



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, January 17, 2017, at City Hall located at 115 Main Street.

The following members were present:

Mayor Steve Eitelman
Alderman Charlie Hunt
Alderman Mike Bailey

Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington
Alderman Frankie Dunagan
Alderman Brandon Sheffield

The following members were absent:

City of Hallsville Staff Present:

City Secretary Kim Smith

Interim Chief Adam Vanover

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 Post 620 Scout Troop.

Steve Eitelman, Mayor introduced Police Chief Applicant Wesley Freeman. Steve asked the Council if they would like to go into Closed Session to speak with Mr. Freeman. The Council denied the request and welcomed Mr. Freeman as the new City of Hallsville Police Chief. Mr. Freeman thanked the Council and is looking forward to working for the City of Hallsville.

IV. Consent Agenda

Mayor Steve Eitelman asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items including the Police Department Summary for December 2016, the Water Department Summary for December

2016, the Permit Report for December 2016, the Monthly Financials for December 2016, and the Minutes for December 14, 2016 meeting, and Street Repairs Report.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington asked about the Water Tap Line was at an increase. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that it is because of all the new developments building in the City. Alderman Charlie Hunt stated the City received their first 1% increase Sales Tax in December and the first installment was \$20,000.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington, seconded by Alderman Brandon Sheffield to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was carried unanimously.

V. Discussion Items

1. Discuss if Hallsville wants a Downtown Development.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington stated he thought about a more uniformed City over time and to have the Planning & Zoning Commission work on making that happen. The City can write-up certain restrictions on what our Downtown District would look like. Everything would be first drawn up from the Planning & Zoning Commission, then presented to City Council. There is not much effect on it now, but it would 5-10 years down the road. Alderman Mike Bailey stated the City could then receive and apply for Beautification grants. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that we will work on getting something together and then have it presented to Planning & Zoning for their input and finally approved by City Council.

2. Discuss regarding a second Storm Siren for the City of Hallsville.

Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that the City of Hallsville needs another Storm Siren. Alderman Charlie Hunt where the siren would be placed. Alderman Mike Bailey stated the school may let the City put the siren on the light tower at Bobcat Stadium. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington asked where the money would come from since this wasn't an item that was budgeted. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated it would come out of the Garbage Collection Fund. We have over \$200,000 in that account now. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington asked when the Council approves for the purchase of a new siren, he would like to see the number of people that are using our City App. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated the City will get the information together and bring it back to Council.

3. Discuss the hiring process of the Chief of Police.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington stated the Council publicly stated a process was mentioned and not followed through. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington stated that if we as a council stated something, then we should follow through it. Mayor Steve Eitelman was asked to take them through the process of hiring a Chief of Police. Mayor Steve Eitelman explained to council that 37 applicants applied for the position. Eight (8) applicants were sent to the Texas Chief's Association (TCA). The top five (5) were returned from the TCA. Wesley Freeman was the top choice from TCA. The Committee that was formed interviewed three (3) of the five (5) candidates. Two (2) were not interviewed because they were from West Texas and were already retired. The three (3)

local candidate were interviewed for the position. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that it was his responsibility to do the hiring for the position, and he would come back to the council and decided not to do it. Mayor Steve Eitelman did offer up for the Council to talk with Mr. Freeman in closed session at tonight's meeting and the council refused. An email was sent by Mayor Steve Eitelman to the Council members regarding hiring Mr. Wesley Freeman. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington asked why the process wasn't followed through and that the City needs to stay honest with the public. Mayor Steve Eitelman asked what the Council wanted from him since it was all said and done, and Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington just asked that he follow through in future what he states he will do. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that he will do his best.

VI. Items to Be Considered

1. Consider and approve Resolution 2017-01 approving SWEPCO's rate increase.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt to approve Resolution 2017-01 approving the SWEPCO Card Rate Increase. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Consider and approve Resolution 2017-02 replacing a member on the Hallsville Park and Recreation Board.

Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that a couple of members have resigned from the Board and the Parks Advisory Board would like to have Kim Cotton appointed. Kim Cotton stood and introduced herself.

Motion was made by Alderman Mike Bailey, seconded by Alderman Frankie Dunagan to approve Kim Cotton to fill one of the vacancies on the Parks Advisory Board. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Consider and approve Resolution 2017-03 authorizing the submission of an application to the TxCDBG and designating the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative for all matters pertaining to the application and committing local match.

Kyle Stephens, Hayes Engineering explained to the Council the process of the grant and the CDBG program. The City will be responsible to pay \$41,250 for the local match. Mayor Steve Eitelman stated that the money would come out of the Garbage Fund. Kyle Stephens explained that the Grant will cover Branch Street, where they left off at, to Willow, and Willow Street to where they left off at, and possibly also Willow Creek Court. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington asked if we have to pay up front, and Mayor Steve Eitelman stated only if the Grant is approved. Kyle Stephens stated we have to apply by March 2017, but will not find out if approved until June or July and that is when we find out what pay cycle the City will fall into.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderman Mike Bailey to approve the TxCDBG application to apply for the Grant. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. Consider and approve the Parks Advisory Board to apply for the Hallsville Recreational Trail Grant.

Taylor Miller, Chairman for the Parks Advisory Board, explained to the Council what the Parks Advisory Board would like to do. Taylor requested from the Council approval to apply for the Heartland Grant. Once they are approved, they will have three (3) years to spend the money. There are many different things that the Park Advisory Board will like to do for the park. Just to name a few, bathrooms, solar lightening, to finish the trail (that is currently at the park), and do something about the parking. Taylor stated that the Lion's Club would like to add a piece of equipment that is within their budget to the Park. Taylor also mentioned that a Facebook post was made regarding a Splash pad. The intentions of the Park Advisory Board were to just get a feel for the public interests about getting a Splash pad. The Board is not requesting to purchase one right, but maybe something to think about down the road. Mayor Pro-Tem Dan asked if Taylor would get information regarding the maintenance and up keep on the Splash Pad. Alderman Mike Bailey also stated about the maintenance and the liability costs.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Herrington, seconded by Alderman Brandon Sheffield to allow the Parks Advisory Board to apply for the Heartland Grant. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. Consider and approve the Site Plan Drawings for Alan Stiles Subdivision on Country Club Road.

Alan Stiles explained to the Council what his intentions were for the development. Mr. Stiles figures development time will be 1-2 years. Rickey Dugger, Water Superintendent has requested that the front setback stay at 30' and give a 20' easement for all utilities. Mr. Stiles had no problem with moving the house back to have side and back setbacks set at 10' to allow for the 30' front setback. Mr. Stiles will have to meet with the Board of Adjustment to request change in the front setback, the lot width, and the lot depth.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderman Mike Bailey to approve the site plan contingent with the approval from the Board of Adjustment for the front setback, the lot width, and the lot depth. The motion was carried unanimously.

VII. 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.

VIII. Adjournment

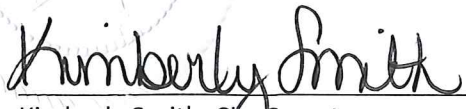
The Council meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

City of Hallsville


Signed:


Mayor Steve Eitelman

Attest:


Kimberly Smith, City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 14th day of December 2016.



Faron Cain
Notary Public, State of Texas

