

**Town of Bayside
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Sharon Scott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Silent Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Sharon Scott, Mayor Pro Tem David Vega, and Councilmembers Place II Charmaine Briseno, Place III Donna Easton, Place IV Daniel Molina, and Place V Van Williams were present.

3. Discussion between JM Davidson representatives and the Town Council regarding payment on the bulkhead project

Michael Smith and the owner of JM Davidson were present. Mr. Smith informed Council the Town had made six payments of \$5,000 totaling \$30,000. They have reached out to GrantWorks and the Town Council numerous times. They are asking for a formal meeting with the Council and the Town's attorney. The next step is a meeting, and it needs to happen quickly. Mr. Davidson added the Town could consider assessing the property owners but didn't know if that was an avenue the Town could take. They took a contract with Bayside. He would like us to really study on working down the payment. They are getting beat up from their auditor for having such an old payable. He would like for you people to work on it. It is way past due. Mr. Smith asked to be on the next agenda if action was not set up before.

4. Presentation on Bayside Street Update by Commissioner Stanley Tuttle

Commissioner Stanley Tuttle gave everyone an update on the Bayside Street Project, where the funds came from, the communications that had taken place to keep the project funded, cleared up rumors that have been floating around about the project not being funded anymore, and answered questions about the project. The firm start date is March 17, 2025. The project has to be done by July 18, 2025. The only thing that can affect that date is weather related. He informed everyone, if they had questions on the boat dock, to call him.

5. Items by Citizens

Scott Fredrick informed Council he is planning a Blues festival on May 24th from 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 or 10:00 p.m. He wants it to benefit the fire department. They are not going to sell alcohol. They might have a food vendor. He has been in contact with the Texas Coastal Bend Blues Society. They are planning on three or four bands starting off light and getting heavy. They are all volunteers and will have a trailer stage. He will be applying for a permit.

6. Discuss/Consider/Act on approving minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 14, 2025, the Workshop on January 16, 2025, and the Special Meeting on January 21, 2025

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Discuss/Consider/Act on approving paying new expenses/bills

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. There were no new bills. Councilmember Williams made a motion to take no action. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Discuss/Consider/Act on approving building permits, culvert permits, and permit extensions

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. There were no permits to approve. Councilmember Williams made a motion to take no action. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Discuss/Consider/Act on setting a workshop date to continue discussing with the Planning Commission items 8 through 17 from the workshop on January 27, 2025

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. There was a discussion on when to have the workshop and how long it might last. Councilmember Easton made a motion to continue discussing the Planning Commission recommendations, items 8 through 17, from the workshop on January 27, 2025 on February 20th at 5:00 p.m. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Discuss transient and commercial water and sewer rates

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. There was a question on the space/room charge and the email from Hal George. There was discussion on meeting the standard, not having water and sewer throughout town, infrastructure needing to be replaced, the charge being per space monthly, Fulton doing it, checking out Fulton's website, not being sure we can do this, how it would be billed, having to have a public hearing, and setting up a workshop. Councilmember Williams added he could change the verbiage from special assessment. The \$5.00 can be allocated wherever you want. There was more discussion on how the utility software would handle the proposed rate code. Councilmember Briseno asked Councilmember Williams to show her Fulton's. He informed her he would send it to her this evening. She wanted to make sure we aren't the only ones doing this.

11. Discuss/Consider/Act to setting a public hearing date for transient and commercial water and sewer rates

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. This has to go in the newspaper. Councilmember Easton pointed out we have not approved these rates. We need to have a workshop on it. She made a motion to take no action. There was a discussion on having a workshop. Councilmember Molina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Scott will set up a workshop on February 24th at 5:00 p.m.

12. Discuss/Consider/Act on accepting resignations from and approving appointments to the Planning, Zoning, and Substandard Commission

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Kathleen Dunlap has resigned and Barbara Gray is asking to be appointed. Councilmember Williams stated so moved. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Discuss/Consider/Act on request from the Park, Pier, and Recreation Committee to place a covered electrical box at the front of the community building

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Williams asked for a cost.

Councilmember Briseno informed him the Park committee is not in charge of the community center. They are needing one. Councilmember Williams responded we may need to put a couple in front and in back. Councilmember Williams made a motion to look for bids on electrical plugs on the exterior of the community center. There was a discussion on the number of plugs to get bids on. It was decided to get three bids for 4, 6, or 10 plugs. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Discuss/Consider/Act on advertising for a part time maintenance employee

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. There was a discussion on making this full time, keeping it part time, the agenda saying part time, whether or not this was housekeeping, and having a special meeting on the 20th at 5:45 p.m. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to take no action. Councilmember Molina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Discuss/Consider/Act to purchase a projector (and extension cord) with 1080P with full 4K HD supported, wifi, and Bluetooth compatible with Android/iOS laptops, TV, and phones. The extension cord will include multiple outlets and four UBS ports. Approve total cost under \$150.

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Council discussed uses for the projector, the extension cord having USB ports, and how much use we would get out of it. After a comment was made that the Park Committee could use it for movie night, Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve it. Councilmember Molina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

16. Discuss Frequently asked questions (and answers) to add to the website.

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Easton asked the Council if they have any to email them to her.

17. Discuss posting water rates, deposits, etc. to the website

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Easton informed Council we were just waiting on water rates.

18. Discuss, Consider, and Act: Review and act on Ordinance #119, Noise and Nuisance Abatement Ordinance

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. Councilmember Easton commented it is moot considering item 19 was submitted by Van Williams. I am going to make a motion to take no action. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

19. Discuss/Consider/Act on AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BAYSIDE, TEXAS REGULATING THE TYPE AND LEVEL OF SOUND EMITTED IN THE TOWN OF BAYSIDE AND ITS EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. There was a discussion on having a workshop on both of them, it being comprehensive, Section 1-6 Exceptions saying 8:00 p.m. and changing it to 9:00 p.m., examples of noise levels, emergency exceptions, how will it be enforced, DB

meters that are calibrated, being hard to enforce, and the State leaving the time to the discretion of the municipalities. Councilmember Williams added it goes to a public hearing. It will give law enforcement some teeth. There was a short discussion that, if it goes by certified letter, it could take a whole month before you could do anything, the County going by Texas State Statute, and having to have a public hearing before we can approve it. Councilmember Easton made a motion to have a public hearing on Tuesday, March 11th at 6:15 p.m. to discuss the nuisance ordinance. Councilmember Briseno seconded the motion. The motion carried.

20. Discuss/Consider/Act on repealing Ordinance 38E Amendment of Zoning-Ordinance number 38E that allows Shipping Containers in (B) Business and (I) Industrial districts and approving to go forward with an Ordinance to regulate Shipping Containers within the Town of Bayside. Setting a date for a workshop, Public hearing or both

Mayor Scott read the agenda item. There was a discussion on the ordinance not setting any setbacks, permitting requirements, tie downs, or foundation inspections. Councilmember Briseno input the Planning Commission wants to change the verbiage on livable space. It needs to be done at the same time. This has to go to the Planning Commission. PC member Ken Dahl informed Council it was on their agenda for the 20th. Councilmember Briseno added. They have to have a public hearing too. Councilmember Briseno made a motion for 20 and 21 to be sent to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

21. Discuss/Consider/Act on AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF SHIPPING CONTAINERS IN THE TOWN OF BAYSIDE TEXAS. Set a date for a workshop, public hearing or both.

This item was sent to the Planning Commission as part of the motion made in item 20.

22. CLOSED SESSION

Discuss Personnel Matters as per Government Code 551.074 to deliberate the employment, evaluation, duties, and pay raise for the maintenance employee

Mayor Scott read the agenda item and announced closed session at 7:58 p.m.

23. Return to Open Session: Discuss/deliberate/act on matters discussed in Closed Session

Mayor Scott read the agenda item and announce the Council was back in open session at 8:09 p.m. Councilmember Briseno made a motion to give Alex a \$1.50 raise effective 2/8/25.

Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

24. Adjournment

Councilmember Briseno motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Molina seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Connie Cramer, City Secretary