



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, June 20, 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
Alderman Frankie Dunagan

The following members were absent:

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 Frankie Dunagan.

IV. Public Comments

V. Consent Agenda

Mayor Steve Eitelman asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items including the Police Department Summary for May 2017, the Water Department Summary for May 2017, the Permit Report for May 2017, the Monthly Financials for May 2017, and the Minutes for May 16, 2017 meeting, and Special Meeting Minutes for May 23, 2017, and Street Repairs Report.

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

VI. Discussion Items

1. Discuss and update the City Council regarding the sirens.

Mayor Steve Eitelman updated the City Council regarding the sirens. The sirens were delivered June 20, 2017 and he is looking into getting the poles and having them installed. The Mayor would like to have the installed by our July meeting. Chief Wesley Freeman stated that Hallsville FD went digital and the cost is expensive to make the sirens digital, so the City has applied for an additional channel to program for the FD. Chief Freeman stated that we are waiting for approval on the additional license for the additional channel.

VII. Items to Be Considered

1. Consider and act upon approving to build a bathroom for the City Park.

Taylor Miller, Chairman for Parks Advisory Board, stated to the Council the grant that the City applied for in February was denied. The Parks Advisory Board was going to use some of that money to build a bathroom at City Park. Alderman Brandon Sheffield asked if the grant company stated why we were denied. Taylor stated that there were lots of candidates and is hard to get approval. The Parks Advisory Board would like to apply for another grant in October but that is a 50/50 grant and will be mostly used for new equipment. They would like construction for the bathroom to start in July. The bathrooms will be placed on the west side of the park close to the Outreach Center. Lee Atkins has submitted a proposal and will include a vending drink machine. This will also help with revenue towards the park. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that Mr. Atkins plan is a little different than what Heartland had submitted back in February. Alderman Mike Bailey asked if anyone else had submitted bids. Taylor stated that they received one from Heartland, Lee Atkins, and B&G. B&G never responded back and Heartland was because they were the ones applying for the grant. Alderman Mike Bailey asked if they will be locked and who will be locking them. Taylor stated that there will be dead bolts on and they are expensive locks from 9 or 10 pm until 7 or 8 am the next morning. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that there is a crew that will keep the maintenance up on the bathrooms and either have them lock the doors, or have the Police Department lock and unlock the doors since they have someone on duty. This is prevent paying someone overtime to come in and lock the doors. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington stated that he likes the idea of the bathroom and we need a bathroom, since the grant wasn't granted how will the bathroom be paid for. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated there is \$300,000 in the trash checking account and we could use some of that money to cover the expense of the bathroom. Mayor Steve Eitelman also stated that the City should cover the cost of the bathroom and let the Park keep the money that is allocated and what has been raised. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington stated that the bathrooms are necessary, but we shouldn't just be using this money without budgeting it first. Alderman Mike Bailey

asked if the Mayor submitted a budget amendment to accounting for processing for the Sirens; Mayor Steve Eitelman stated yes. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that things come up throughout the year that we don't budget for and we are glad to have this money that is set aside for those projects. Alderman Frankie Dunagan asked if the Trash Account has been used before for anything. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington stated that it was used for road patches. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington also stated that he agrees to use for projects, but disagrees the budget process and just spend however. Alderman Charlie Hunt stated that a budget amendment to transfer from one account, get bids, and then spend. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that the money won't be spent until the project is finished. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington stated long term planning maybe we need to allocate for future projects. Have a process and if a new council comes in at the November election, then give the next council the right to vote on it. Taylor stated that the bricks that are being sold will be used to make a path around the bathroom.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderman Frankie Dunagan to move \$30,000 to construct a bathroom at City Park. Yeas: Alderman Charlie Hunt, Frankie Dunagan, and Brandon Sheffield. Nays: Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington and Alderman Mike Bailey.

2. Consider and act upon approving Scott Newland's Phase II of Saddle Brook Subdivision on FM 450 South.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt to approve selling lots in Phase II. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Consider and act upon approving the intent to proceed with the potential hiring of a City Manager/City Administrator.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington asked if the council wants to continue down this path, and if so then the council needs to start looking at ordinances and job descriptions. Alderman Charlie Hunt stated that it was a good time to do this since we have already done the open forum. Mayor Steve Eitelman felt that the meeting was a setup and it was schooled. The Council is stripping away what the City Staff already does. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington stated that he spoke to a lot of folks and was given one logical reasoning of not hiring a City Manager. The resident that told him couldn't speak at the meeting because he wasn't feeling well. The resident stated to take all the money from the Mayor and put towards a consultant for the roads. That is a good idea, but we also need a City Manager for long term.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Bailey to move forward with the processes involved in hiring a City Manager. The motion was carried unanimously.

VIII. 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.

IX. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

City of Hallsville

Signed:




Mayor Steve Eitelman

Attest:



Kimberly Smith, City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 18th day of July 2017.



Faron Cain
Notary Public, State of Texas

