



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, August 17, 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
City Attorney Madison Hood

Other Attendees:

Joe Burke, Wayne Lowry, Terry Lowry, Bruce Lowry and Courtney Cain 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 Alderdwoman Lauren Bresch.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jesse Casey.

IV. Public Comments

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

Mr. Burke expressed his apologies regarding his disruptive behavior at July's meeting. He stated he still has concerns regarding the property and is still seeking a resolution to the problem. He dismissed himself from the meeting.

V. Consent Agenda – July 2021

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

City Administrator Marty Byers reported to the Council that adding the turn lanes at Galilee Road and Waldron Ferry Road had improved the flow of school traffic. He also informed the Council of the additional monies the City was receiving from the American Rescue Plan. Perspective plans for these monies would be to install a new, one half million-gallon, storage tank on the north side of town and to refurbish possibly three lift stations in town. Marty also informed the Council the City had its largest month in June of reported sales tax in the amount of \$128,000.

Motion was made by Alderman Brant Cain, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, to approve the July 2021 Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Items to Be Considered

1. Presentation and discussion of the proposed budget for 2021-2022.

City Administrator Marty Byers expressed to the Council that this item was for discussion and questions only regarding the proposed budget for the coming year. Any changes to be made will be done and approved at next month's Council meeting. Each Council member was given a 2021-2022 Budget Highlights sheet and Marty briefly discussed several of the bullet points.

2. Presentation, discussion and possible action on proposed lot division on Highway 450 and Green Street of 2.99 acres into 9 lots.

City Administrator Marty Byers informed the Council Bret Read had presented the City with a proposed plat of 9 single family homes to be constructed on 2.99 acres located on Highway 450 and Green Street. Six homes will have frontage on Highway 450 and three homes will have frontage on Green Street.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, to approve the plat for 9 single family residences. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider and approve Resolution 2021-04 authorizing GrantWorks as service provider for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP Act).

Motion was made by Alderman Brant Cain, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt, to approve Resolution 2021-04 authorizing GrantWorks as the service provider to the American Rescue Plan Act. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Executive Session

Executive Session items are discussed in closed session but any and all action is taken in regular open session. Executive Session is not open to the public because there is a compelling need of confidentiality. Executive Session may be called at any time during the meeting and the Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session on any of the posted agenda items 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), and/or Section 551.072, Real Estate Transactions.

1. a) Section 551.072 Real Estate: Deliberation regarding real property – to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to move into executive session at 6:18 P.M. Motion was carried unanimously.

VIII. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderman Guy Walker, to adjourn executive session at 6:30 P.M.

IX. Convene Regular Meeting

(VII) 1 b). Action resulting from executive session item 1 a): Real Estate

Motion was made by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to grant the City Administrator the authority to negotiate the purchase of real property on behalf of the City. Further, that he has the authority to negotiate in good faith and that the negotiation be considered reasonable and necessary for the acquisition of the property on behalf of the City. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

City of Hallsville

Signed:

Mayor Jesse Casey

Attest:

City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 21st day of September 2021.

Faron Cain

Notary Public, State of Texas