



Mayor Jesse Casey
Alderman Charlie Hunt
Alderman Brant Cain

Mayor Pro-Temp Gary Lovelace
Alderman Guy Walker
Alderdwoman Lauren Bresch

The City of Hallsville Council meeting convened in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at City Hall located at 115 West Main Street.

The following members were present:

Mayor Jesse Casey
Alderman Charlie Hunt
Alderdwoman Lauren Bresch

Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace
Alderman Brant Cain
Alderman Guy Walker

City of Hallsville Staff Present:

City Secretary Laura Welch
Chief of Police Wesley Freeman

City Administrator Marty Byers

Other Attendees:

Janet Woods, Keith and Ann Newell, Rita and Joe Burke, Michelle Walker and Thomas Richardson were in attendance.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. 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

Mrs. Rita Burke, 904 FM 450 North, Hallsville, TX 75650 had completed a Speaker Registration Form to address the Mayor and Council about her issue with the business located at 101 Young Street, Hallsville, TX. This business is located next to the Burke's residence.

Mrs. Burke expressed her concerns regarding the property. Her issues consisted of tall weeds, abandoned vehicles, tires stacked inside and outside of the building, the smell of gas and mosquitos. She had spoken with the owner of the business, Paul Mitchell, on several occasions requesting his assistance in solving the issues at the property. Mayor Casey and City Administrator responded to Mrs. Burke and assured her the matter had been and would continue to be addressed. Mr. Joe Burke, Mrs. Rita Burke's spouse became vocal and then disruptive and was asked to leave the building. Mr. Burke used an expletive and was followed out of the building by Police Chief Freeman. Mrs. Burke followed Mr. Burke and Chief Freeman out of the building. Upon her return she was informed by Mayor Casey that her allotted time had expired. Mrs. Burke's comment period lasted for approximately 15 minutes before Mr. Burke's disruptive behavior.

V. Consent Agenda – July 2021

Mayor Jesse Casey asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items including City Administrator's Report, Police Department Summary for June 2021, the Water Department Summary for June 2021, the Permit Report for June 2021, and the Monthly Financials for June 2021.

City Administrator Marty Byers brought the Council up to date on the road repairs and the addition of the turn lanes being added on Galilee Road and Waldron Ferry Road listed on the City Administrator's Report.

Motion was made by Alderman Brant Cain, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt, to approve the June 2021 Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Items to Be Considered

1. Discussion and possible action concerning abandonment of accepted streets, Hatley, Holloway and Woodrow, within the W. C. Crawford Survey Abstract 146, et al. (previously accepted in 1928 but never developed).

David Labay sold the property where he previously resided on Highway 80 and Tex Hatley Parkway including the house where his sons lived. The new owner of the house where his sons lived has requested the abandonment of roads platted and accepted by the City in 1928. Being that the property has been sold and divided into more parcels with different owners, it is suggested to completely abandon the entire platted roads within the tract.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderman Guy Walker, to abandon the roads submitted by T. H. Ethridge, Sr. having been accepted by the City in 1928 within the W. C. Crawford Abstract 146, et al. The roads to be abandon specifically are Hatley, Holloway and Woodrow. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider and act upon approving the Order of Election for Mayor and two Alderman at Large positions for the election to be held November 2, 2021 by Adopting Resolution 2021-03.

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to approve the Order of Election and Resolution No. 2021-03 ordering a regular General

Election to be held on November 2, 2021 for the purpose of electing the Mayor and two Alderman at Large positions. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Discuss/consider and select administration/project delivery service providers(s) to complete project implementation for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP Act) funding administered by the U. S. Department of the Treasury or other Federal or State Agency.

The City has received an allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act Program from the U. S. Department of Treasury and solicited proposals to provide administrative services. After receiving three proposals, a committee scored each submitted proposal and a recommendation to the Council for an administrator of program funds was GrantWorks.

Motion was made by Alderman Brant Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to approve GrantWorks as the project delivery service to complete implementation for the ARP Act funding administered by the U. S. Department of the Treasury. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action concerning adoption of a Paid Quarantine Leave Policy for employees as mandated by the State Legislature.

The State Legislature passed a bill and the Governor signed it that requires the City to adopt a policy regarding paying certain, specific employees for quarantining if exposed to a communicable disease while on duty. The specified employees list by the legislature is unfair, so consequently the City staff revised the policy to include any employee that is “exposed”. Every employee has responsibilities that could potentially result in coming into contact with someone who could be contagious.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to adopt the Employee Paid Leave Quarantine Policy as recommended by City Staff and that the policy be included in the Employee Manual. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

City of Hallsville

Signed:

Mayor Jesse Casey

Attest:

City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 17th day of August 2021.

Faron Cain
Notary Public, State of Texas