



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, February 15, 2022, at City Hall located at 115 West Main Street.

**The following members were present:**

Mayor Jesse Casey  
Alderman Brant Cain  
Alderwoman Lauren Bresch

Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace  
Alderman Guy Walker  
Alderman Charlie Hunt

**City of Hallsville Staff Present:**

City Secretary Laura Welch  
Chief of Police Wesley Freeman

City Administrator Marty Byers

**Other Attendees:**

Attached is a Sign In Sheet that was provided for signatures.

**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 Alderwoman Lauren Bresch.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jesse Casey.

**Public Comments** - Rene Halbert with Hallsville Medical Clinic presented a power point presentation of the staff and clinical operations located in Hallsville.

Mayor Jesse Casey announced Music in the Park would be Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the City Park with the Hallsville bands and choirs performing.

#### IV. Consent Agenda – January 2022

Mayor Jesse Casey asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items including City Administrator's Report, Police Department Summary for January 2022, the Water Department Summary for January 2022, the Permit Report for January 2022, and the Monthly Financials for January 2022.

Motion was made by Alderman Brant Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to approve the January 2022 Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### V. Items to Be Considered

1. Discuss, consider and possible action to donate or sell Church Street from FM 450 to Green Street to First Baptist Church of Hallsville

Scott Bryant made a presentation on behalf of the Strategic Planning Committee of First Baptist Church of Hallsville. The church has engaged an architect to help with the vision and dream about what the church could look like in the future. Mr. Bryant stated there are no existing plans, but the committee feels that acquiring Church Street and building west of FM 450 would allow the opportunity for growth and expansion within the existing church campus.

After discussion with the City Council, a motion was made by Alderman Brant Cain, seconded by Alderman Guy Walker, to deny the request of First Baptist Church of Hallsville to donate or sell the section of Church Street between FM 450 and Green Street. There was a vote of 4 yays and Alderman Charlie Hunt abstained from voting.

2. Contract presentation, discussion and possible action regarding approval to use \$261,296.29 from the 2014 Certificates of Obligation funds for the purpose of sludge removal/elimination at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Mayor Jesse Casey stated the City is proceeding as quickly as possible to eliminate the foul odor, but there are rules and regulations that must be followed. He also stated there has been a two year re-building of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and we have experienced delays due to Covid and supply demand. City Administrator Marty Byers stated an additive had been added to the sludge pond and it worked for a brief time, but the retention pond has not been dredged in 20 years. He also stated the odor we are experiencing at this time is also related to weather conditions.

Bobby Mihalhauser with Advanced Microbial Solutions LLC presented a Proposal of Professional Services to install and provide operational units to address the sludge in the lagoon. If AMS is unsuccessful at removing sludge from the lagoon, the City of Hallsville will not owe AMS for any service provided. Mr. Mihalhauser stated there is currently 6 feet of sludge in the retention pond at the point of entry and his process will leave 8 – 9 inches when completed. It will take approximately 1 month to have the sludge removed.

After a discussion with the City Council and the attendees, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt, to move to authorize the City Administrator to enter into a contractual agreement with Advanced Microbial

Solutions LLC for sludge reduction at an amount of \$261,296.29 to be paid for from the 2014 Certificate of Obligation Funds. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Discuss and possible action regarding transferring \$6,533.08 from General Fund Unrestricted Reserves to the General Fund for the purpose of an initial payment for the purchase of police in-vehicle laptops, **amending the 2021-2022 Adopted Budget.**

After a brief discussion regarding the current 10-year-old Police Department laptops, a motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to move to approve transferring an amount of \$6,533.08 from Unrestricted General Fund Reserve monies to the 2021-2022 Adopted Budget for the purpose of an initial payment for the purchase of (5) Police Department in-vehicle computer laptops and supporting equipment. The total purchase price will be \$19,599.24 and annual payments will be made for this equipment over the next 3 years. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and possible action regarding transferring \$15,647.92 from Water/Sewer Fund Unrestricted Reserves to the Water & Sewer Fund to pay for the cost of goods purchased from the City of Longview, **amending the 2021-2022 Adopted Budget.**

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to move to approve transferring an amount of \$15,647.92 from Unrestricted Water/Sewer Fund Reserve monies to the 2021-2022 Adopted Budget for the purpose of remittance to the City of Longview based upon a cost increase relative to a projected demand. Further, that at a future date should the City receive a refund from the City of Longview stemming from this matter that the refunded amount be placed in Unrestricted Water/Sewer Fund Reserves. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discuss and possible action regarding transferring \$25,000.00 from Water/Sewer Fund Unrestricted Reserves to the Water & Sewer Fund, specifically line item "Legal, Engineering & Accounting", to maintain an adequate amount for grant applications, **amending the 2021-2022 Adopted Budget.**

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderman Guy Walker, to approve transferring an amount of \$25,000.00 from Unrestricted Water/Sewer Fund Reserve monies to the 2021-2022 Adopted Water/Sewer Fund Budget, line item, "Legal, Engineering & Accounting" for the purpose of maintaining an adequate amount of funds to fulfill the financial obligations for the remainder of the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Discuss and possibly act to approve Resolution 2022-02 of Support for Texas Housing Developers for application to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for 2022 Low Income Housing Tax Credit Funds for Fox Run Apartments with a \$250.00 reduced building permit fee.

Michael Fogel, Vice President with Trinity Housing Development informed the City Council of an acquisition of the Hallsville Square apartments at 200 Tom Brown Parkway which was built 30 years ago and is in significant need of renovation. Trinity Housing is currently under contract to purchase this existing rent-restricted

affordable housing development by obtaining affordable housing tax credits from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. If awarded the contract, renovations would begin spring or summer of 2023. Trinity Housing Development is requesting from the City of Hallsville to approve this Resolution of support, including a symbolic contribution of a \$250.00 reduced building permit fee.

After a discussion was held, Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-02 of support for Texas Housing Developers for application to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for 2022 Low Income Housing Tax Credit Funds for Fox Run Apartments with a \$250.00 reduced building permit fee. 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.

## XI. Adjournment

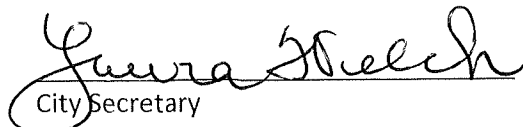
The Council meeting adjourned at 7:01 P.M.

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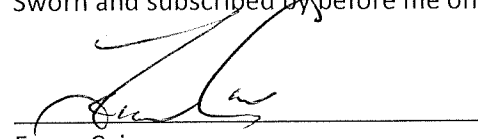
Signed:

  
Mayor Jesse Casey

Attest:

  
City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 15th day of March, 2022.



Faron Cain  
Notary Public, State of Texas

