

**CITY OF HALLSVILLE, TEXAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 18, 2014 MINUTES**

The City of Hallsville Council meeting convened in regular session at 6 P.M. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at City Hall located 115 Main Street.

The following members were present:

Mayor Jerri Medrano  
Mayor Pro Tem James Mitzell  
Alderman Gary Nash

Alderman Tim Hatten  
Alderman Eric Anderson  
Alderman Jake Walker

**CITY OF HALLSVILLE STAFF PRESENT:**

City Secretary Judy Adkisson

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jerri Medrano.

The Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Tim Hatten.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of the January 21, 2014, minutes.

Motion was made by Alderman Tim Hatten and second by Alderman James Mitzell.  
Motion carried. 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 0 Abstentions.

2. Monthly Financial Reports for January and February, 2014.

Mayor Jerri Medrano asked if there were any questions on the financial reports.

Alderman Tim Hatten asked, "Were all these figures for water repair?"

Mayor Jerri Medrano asked for which month?

Alderman Tim Hatten responded Water and Sewer February Report.

Mayor Jerri Medrano responded, yes for the \$14,000 listed on the report. She stated she had asked Hallum, City of Hallsville Accountant, for a line item so that these figures wouldn't look so bad on our monthly reports. She stated there will be a lot of expenses when the project starts.

Mayor Jerri Medrano reported Hallum said we could have a separate line item. She used the example, we have a line item for the Police Department, line item for our trash and so on, and each line item is separated. It would be the same account but separated.

Alderman Tim Hatten asked, "Do we need to come up with a budget for all that?"

Mayor Jerri Medrano responded we have already budgeted for the entire project. It's already been taken care of.

Alderman Tim Hatten asked, "So all related to this project will come off this amount?"

Mayor Jerri Medrano responded yes this \$14,000.

Mayor Jerri Medrano moved on with stating we had some major water and sewer leaks the past few weeks at \$6,000 each. The problem was old pipes at Cal Young and 450 that caved in and had been leaking in the past. There were water lines that have been leaking for a long time at a cost between \$6,000 to \$8,000. Rickey was able to fix one line for \$200 and got it done right for that price.

Alderman Eric Anderson asked, "Now that the budget is set up, is this \$5,300 coming out of the budget that was set up to repair the pipes?"

Mayor Jerri Medrano responded yes we will be showing everything spent, legal, engineering, repairs, maintenance, everything. This will be a separate report.

Alderman Eric Anderson asked, "So when we have \$5,300 broke out are we going to have details as far as how it relates to the budget?" I don't want to get 8 months into the project and we have been looking at an individual number and wonder where that number came from.

Mayor Jerri Medrano responded yes our report for the water pipe repair will be much easier to keep separated. We have not really started spending money yet. We have \$5,000,000 to spend on this project and want the paperwork right.

City Secretary, Judy Adkisson asked council to refer to the last item to be considered, the Post-Issuance Compliance for Tax-Exempt Obligations. She stated this item is an outline of the procedures on how to handle the money for the water pipe project and council will vote on this item tonight.

Someone asked the question on the February Financial Report, "What happened on the Whataburger project?"

Mayor Jerri Medrano responded a fire hydrant had to be replaced.

Referencing the cost of \$15,000 on the Financial Report for Whataburger.

Mayor Jerri Medrano responded a waterline had to be rerouted and we have been waiting for this project to be done so that we could have the fire hydrant at that location. This fire hydrant has been in the plan from the beginning.

Alderman Tim Hatten stated he would like for Auditor Faron Cain to provide a report to see where we are with the budget.

Mayor Jerri Medrano responded he can run a detail report every month if that is what you want. The report would be 15, 16 pages.

Alderman Gary Nash suggested maybe a report every three months.

Mayor Jerri Medrano responded this report is set up this way out of Quick Books Software.

Alderman Tim Hatten stated this report is set up for this year and last year. Alderman Eric Anderson stated we don't need to see last year.

There was much discussion on monthly verses quarterly reports, ending discussion with a monthly report needed.

Mayor Jerri Medrano asked for a motion approving the Financial Reports.

Motion was made by Alderman James Mizell and second by Alderman Tim Hatten.  
Motion carried. 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 0 Abstentions.

Mayor Jerri Medrano asked for any comments on the Permit Report.

Alderman Eric Anderson stated he saw a sign advertising for a business located in front of James Greer's rent house.

Mayor Jerri Medrano stated she saw that sign and Victoria Aldrete, Code Enforcement Officer will be taking care of that violation when she does that section of town.

City Secretary, Judy Adkisson brought to the attention of the council that sign permits are only \$27. You can have a portable sign or you can have an electrical to a sign, like the huge sign Whataburger installed for \$27, no matter what size of the sign.

Council will look at cost of sign permits in August.

## **V. Items to be Considered**

### **1. Consider and act upon an Order of Election for May 10, 2014**

Motion was made by Alderman Eric Anderson and second by Alderman Gary Nash.  
Motion carried. 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 0 Abstentions.

### **2. Consider and act upon an Ordinance Declaring Unopposed Candidates in the May 10<sup>th</sup>, General City Election, Elected to Office; Canceling the Election; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date.**

Motion was made by Alderman Jake Walker and second by Alderman Tim Hatten.  
Motion carried. 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 0 Abstentions.

3. Consider and act upon Post – Issuance Compliance for Tax-Exempt Obligations.

Motion was made by Alderman Jake Walker and second by Alderman Tim Hatten.  
Motion carried. 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 0 Abstentions.

After Items to be considered was voted and approved. Discussion started about improving the City of Hallsville Park.

This topic was not an agenda item.

After much discussion council asked City Secretary, Judy Adkisson, to pull records on the last grant and the requirements for possible improvements.

**VI. Citizens to be Heard**

There were no comments from citizens.

**VII. Adjournment**

Alderman Eric Anderson adjourned the council meeting at 6:33 pm.

**CITY OF HALLSVILLE**

Signed:

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Mayor Jerri Medrano

Attest:

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Judy Adkisson, City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

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Faron Cain  
Notary Public, State of Texas