



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, September 21, 2021, at City Hall located at 115 West Main Street.

The following members were present:

Mayor Jesse Casey
Alderman Brant Cain
Alderdwoman Lauren Bresch

Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace
Alderman Guy Walker

Alderman Charlie Hunt was absent from the meeting.

City of Hallsville Staff Present:

City Secretary Laura Welch
Chief of Police Wesley Freeman

City Administrator Marty Byers

Other Attendees:

Bridget Ortigo was 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 Alderman Guy Walker.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jesse Casey.

IV. Consent Agenda – August 2021

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

City Administrator Marty Byers reported to the Council that the updates at the WWTP have slowed somewhat due to shipping restrictions, however, completion is expected by the end of October, 2021. Mr. Byers also stated the roof at City Hall had extensive repair done at a cost of \$3,500.00.

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

VI. Items to Be Considered

1. 2021-2022 General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund Budgets

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

No public comment.

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

City Administrator Marty Byers expressed to the Council that the city finances were very solvent having borrowed no monies and increased sales tax revenue. Mr. Byers stated the city does have some investable money that will transferred to the Tex Pool.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderman Guy Walker, to adopt the 2021-2022 General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund Budgets. The motion carried unanimously.

2. 2021-2022 City of Hallsville Tax Rate

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

No public comment.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to approve Ordinance 2021-03 adopting the proposed tax rate of 0.341481 for fiscal year 2021-2022 for the City of Hallsville. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2021-05 cancelling the November 2, 2021 election.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to approve Resolution 2021-05 cancelling the Order of Election for November 2 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2021-06 updating the City Personnel Employee Manual.

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to approve Resolution 2021-06 adopting the City's Employee Manual for 2021-2022 with two changes added to the manual: 1) Observed Holidays – added Juneteenth Independence Day and 2) added a Paid Quarantine Leave Policy.

5. Consider and act upon Ordinance 2021-04 increasing the rate of deposits to the Texas Municipal Retirement System by the employees of the city and a change in the municipal contributions to the current service annuity reserve.

Motion was made by Alderman Brant Cain, seconded by Alderman Lauren Bresch, to approve Ordinance 2021-04 increasing the rate of deposits to the Texas Municipal Retirement System by the employees from 5% to 7% and providing for an increase in the city's contribution from 2.91% to 5.90% effective October 1, 2021.

6. Consider and act upon approving Wendy Hudman for the Board of Trustees for TML Health Benefits Pool Region 15.

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, to approve the City of Hallsville's vote for candidate, Wendy Hudman, for the position of Trustee on the Board of Trustees for TML Region 15 Health Benefits Pool.

7. Consider/discuss and possible action for authorization to issue requests for proposals (RFP) for administrative services and requests for qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services related to the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs of the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderman Guy Walker, to approve that the city issue a proposal for administrative services and a request for qualifications for engineering services necessary for participation in the Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs.

8. Discussion and possible action concerning **AMENDING** the abandonment of accepted streets Hatley, Holloway and Woodrow, within the W. C. Crawford Survey Abstract 146, et al., as was made on July 20, 2021. Possible action to exclude Woodrow Street from the abandonment.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, to amend the motion made on July 20, 2021 that abandoned the roads submitted by T. H. Ethridge, Sr. having been accepted by the city in 1928 within the W. C. Crawford Survey Abstract 146, et al. This amending motion excludes the abandoning of Woodrow Street from the July 20, 2021 motion. Also, this amended motion is made to provide the property owner of 300 Woodrow Street with a means of ingress/egress to the property. Further, the city will have no responsibility of road or right-of-way maintenance for Woodrow Street since it serves only to provide property access to the owner of 300 Woodrow Street.

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.

XI. 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 20th day of October 2021.

Faron Cain
Notary Public, State of Texas