



City of Hallsville TX

February 2015

Our Mayor

Citizen's Update

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History of Hallsville

What is now the City of Hallsville began as a remote settlement known as Fort Crawford. Fort Crawford was built in the 1840's by Squire W. C. Crawford, holder of the Crawford-Headright, a tract of land 4.444 acres in area. The purpose of the fort was for protection against Indians. The Fort property was composed of a group of log cabins arranged in a square. These were unoccupied when the Indians were peaceful, but when the report circulated that the Indians were on the warpath, the cabins were immediately filled. The method of fortification was very temporary. Pine saplings from six to eight inches in diameter were cut and placed on end in a ditch about 4 feet deep leaving about 10 feet above the ground. Dirt was tamped around these so that they could not be pushed down. The cracks were chinked with mud to reinforce the wall. Holes were then bored in the saplings at the proper height for shooting. The defenders fired through these holes. When the raid was over the wall was taken down and life resumed as usual. This place was used as a stopping place by scouts and travelers.

Fort Crawford played an integral part in the development of Hallsville. In 1869 the railroad had a terminal at the present location of Hallsville. This line was not completed to Longview until 1871 thus leaving Hallsville the major railroad hub in the area for a period of two years. This line had to come a few miles out of its way to reach Hallsville. The railroad was an important factor in the development of Hallsville. Had it not been for Fort Crawford there would have been no Hallsville. Most of the founding families of Hallsville moved to this area because of the protection afforded by Fort Crawford (continued on pg. 3).



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Hours of Operations:
8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

City Council meeting

February 17, 2015



Notice is hereby given of a Regular Meeting of the Hallsville City Council to be held February 17, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 115 W. Main Street, Hallsville, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action.

I. Call to Order

II. Invocation – The invocation will be given by Mayor Jerri Medrano

III. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Mayor Jerri Medrano

IV. Consent Agenda – *(All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.)*

1. Police Department Summary for November 2014, December 2014, and January 2015
2. Water Department Summary for November 2014, December 2014, and January 2015
3. Permit Report for November 2014, December 2014, and January 2015
4. Financial Report Summary for November 2014, December 2014, and January 2015
5. Interlocal Agreement with TML Multistate IEBP

V. Public Comments – (Limited to five minutes per person).

VI. Discussion Items

VII. Items to be Considered

1. Consider and act upon the approval of the Minutes of November 18, 2014, December 4, 2014, and Workshop Minutes for December 16, 2014.
2. Consider and act upon approving the Order of Election for the position of Mayor and two positions of Aldermen for May 9, 2015 by adopting Resolution 2015-01.
3. Consider and act upon approving the Contract with Harrison County for Election Services for 2015 Elections.
4. Consider and act upon approving Sanitation Solutions First Amendment to Contract being presented by Josh Bray.
5. Consider and act upon approving resolution 2015-02 supporting an amendment to the definition “municipality” in the Texas Local Government Code.
6. Consider and act upon approving the Forest Hills Center Plat submitted by Jearl Morris.
7. Consider and act upon approving the Letter of Support for the Reserve at Hallsville for Affordable Housing.

VIII. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Hallsville will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending public meetings. To better serve attendees, requests should be received 24 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact Kim Smith, City Secretary, at 903-668-2313.



Seven Hallsville athletes make choices official

Cassie Perry will continue her soccer career at St. Mary's in San Antonio. Football players include Jamil Young, who signed with East Central Oklahoma, Ben DeWoody (Henderson State) and Kha'il Sneed (Moorpark College of California). Trey Gillespie, Wyatt Wolverton and Dionte Johnson decided to stay close to home and attend East Texas Baptist University.



History continued...

The main reason for the shift from the site of Fort Crawford to Hallsville was the existence of the railroad shops. From 1869 to 1871 the railroad shops were located in Hallsville. The railroad was built by Irishmen and the dirt was hauled away in wheelbarrows. The country surrounding Hallsville was sparsely settled, and the inhabitants were plain and unassuming in their ways. The railroad shops employed a large number of men. Hallsville was enjoying a boom in population growth and real estate development. Two hotels were built to accommodate the people. Two saloons were also built in Hallsville. Various businesses opened to meet the needs of the new workers arriving in town.

Several years later, the decision was made to move the railroad shops to Marshall. That decision led to a drastic change in life in Hallsville. Farming became the dominant force in the economy replacing railroad jobs. The people that remained here took over the businesses and adapted to the new agricultural economy. The farming industry increased; houses were built; and the railway was used to ship cotton and farm products. The building went on, and churches and schools were organized.

Registration and Inspection

March 1, 2015 – February 29, 2016: You will be able to renew your registration the same way as always as long as your vehicle has a current, passing inspection. However, if your inspection and registration stickers already expire in the same month, your vehicle will need to pass inspection prior to registration renewal. When you renew your annual registration online, by mail, or in-person at your county tax office, your inspection status will be verified electronically. Remember that a current, passing inspection is required for registration renewal.

March 1, 2016, and beyond: Your inspection and registration will expire at the end of the month indicated on your registration sticker. You will have a convenient 90-day window prior to your expiration date to complete two simple steps: pass vehicle inspection and renew your registration. Registration renewal will still be available online, by mail or in person at your county tax office.

You can now pay your
Water and Utilities
Or Traffic Tickets
On line!



Construction on the new water lines should begin this week, weather permitting. Work will start on FM450 north.