



**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, November 17, 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 Alderwoman Lauren Bresch.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jesse Casey.

IV. Administer Oath of Three Alderman

City Secretary Kimberly Smith swore in Alderman Gary Lovelace, Alderman Guy Walker and Alderman Brant Cain.

V. Public Comments

VI. Consent Agenda

Mayor Jesse Casey asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items including the City Administrator's Report for October 2020, Police Department Summary for October 2020, the Water Department Summary for October 2020, the Permit Report for October 2020, the Monthly Financials for October 2020, and the October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

City Administrator Marty Byers explained to the Council his recommendation with the ETxCOG Grant and the procedures of the grant. Marty's recommendation was to not accept the grant money that ETxCOG was offering because the offered amount was less than the grant requested amount. City Administrator Marty Byers brought attention to the Water Department Summary regarding the numbers for meters read and the new installed RG3 meters. The Water Department is working on installing all RG3 meters by the end of year so the City can save the \$5,000 on Master Meter's software support for next year. City Administrator Marty Byers explained to the Council the General Fund TexPool line on the balance sheet. As of November 13th, \$500,00 was transferred to TexPool and we have invested total of \$3.3 million. Alderman Brant Cain asked if all the refunds on the building permits were fixed. Mayor Jesse Casey stated they were, and the residents were very appreciative.

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

VII. Discussion Items

VIII. Items to Be Considered

1. Consider and act upon approving a Mayor Pro-Tem.

Alderman Guy Walker nominated to keep Alderman Gary Lovelace as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain to approve Gary Lovelace as the Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2020-11 approving the Signatory Agents for the City of Hallsville Bank Accounts at Guaranty Bank & Trust and Texas Bank & Trust.

Mayor Pro Tem didn't change, no motion was needed.

3. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2020-12 suspending SWEPCO's proposed effective date related to its statement of intent to increase rates submitted to the City on about October 13, 2020; engaging special counsel to represent the City with regard to SWEPCO's statement of intent; authorizing intervention in proceedings related to SWEPCO's statement of intent through a coalition of cities known as Cities Advocating Reasonable Deregulation ("CARD"); and directing SWEPCO to reimburse the City's reasonable rate case expenses related to SWEPCO's statement of intent.

City Administrator Marty Byers explained to the Council the process and explained the Resolution.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt to continue using CARD by adopting Resolution 2020-12. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider and act upon approving Ordinance 2020-12 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, by recommendation of Texas Water Development Board.

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain to adopt Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance No 2020-12 as recommended by the Texas Water Development Board. The motion carried unanimously

5. Consider and act upon approving transferring \$7,140.00 from General Fund Reserves to 2020-2021 Budget for the initial annual payment of a 5-year lease agreement with WatchGuard.

Alderman Guy Walker asked who the City was using currently. City Administrator Marty Byers stated that we currently don't have any. This was something we talked about in the past and the pricing was high. A quote from WatchGuard was requested, but with COVID-19, their response was delayed. Chief Wesley Freeman explained the program to the Council and how it will be used in the Police Vehicles. As the Police Vehicles are replaced, they will come with the new system installed.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain to approve the City to enter into a 5-year lease agreement with WatchGuard for the purchase of body cameras and accompanying equipment. Further, that an amount of \$7,140.00 be transferred from General Fund Reserve to the current Fiscal Year Budget to facilitate the expenditure. The motion carried unanimously

6. Consider and act upon approving declaring December 31, 2020 as a paid City Holiday.

Mayor Jesse Casey explained the reason for the holiday request.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch in appreciation of our employees' responsiveness during COVID-19, approve that December 31, 2020 be declared a paid holiday for City employees and that all City Offices are closed, and on-call and on-duty employees be compensated accordingly. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. Executive Session

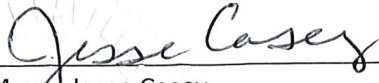
Executive Session may be called for the purposes permitted by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 through Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters (Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, Dismissal, Complaint). Action if any will be taken in open meeting.

X. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

City of Hallsville

Signed:



Mayor Jesse Casey

Attest:



Kimberly Smith, TRMC City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 15th day of December 2020.



Faron Cain
Notary Public, State of Texas

