



**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, August 18, 2015, at City Hall located at 115 Main Street.

The following members were present:

Mayor Steve Eitelman
Alderman Eric Anderson
Alderman Charlie Hunt

Mayor Pro Tem Jake Walker
Alderman Dan Herrington

The following members were absent:

City Of Hallsville Staff Present:

City Secretary Kimberly Smith

Internal Auditor Faron Cain

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 July 2015, the Water Department Summary for July 2015, the Permit Report for July 2015, the Monthly Financials for July 2015, and the Minutes for July 21, 2015 meeting.

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

Motion carried. 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 0 Abstention

V. Public Comments

VI. Discussion Items

1. Discuss the current updates on the street repairs.

Mayor Steve Eitelman updated the Council regarding the pothole repairs and Cal Young Road.

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

Mayor Steve Eitelman updated the Council with Emergency Siren System.

3. Discuss City Park Improvements.

Mayor Steve Eitelman updated the Council regarding improvements to the City Park.

VII. Items to Be Considered

1. Consider and act upon the approving Resolution 2015-09 accepting the beneficial low bidder received for Water Line Improvements Phase II and recommendation from Hayes Engineer to award contract.

Kyle Stephens, Hayes Engineering, explained to the Council regarding the bidding process and what had happened with the error in addition on the low bidder Excel Utility Const. Dale, Excel Utility Const. explained to the Council that it was a mess up on their part, and they would do the job for the \$735,510 and guarantee a good job. Kyle Stephens recommended that the Council approve the low bidder, Excel Utility Const. for the Water Improvement Phase II.

Alderman Dan Herrington was concerned because it was a substantial difference in price. Both Kyle and Dale guaranteed that the job will be good regardless of the difference.

Motion was made by Alderman Eric Anderson and seconded by Alderman Jake Walker.

Motion carried. 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 0 Abstention

2. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2015-10 cancelling the Order of Election for November 3, 2015.

Mayor Steve Eitelman explained to the Council that the City was requesting to be on the November 2015 ballot to vote for a 1% increase on sales tax. The Governor of Texas signed a bill in June 2015 allowing the City to request a 1% increase without having to setup different percentages for different things. The extra 1% will go straight into the General Fund Revenue, and can be used for anything. The bill will not take effect until September 1, 2015; therefore,

this item can't be on the November 2015 ballot. You can't order an election before a bill is in place. This item will be on the May 2015 City General Election.

Motion was made by Alderman Dan Herrington and seconded by Alderman Jake Walker.
Motion carried. 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 0 Abstention

3. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2015-11 amending the current Resolution 2015-06 Expenditure Policy.

Internal Auditor, Faron Cain explained to the Council that the current Expenditure Policy that is in place doesn't allow the Mayor to approve certain bills. Faron Cain requested that the Council raise the amount from \$1,500 to \$15,000 without having to get Council approval before. Alderman Dan Herrington requested that anything \$15,000 and over will need to have the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tem's signature for approval.

Alderman Dan Herrington made a motion to drop the aggregate amount and \$15,000 or more per purchase requires a signature from the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for approval.

Motion was made by Alderman Dan Herrington and seconded by Alderman Brandon Sheffield.
Motion carried. 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 0 Abstention

4. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2015-12 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Public Management, Inc. regarding zoning in the City of Hallsville.

Alderman Brandon Sheffield explained to the Council regarding meeting with Public Management Inc., a consulting company for zoning. Public Management Inc., will come in and write up the map and write the ordinance that the Council will need to pass. This company will do everything for us.

Alderman Dan Herrington asked if this was going to have a public vote before it is in effect. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated no, and it will be in place once the Council passed the Ordinance.

Alderman Charlie Hunt asked where in the budget that it would be taken from. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated out of the Garbage Fund.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt and seconded by Alderman Dan Herrington.
Motion carried. 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 0 Abstention

VIII. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

City Of Hallsville

Signed:

Mayor Steve Eitelman

Attest:

Kimberly Smith, City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 18th day of August 2015.

Faron Cain
Notary Public, State of Texas