

DAVID MILAM MADE THE MOTION

GRAHAM ELDRIDGE 2ND

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

NOTE: TRASH CANS:

THE ORDINANCE STATES TRASH CANS ARE NOT TO BE PULLED TO THE CURB IN EXCESS OF 24 HOURS BEFORE TRASH PICK-UP AND NOT TO REMAIN ON THE CURB IN EXCESS OF 24 HOURS FOLLOWING THE TRASH PICK-UP.

NEW BUSINESS:

A NEW DIESEL KABOTA MOWER WAS PURCHASED FROM SOURCEWELL PRICING THRU FIRST CHOICE FARM AND LAWN, AT A COST OF \$17041.72. A CHECK FOR THE FULL PURCHASE PRICE WAS PRESENTED TO “FIRST CHOICE” AT THE TIME THE MOWER WAS PICKED UP.

GRAHAM ELDRIDGE MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE.

ROB BURGESS 2ND

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

CONCESSION STAND/BALLPARK SECURITY WILL RECEIVE A SIGNICANT UPGRADE.

THE COST OF THE UPGRADES WILL BE IN THE \$6500.00 RANGE. MONEY IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS EXPENSE. MOST BALLPARK MAINTENANCE HAS BEEN COVERED BY GATE MONEY. MAYOR KEITH MADE THE DECISION NOT TO CHARGE A BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION FEE. EVERYONE WILL PAY AT THE GATE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE 65-PLUS. T-BALL WILL ONLY BE PLAYED ON THE DESIGNATED FIELDS ACCESSIBLE THROUGH THE GATE.

POLICE:

NOTE: WE ARE THE ONLY CITY THAT ANSWERS THEIR OWN CALLS THROUGH 911. BY DOING SO, JONESBORO DOES NOT SCREEN OUR CALLS.

OFFICER TYLER MCDANIEL IS CURRENTLY 4 WEEKS AWAY FROM COMPLETING HIS OFFICIAL TRAINING. HE IS CURRENTLY 2ND IN A CLASS OF 42-44. OFFICER MCDANIEL HAS MADE AN OUTSTANDING IMPRESSION ON THE ACADEMY IN PHYSICAL, ACADEMIC AND MARKSMANSHIP AREAS, THE CITY WILL SOON BE PURCHASING A CANINE OFFICER. MCDANIEL WILL ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NEW OFFICER AND THE TWO WILL RECEIVE TRAINING. THE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT CHIEF ARE CARRYING AN EXTRA LOAD ALONG WITH PART TIME OFFICER TYLER GRIFFIN. OFFICERS WEEMS AND WINKLE HAVE CONTRIBUTED HOURS AS WELL AS SOME OF OUR AUXILLARY OFFICERS.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

FIRE CHIEF CHARLES MITCHELL ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL WITH DETAILS ABOUT THE NEW BRUSH TRUCK PURCHASE. THE TRUCK HAS BEEN ORDERED AND SHOULD ARRIVE IN 4-8 WEEKS. THE LIGHTS HAVE ALSO BEEN ORDERED.

WATER DEPARTMENT:

REPAIRS WERE MADE AS NEEDED AT HOLMES STREET.

COUNCIL MAN BURGESS SHARED THAT HIS NEIGHBOR PRAISED THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

THE QUESTION AROSE CONCERNING WATER LOSS. THE SOLUTION WILL BE NEW METERS. WE HAVE 80 NEW METERS WAITING TO BE INSTALLED. METERS WILL NOT BE PHYSICALLY READ. WATER CLERK HOLLY COLBERT, WATER SUPERVISOR NIX AND MAYOR KEITH WILL SOON BE RECEIVING ADDITIONAL TRAINING ON THE NEW SOFTWARE PROGRAM. AS OF DATE, ALL PROGRAMS, SOFTWARE AND THE METERS ALREADY IN HOUSE HAVE BEEN PAID IN FULL. THE PLAN IS TO PURCHASE 200 METERS THIS YEAR ADDING MORE AS FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE.

THE SEWER PROBLEM ON PARDEW HAS BEEN REPAIRED.

FINANCE:

EACH COUNCIL MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIVING THE FEBRUARY 2025 FINANCIALS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. THERE WAS NO QUESTIONS AND NO DISCUSSION.

FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE NEW POLICE TRUCK THAT IS ON ORDER. THIS TRUCK SHOULD BRING OUR FLEET UP TO THE STANDARDS NEEDED. THE CURRENT TRUCK WILL PASS DOWN THE LIST AND THE VEHICLE LEFT WILL BECOME THE MAYOR'S. THE MAYOR'S PAST TRUCK IS THE NEW MOSQUITO TRUCK.

JORDAN'S:

JORDAN'S PLAN TO BE OPEN BY THE END OF MARCH. THE MAYOR AND WATER SUPERVISOR ARE LOOKING TO INVEST IN A WATER BOOSTER FOR THE NEW BUSINESS.

DOLLAR GENERAL:

NO OFFICIAL NEWS ADDRESSING THE REOPENING OF OUR DOLLAR STORE.

SUMMER CONVENTION:

MAYOR KEITH ASKED THE COUNCIL AND CITY ATTORNEY TO RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO HE CAN BEGIN TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.

MAYOR KEITH CONCLUDED THAT HE HAD NO MORE TO DISCUSS.

WADE HAMILTON MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN

DAVID MILAM 2ND

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

