



**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, February 21, 2023, at City Hall located at 115 West Main Street.

**The following members were present:**

Mayor Jesse Casey  
Alderman Guy Walker  
Alderdwoman Lauren Bresch

Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace  
Alderman Charlie Hunt

Alderman Brant Cain 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**

Nico Fourie 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 – January 2023

Mayor Jesse Casey asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items including City Administrator's Report, Police Department Summary for January 2023, the Fire Marshal's Report for January 2023, the Water Department Summary for January 2023, the Permit Report for January 2023, the Monthly Financials for January 2023 and the Minutes of the January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderman Guy Walker, to approve the January 2023 Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### V. Items to Be Considered

1. Discuss, consider and possible action approving Racial Profiling Report for 2022.

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt, to approve the Hallsville City Police Department's Racial Profiling Report submitted to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement dated January 17, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding re-zoning of approximately 1 acre situated at 307 South Central Street from Single Family (SF-8) to General Business (GB), Hallsville, Harrison County, Texas.

- a) Public Hearing

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt to open the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Nico Fourie, owner of the above stated property discussed his plans for the property.

After a discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to close the public hearing.

- b) Consider and act upon approving recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission the zoning change classification from Single Family Residential (SF-8) to General Business (GB) of approximately 1 acre situated at 307 South Central Street with stipulations.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to approve that the property designated as 307 South Central Street consisting of approximately one acre be re-zoned from Single Family Residential (SF-8) to General Business (GB) with the following stipulations:

- 1) The northern ½ portion of the property be approved for the submitted proposal of an office suite complex  
And
- 2) The southern portion of the property will be considered for commercial development with the property owner agreeing to return to the Commission for approval prior to commencement of any development or changes.  
The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider and possibly act upon amending the 2022-2023 General Fund Budget by transferring \$18,052.15 from Unrestricted General Fund Reserves to the General Fund for a line item designated "Christmas Decorations" for the purchase of 32 new decorations with replacement bulbs. Also, considering the City Administrator be authorized to enter into a contract with Austin Koos for the annual storage, installation and take down of the decorations for a term of five years for an annual amount of \$4,500.00.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to amend the 2022-2023 General Fund Budget by transferring \$18,052.15 from Unrestricted General Fund Reserves to the General Fund for a line item designated "Christmas Decorations" for the purchase of 32 new decorations with replacement bulbs. And, that the City Administrator be authorized to enter into a contract with Austin Koos for the annual storage, installation and take down of the decorations for a term of five years for an annual amount of \$4,500.00. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discuss, consider and possible action rejecting all bids submitted and opened on January 12, 2023 for the 500,000 ground water storage tank.

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt, to move that all bids submitted and opened on January 12, 2023 for the 500,000 ground water storage tank be rejected and that the project be re-bid with structural material options.

#### **VI. 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.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt, to adjourn the council meeting at 6:14 P.M.

#### **City of Hallsville**

Signed:

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Mayor Jesse Casey

Attest:

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City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023.

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Faron Cain  
Notary Public, State of Texas