



Mayor Steve Eitelman
Alderman Charlie Hunt
Alderman Frankie Dunagan

Mayor Pro-Temp Dan Herrington
Alderman Brandon Sheffield
Alderman Mike Bailey

The City of Hallsville Council meeting convened in regular session at 6 P.M. on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at City Hall located at 115 Main Street.

The following members were present:

Mayor Steve Eitelman
Alderman Charlie Hunt
Alderman Brandon Sheffield

Mayor Pro Tem Dan Herrington
Alderman Mike Bailey

The following members were absent:

Alderman Frankie Dunagan

City of Hallsville Staff Present:

City Secretary Kim Smith

Chief Wesley Freeman

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Eitelman.

II. Invocation

The Invocation was led by Alderman Charlie Hunt.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Mike Bailey.

IV. Public Comments

V. Presentation of Awards – Officer Eric Rogers and Mack Fuller

Chief Wesley Freeman presented the Rescue and Life Saving Interventions Award to both Hallsville Officer Eric Rogers and Hallsville ISD Officer Mack Fuller for saving the life of a young from a burning truck on FM 450 North.

VI. Consent Agenda

Mayor Steve Eitelman asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items including the Police Department Summary for April 2017, the Water Department Summary for April 2017, the Permit Report for April 2017, the Monthly Financials for April 2017, and the Minutes for April 18, 2017 meeting, and Street Repairs Report.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dan Herrington seconded by Alderman Mike Bailey to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the revision on the balance sheet. The motion was carried unanimously.

VII. Discussion Items

1. Discuss the City of Hallsville Mobile App.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington stated to the council that he had the minutes pulled when the City originally started the Mobile App. The name was Emergency Notification App and turned into City Mobile App. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington stated that the intent of the mobile app was for Emergency Notification purposes for part of the severe weather plan.

Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that in the beginning of the process, no one knew that the weather stations could automatically push out the notifications that we would have to do it manually. The City is currently working with Eric Eckstein, creator of the app, to see if there is a way to have National Weather Service push out the notification when City of Hallsville is under a severe weather warning. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that a city employee only pushes out the notifications for emergencies, road closures, or water related issues during 8-5 M-F. Alderman Brandon Sheffield asked why we couldn't have the Fire Department or the Police Department be in charge of pushing out the notifications. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that the Chief of Police/HPD is already getting the notification from Harrison County and they are the ones that are typically making sure to set the siren off. The Fire Department is a separate entity from the City of Hallsville, so it would not be up to them to push notifications for the City of Hallsville.

2. Discuss Severe Weather Procedures for the City of Hallsville.

Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that there was dual conflict when it comes to severe weather. Reports come out of Shreveport and are dispatched to the Police Department and Fire Department when Harrison County is under a severe weather warning. It will also tell if specifically, the City of Hallsville is. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that he has spoken with Fire Chief Craig Barton and they monitor with Harrison County and they don't send out any spotters. Harrison County currently has an Emergency Management Team and it has the different Cities in Harrison County involved with it. It basically states what we can expect or needs to happen when a real problem prevails. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that the RR is the #1 problem and there are procedures in place for that stuff.

VIII. Items to Be Considered

1. Consider and act upon approving purchasing new Emergency Weather Sirens.

Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that he did some research for new sirens and found a company. He called the manufacture and they flew a sales person to come visit. A quote that was given to the City for 3 new sirens to be placed throughout the City. The price doesn't include the poles, so they must be purchased separately. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that the salesman and himself drove around the City for specific spots to make sure that the sirens will cover the entire City. Alderman Mike Bailey asked if the spots were approved with the landowners. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that either we own the property or the school does. Alderman Brandon Sheffield asked how they work. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated by radio control by HPD. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington agreed that we need additional sirens, but he asked if there were any old bids to compare to and if they are working out the procedures. Chief Wesley Freeman stated that the Fire Department will also have access to portable radio or the stationed radio in case they have to set off the sirens. Alderman Mike Bailey asked why we didn't budget for the new sirens. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated because we have money available in our Garbage Collection Fund checking account. A percent of that money will go to fixing Cal Young. Alderman Mike Bailey stated that he appreciates that the money is there, but accountability needs to happen. No amendments or allocating, it doesn't feel right. Alderman Charlie Hunt stated waiting another month is just not a good idea and we are responsible for our residents. Alderman Brandon Sheffield stated that there is no procedures in place and no one to set sirens. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that it will take about 4 weeks to build and can be put up in one day. Alderman Charlie Hunt agreed there is no procedure but we keep putting it off then the equipment isn't put into place. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington stated that we as a council need to do better at setting up accrual accounts, and it was our failure on budgeting the right way. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington suggested that a couple of bids and the council vote provisional at a lower cost. Alderman Brandon Sheffield stated that we are spending the tax payer's money, but no one to push the button.

At 6:46 pm, Mayor Steve Eitelman requested to take a 10-minute recess to locate the other bids received for the new sirens.

At 6:54 pm, Mayor Steve Eitelman reconvened the meeting.

Mayor Steve Eitelman presented to the council two other bids that were received that was higher than the bid submitted at the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington stated that the City was going outside the norm regarding the budget.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington to purchase and recommend to the Mayor to follow through with a budget amendment through the accounting department. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2017-08 accepting the bid from Advanced Paving Company for Galilee Road Improvement Project.

Mayor Steve Eitelman stated Advanced Paving Company comes highly recommended from Hayes Engineering. The City would have like to Welbourn since the City and Welbourn have a good relationship. Since our City isn't big enough, we can't just go with who we want; we must go with the lower bidder.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt to approve Resolution 2017-08 approving the bid from Advanced Paving Company. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2017-09 adding one or two members to the Parks Advisory Board.

Alderman Brandon Sheffield recommended to add Bob Kelsey to Parks Advisory Board to fill one of the vacancies. Alderman Brandon Sheffield stated that something needs to settle the waters and drama with the current Parks Advisory Board. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that they won't call him when they are planning on having a meeting.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dan Herrington, seconded by Alderman Mike Bailey to approve Resolution 2017-09 nominating Bob Kelsey to serve on the Parks Advisory Board. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. Consider and act upon approving to distribute money received from Harrison County for the new child safety fees on vehicle registration.

Mayor Steve Eitelman explained to the City Council that in February 2017, the City received \$4,502.24 from the County for Child Safety fees paid through vehicle registration. Mayor Steve Eitelman suggested that a \$1,000 be donated to the HPD; \$2,502.24 be donated to Martin House Children's Advocacy; \$1,000 be donated to the Backpack Program at the HISD. Chief Wesley Freeman explained to the council what the Martin House Children's Advocacy Center is. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington asked if the Center served Harrison County; Chief Wesley Freeman stated yes. Alderman Mike Bailey asked if they went on only donations; Chief Freeman stated yes, Chief Wesley Freeman stated since he has been here, they have taken 6-8 kids to the Center.

Motion was made Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington, seconded by Alderman Brandon Sheffield to approve the distribution of the Child Safety fees as stated above. The motion was carried unanimously.

IX. Executive Session

Executive Session may be called for the purposes permitted by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 through Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters (Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, Dismissal, Complaint). Action if any will be taken in open meeting.

X. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

City of Hallsville

Signed:



Mayor Steve Eitelman

Attest:


Kimberly Smith, City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 20th day of June 2017.



Faron Cain
Notary Public, State of Texas

