



**Mayor Steve Eitelman
Alderman Eric Anderson
Alderman Charlie Hunt**

**Mayor Pro-Temp Jake Walker
Alderman Dan Herrington
Alderman Brandon Sheffield**

The City of Hallsville Council meeting convened in regular session at 6 P.M. on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at City Hall located at 115 Main Street.

The following members were present:

Mayor Steve Eitelman
Alderman Dan Herrington

Mayor Pro Tem Jake Walker
Alderman Charlie Hunt

The following members were absent:

Alderman Eric Anderson

City Of Hallsville Staff Present:

City Secretary Kimberly Smith

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Eitelman.

II. Invocation

The Invocation was led by Mayor Steve Eitelman.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Steve Eitelman.

IV. Consent Agenda

Mayor Steve Eitelman asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items including the Police Department Summary for May 2015, the Water Department Summary for May 2015, the Permit Report for May 2015, and the Monthly Financials for May 2015.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt and seconded by Alderman Dan Herrington

Motion carried. 3 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 1 Abstention

V. Public Comments**VI. Discussion Items**

1. Discuss with John LaFoy regarding Cypress Place.

John LaFoy, owner of Cypress Place Subdivision Phase II, explained to the City Council regarding starting his next phase of the subdivision. Mr. LaFoy had brought this to the Council back in August 2007, and the Council approved for Mr. LaFoy to proceed forward with Phase II. Mr. LaFoy has now decided to move forward with the next step in Phase II. He will be presenting to the Council the diagrams as they come available. The houses will be single-family dwellings and will look similar to the houses that are in Cypress Place Subdivision Phase 1.

Mayor Steve Eitelman voiced some concern with a convenience store in a residential area. The convenience store will come at a later time for discussion.

2. Discuss the current information regarding the Emergency Siren System.

Mayor Steve Eitelman updated the council up to date with Emergency Siren System.

3. Discuss the current updates on the street repairs.

Mayor Steve Eitelman updated the Council regarding the pothole repairs.

4. Discuss the possibility of additional Railroad Crossings.

Mayor Steve Eitelman and Alderman Dan Herrington discussed with the Council regarding adding an additional Railroad Crossing. They have both met with TxDOT and Union Pacific regarding the crossing. It is a work in progress and they will keep the Council updated as information is provided.

5. Discuss City Park Improvements.

Mayor Steve Eitelman and Alderman Dan Herrington discussed with the Council regarding the current City Park and a different location that is going to be used as a small park. Mayor Steve Eitelman explained to the Council that two City employees are cleaning and mowing the City Park, and checking on the park at least three (3) times a week.

Alderman Dan Herrington stated that there is a possibility of building an additional park west of town by the Methodist Church, but all the businesses would have to be annexed in first.

VII. Items to Be Considered

1. Consider and act upon the approval of the Minutes of May 19, 2015.

Motion was made by Alderman Jake Walker and seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt
Motion carried. 3 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 1 Abstention

2. Consider and act upon approval of Appointing of the Vacancy of Alderman.

Mayor Pro Tem Jake Walker nominated Mike Godsey. Alderman Dan Herrington nominated Brandon Sheffield, and Alderman Charlie Hunt agreed with Alderman Dan Herrington.

Motion was made by Alderman Dan Herrington and seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt
Motion carried. 2 Ayes; 1 Nays; and 1 Abstention

Kim Smith, City Secretary, swore in Alderman Brandon Sheffield. Alderman Brandon Sheffield took his seat at the Council table.

3. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2015-07 for the bid for W.M. Miller Construction, Inc. for the Cider Lane Drain Improvements.

Stan Hayes, Hayes Engineering, presented the results of the bid opening from June 3, 2015. Stan recommended that the City approve the lowest bid of \$52,458.50 from W.M. Miller Construction, Inc. Stan explained the process once the bid is approved, and the next step moving forward. Once they get started working, the completion of the job should be around the end of September 2015 to the beginning of October 2015.

Motion was made by Alderman Jake Walker and seconded by Alderman Dan Herrington
Motion carried. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 1 Abstention

4. Consider and act upon approving Ordinance 2015-04 amending the current Solicitor's Permit Ordinance.

The City Attorney added verbiage to the current ordinance regarding anywhere in the City and mobile units in the City.

Motion was made by Alderman Jake Walker and seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt
Motion carried. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 1 Abstention

5. Consider and act upon approving Ordinance 2015-05 amending the Rate & Fees List for Solicitor's Permit.

Mayor Steve Eitelman suggested to the Council that a rate be set for one (1) week permit at \$175; and one (1) month permit for \$275 for a Solicitor's Permit. The Mayor was asked about setting up a Snow-Cone stand for the summer. The current is only good for 2 days, and the City needs a rate for at least one (1) week and one (1) month. The Council would like to at this again *in one year to see how things are going.*

Motion was made by Alderman Dan Herrington and seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt

Motion carried. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 1 Abstention

- 6. Consider and act upon approving an increase in the Sales Tax Rate by 1%.

Mayor Steve Eitelman suggested to the Council to increase the current Sales Tax Rate by 1%. ¼ of the 1% will be used for existing streets, ½ of the 1% will be used for Economic Development, and ¼ of 1% will be used for property tax relief that will reduce the effective and rollback property tax rate within the City. This will allow some additional revenue without having to raise the property taxes. The ¼ of 1% for existing streets will have to be re-authorized every four (4) years or it will expire. The other two (2) taxes are forever. The residents of the City will have to vote on this issue in the November 2015 election

After much discussion regarding the Sales Tax Rate, Alderman Dan Herrington requested that the item be tabled so the Mayor can present to them the breakdown of each tax rate and exactly what they can be used for.

Motion was made by Alderman Jake Walker and seconded by Alderman Brandon Sheffield
Motion carried. 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 1 Abstention

VIII. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

City Of Hallsville

Signed:


Mayor Steve Eitelman

Attest:


Kimberly Smith, City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 21st day of July 2015.


Faron Cain
Notary Public, State of Texas

