



**Mayor Jesse Casey  
 Alderman Charlie Hunt  
 Alderman Brant Cain**

**Mayor Pro-Temp Gary Lovelace  
 Alderman Guy Walker  
 Alderwoman Lauren Bresch**

The City of Hallsville Council meeting convened in regular session at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at City Hall located at 115 Main Street.

Per the Governor’s Executive Order proper social distancing guidelines were followed. Special seating arrangements were made for Council Members, staff and visitor’s present.

**The following members were present:**

Mayor Jesse Casey  
 Alderman Guy Walker  
 Alderman Charlie Hunt

Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace  
 Alderman Brant Cain  
 Alderwoman Lauren Bresch

**The following members were absent:**

**City of Hallsville Staff Present:**

City Secretary Kimberly Smith  
 Police Chief Wesley Freeman

City Administrator Marty Byers

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Jesse Casey.

**II. Invocation**

The Invocation was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jesse Casey.

**IV. Public Comments**

**V. Consent Agenda**

Mayor Jesse Casey asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items including the City Administrator’s Report for August 2020, Police Department Summary for August 2020, the Water Department Summary for August 2020, the Permit Report for August 2020, the Monthly Financials for August 2020 and the August 18, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Jesse Casey stated an additional traffic/intersection count was being performed in conjunction with the traffic study and would be at the Waldron Ferry-FM450 and Galilee-Cypress intersections done on 9/16/20. Alderman Guy Walker stated he didn't think traffic has been too bad. Alderman Brant Cain asked what kind of chipper the City was looking at for the ETCOG Grant. City Administrator Marty Byers stated a 6-inch chipper for limbs. The City staff currently burns all limbs at the WWTP.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## VI. Discussion Items

## VII. Items to Be Considered

### 1. 2020-2021 General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund Budgets.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch to open the public hearing.

No public comment.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt to close the public hearing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace stated he liked seeing a comparison from the current year to the ensuing year.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch to approve the 2020-2021 General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund Budgets. The motion carried unanimously.

### 2. 2020-2021 City of Hallsville Tax Rate.

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain to open the public hearing.

No public comment.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch to close the public hearing.

Mayor Jesse Casey stated there is a slight decrease in the tax rate for FY 2020-2021.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain to approve to adopt Ordinance 2020-05 adopting the 2020-2021 Tax Rate set at 0.362731. The motion carried unanimously.

### 3. Consider and act upon approving Ordinance 2020-06 setting a speed limit for Waldron Ferry Road.

City Administrator Marty Byers explained there is no ordinance in place establishing a speed limit for Waldron Ferry Road outside the school zone. In order for the Police Officer's to enforce the speed, an ordinance needs to be established.

Motion was made by Alderman Brant Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch to approve Ordinance 2020-06 setting a speed limit of 30 mph for Waldron Ferry Road outside the school zone postings. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2020-09 cancelling the November 3, 2020 Election.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderman Guy Walker to approve Resolution 2020-09 cancelling the November 3, 2020 Election. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2020-10 to apply for the TCEQ Municipal Solid Waste Grant through ETCOG.

City Administrator Marty Byers explained the equipment purchased through the grant. The City also has the option of acquiring equipment from other entities who have equipment not being used and the City can be assigned that equipment.

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain to approve Resolution 2020-10 to apply for the TCEQ Municipal Solid Waste Grant through ETCOG. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider and act upon approving the rate increase from Sanitation Solutions.

Mayor Jesse Casey explained the rate increase and the impacts to the City's profit. These funds help with street maintenance. City Administrator Marty Byers explained to the Council the rate schedule and the new costs if the increase was passed to the residents. It will increase \$.92/month for one poly cart.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain to approve Sanitation Solutions garbage rate increase and to pass that increase to the residents effective November 1, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider and act upon approving the proposed budget for 9-1-1 Network.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch to approve the proposed budget for 9-1-1 Network. The motion carried unanimously.

## **VIII. Executive Session**

## **IX. Adjournment**

The Council meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

City of Hallsville

Signed:

Jesse Casey  
Mayor Jesse Casey

Attest:

Kimberly Smith  
Kimberly Smith, TRMC City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

Faron Cain  
Faron Cain  
Notary Public, State of Texas

