



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, August 22, 2023, at City Hall located at 115 West Main Street.

The following members were present:

Mayor Jesse Casey
Alderman Guy Walker
Alderwoman Lauren Bresch

Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace
Alderman Brant Cain

Alderman Charlie Hunt was not present.

City of Hallsville Staff Present:

City Secretary Laura Welch
Chief Wesley Freeman

City Administrator Marty Byers

Other Attendees

Michelle Walker, Sally Casper and Pam Periman were present for the meeting.

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.

The Mayor chose to start the meeting by taking "**Executive Session**" as the first order of business and discussing Texas Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel

Matter – Discuss the salary/wage adjustment of each City employee based upon the level of responsibility and adjusting salaries/wages to be competitive in the job market.

IV. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to adjourn into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

V. 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. Section 551.074 Personnel Matter – Discuss the salary/wage adjustment of each City employee based upon the level of responsibility and adjusting salaries/wages to be competitive in the job market.

VI. Convene Regular Meeting – (in accordance with Texas Government Code, Subchapter D)

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to resume regular City Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

After reconvening back into Regular Session, Mayor Jesse Casey stated the Council had met in Executive Session and the Council considered each City employee on a individual basis based upon their job responsibilities, productivity and the job market competitiveness. Based upon those factors, the Council made decisions regarding either salary or wages for each individual employee. The Mayor also stated in the new fiscal year, all employees will be eligible for a 2% merit increase.

VII. Consent Agenda – July 2023

Mayor Jesse Casey asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items including City Administrator's Report, Police Department Summary for July 2023, the Fire Marshal's Report for July 2023, the Water Department Summary for July 2023, the Permit Report for July 2023, the Monthly Financials for July 2023 and the Minutes of the July 18, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Brant Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to approve the July 2023 Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Items to be Considered

1. Consider and act upon approving to donate funds received from Harrison County for Child Safety Seat Education to Martin House Children’s Advocacy Center in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the year 2023.

A motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, the disbursement of \$4,000.00 to the Martin House Children’s Advocacy Center. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider and act upon amending Ordinance No. 2020-10 (d) 4 to read “Participate in any disorderly conduct or obscenity defined by Texas Penal Code”. Due to changes in state law, a revision that pertains to conduct in the City Park was needed.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to amend Ordinance 2020-10 (d) 4, to read “Participate in any disorderly conduct or obscenity defined by Texas Penal Code”. And that the signage in the Park be changed to reflect this amendment including Section 30.07 of the Penal Code in English and Spanish. Also, note that in the amended Ordinance we have removed any reference of tennis courts and handball. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Presentation and discussion of the proposed budget for 2023-2024.

The Council was presented with the proposed budget for the City of Hallsville for 2023-2024.

IX. Adjournment

Mayor Jesse Casey adjourned the Council meeting at 6:53 P.M.

City of Hallsville

Signed:

Mayor Jesse Casey

Attest:

City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 19th day of September 2023.

Faron Cain
Notary Public, State of Texas