JULY - SEPTEMBER 2015



We would like to welcome our newly elected Mayor Steve Eitelman, and our two new elected Aldermen Dan Herrington and Charlie Hunt. Also, welcome newly appointed Alderman Brandon Sheffield.

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Holidays

City offices will be closed Friday, July 3, 2015 in observance of the $4^{\rm th}$ of July

City offices will be closed Monday, Sept 7, 2015 in observance of Labor Day

Water Improvement Project

We are making great progress with the Water Improvement Project Phase I. The pipe is down on North & West of Hwy 80, and now working on East & South on FM 450. Hopefully, by the end of July we will be taking bids for Phase II and getting that phase started as soon as possible.

New Chamber of Commerce

We would like to thank everyone who came out for the 1st meeting and showed great support in getting Hallsville Chamber of Commerce up and running. If you missed the 1st meeting, but would like to still be involved, no worries, there will be another meeting on July 7, 2015, 6pm at City Hall. Please come out and show your support and share your ideas to continue moving forward in organizing the Hallsville Chamber of Commerce.

Sales Tax Usage

The City Council is investigating the merits of collecting an additional 1% sales tax on products purchased within the city limits of Hallsville. Most cities in State of Texas are already collecting this. The cities of Longview, Marshall, and Tyler are participating in this. We feel this additional money would be very beneficial in meeting the future needs of our citizens. The three areas that would be benefited are as follows:

Street Maintenance

This sales tax may be used only to maintain and repair municipal streets that existed on the date of election to adopt the tax. It may not be used to build new streets.

Sales tax to maintain the Property Tax Rate

Cities may use this revenue as they would property tax revenues and may spend the funds collected for any lawful purpose. This tax will be used to help control property tax rates in the future

Economic Development

Revenues from this tax must be turned over to a development corporation formed to act on behalf of the city to carry out programs related to a wide variety of projects including public parks and business development. This includes facilities for parks, entertainment, amateur sports, tourist attractions, ball parks, including parking and water and sewer facilities that serve these areas. Also, allows the City to promote business enterprises that creates or retains jobs.

A Note from the Mayor

It is a true pleasure to serve as your Hallsville Mayor. Our doors are always open. Please feel free to come by City Hall or call. We would be happy to visit with each one of you. Our goal is to be of service to you "Citizens of Hallsville" the best that we can.

Steve Eitelman

Street Repairs

Our Water Department is working hard to get all the potholes filled. They work on them as weather permits and time allows. The bid has been awarded to make Cider Lane Drain Improvements and work is to begin by the end of July or beginning of August.





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Seeking Information

The City of Hallsville is considering making an important addition to our City Park---a Veterans Memorial. We feel Hallsville Area Veterans deserve a place of Honor in our City so that future generations can be reminded of the sacrifices made by members of the military and their families. To achieve this goal we are seeking information about members of our armed services who have died while serving our country. We are interested in information from all armed conflicts our nation has been involved in from WWI to the current conflicts in Iraq, Afghansistan and the Gulf Region. If you have information about any of our fallen heroes, please call City Hall and provide us with the information. Anyone wishing to assist or volunteer in these efforts would be greatly appreciated.

Congratulations

The City of Hallsville would like to congratulate the HHS Boys Baseball Team for an outstanding year. Good Job on all of your efforts and participation.

The City of Hallsville would like to say well done to the HHS Girls Softball for going on to State. This is a great achievement made by all of you.

Congratulations to two great teams and their coaches for a job well done.

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