



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, July 19, 2016, at City Hall located at 115 Main Street.

The following members were present:

Mayor Steve Eitelman
Alderman Charlie Hunt
Alderman Frankie Dunagan

Alderman Dan Herrington
Alderman Brandon Sheffield
Alderman Mike Bailey

The following members were absent:

City of Hallsville Staff Present:

City Secretary Kim Smith

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. Consent Agenda

Mayor Steve Eitelman asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items including the Police Department Summary for June 2016, the Water Department Summary for June 2016, the Permit Report for June 2016, the Monthly Financials for June 2016, and the Minutes for June 21, 2016 meeting and the Minutes for Special Meeting July 26, 2016.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderman Brandon Sheffield to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.

V. Public Comments

No public comment.

VI. Discussion Items

1. Discuss the possibility of a Cell Phone Ordinance for City of Hallsville.

Alderman Charlie Hunt discussed with the Council if Hallsville needs a Cell Phone Ordinance. The Council agreed that if it becomes mandated by the State, then they will look at the issue in the future.

2. Discuss and update on the Agenda Procedures Policy.

Alderman Charlie Hunt discussed the Agenda Procedures Policy with the Council. There was much talk about the document presented to them. Alderman Charlie Hunt made some changes and would like to get the opinion of the City Attorney with his changes and an explanation of #1 under Article 1.

VII. Items to Be Considered

1. Variance Request.

A variance request has been submitted Goforth Construction to request the side setbacks to go from 10' to 1' for the construction of a new house and carport. The property owner will be getting rid of all existing buildings once the house is built.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington, seconded by Alderman Frankie Dunagan to open the public hearing. The motion was carried unanimously.

Debbie Cline, property owner of 309 North Oak explained to the council exactly what she was planning on doing. Since the lots are not straight, she is requesting a 1' setback on both sides instead of a 10' setback.

Motion was made by Alderman Brandon Sheffield, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt to close the public hearing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington asked if there were any potential problems with approving this variance. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated a recommendation for approval came from the Planning & Zoning Commission, and no negative response from surrounding neighbors.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington, seconded by Alderman Mike Bailey to approve a Variance Request from 309 North Oak Street for a 1' sides setback. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Consider and approve Resolution 2016-12 moving the City's General Election from May to November.

Election Code Section 42.0052, Changing General Election Date, states that any entity, other than a county or municipal utility district, that has an election on a date other than the November uniform election, can change the date from May to November by December 2016.

Mayor Steve Eitelman stated to the Council that this will be good for the City expenses. A normal election can cost up to \$13,000 that the City is responsible for in full if the school doesn't have an election. This way we will always split the election in ½ with the County, and only can be responsible for 1/3 of the election if the school changes their election date.

Motion was made by Alderman Brandon Sheffield, seconded by Alderman Frankie Dunagan to adopt Resolution 2016-12 moving the Election date from May to November. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Consider and approve Resolution 2016-13 to adopt a Bank Depository Agreement.

Every three (3) years, the City of Hallsville must go out for bids for the Bank Depository Agreement. The City received three (3) bids from Guaranty Bank & Trust, Texas Bank & Trust, and First State Bank. All three (3) banks came in with the same pricing, of everything free because of the balance that is kept in the City's accounts.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington recused himself because he works for Guaranty Bank & Trust.

Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that the City has worked with Guaranty Bank & Trust and there is no reason to change since all the bids are the same and the Guaranty Bank & Trust is local.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderman Mike Bailey to approve Resolution 2016-13 approving Guaranty Bank & Trust as the Bank Depository for the City of Hallsville. The motion was carried by four and Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington recused his vote.

4. Consider and approve to borrow money to fix the three Streets in the City Limits.

At the June 2016 meeting, the Council discussed getting bids to fix three major streets in the City limits, (Willow, Branch, and Gallilee). Since the Sales Tax has increased from 1% to 2%, the City was going to take a certain amount of that money to put towards streets.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington recused himself because he works for Guaranty Bank & Trust.

Mayor Steve Eitelman explained to the Council about taking out a loan to fix the streets and paying the loan back with the Sales Tax. The City received two bids for interest

rates, Texas Bank & Trust came in at 2.48% and Guaranty Bank & Trust came in at 3.25%.


Motion was made by Alderman Frankie Dunagan, seconded by Alderman Mike Bailey to approve Texas Bank & Trusts interest rate of 2.48% for a loan up to \$300,000 to fix three (3) streets inside the City limits. The motion was carried by three, with one nay. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington recused his vote.

VIII. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.


City of Hallsville

Signed:




Mayor Steve Eitelman

Attest:



Kimberly Smith, City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 16th day of August 2016.



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Notary Public, State of Texas

