



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, September 19, 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

City of Hallsville Staff Present:

City Secretary Laura Welch
Chief of Police Wesley Freeman

City Administrator Marty Byers

Other Attendees

Courtney and Brooks Cain, Pam Perimon, and Sally Casper 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 Mayor Jesse Casey.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jesse Casey.

IV. Consent Agenda – August 2023

Mayor Jesse Casey asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items including City Administrator's Report, Police Department Summary for August 2023, the Fire Marshal's Report for August 2023,

the Water Department Summary for August 2023, the Permit Report for August 2023, the Monthly Financials for August 2023, the Minutes of the August 22, 2023 Regular Meeting and the Minutes of August 31, 2023 Special Called Meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Brant Cain, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt, to approve the August 2023 Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Items to be Considered

1. Consider and act upon approving the 2023-2024 General Fund and Water/Sewer Budgets.

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, to open the public hearing.

No public comment.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to close the public hearing.

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to adopt the 2023-2024 General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund Budgets. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider and act upon approving the 2023-2024 City of Hallsville Tax Rate.

Motion was made by Alderman Brant Cain, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt, to open the public hearing.

No public comment.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt, to close the public hearing.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to adopt the proposed tax rate of 0.290510 and Ordinance 2023-04 for the fiscal year 2023-2024 for the City of Hallsville. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2023-02 cancelling the November 7, 2023 election.

A motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to approve Resolution 2023-02 cancelling the Order of Election for November

7, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2023-03 adopting an Investment Policy for 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Alderman Brant Cain made a motion, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt to re-adopt the Investment Policy for the City of Hallsville for fiscal year 2023-2024. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2023-04 and the Municipal Maintenance Agreement between the City of Hallsville and the Texas Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderman Guy Walker, to approve Resolution 2023-04 and the Municipal Maintenance Agreement between the City of Hallsville and the Texas Department of Transportation. This agreement and resolution allows the State to enter into agreements with the City to maintain portions of the highways within the City's corporate limits. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider and act upon amending the 2022-2023 General Fund Budget by transferring \$16,390.00 from line item "Contingencies/City Hall Remodel" to the line item "Building Inspection Costs" and amending the 2022-2023 Water & Sewer Budget by transferring \$108,874.00 in 9 line item transfers.

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to approve that the 2022-2023 General Fund budget be amended by transferring \$16,390 from the line item "Contingencies/City Hall Remodel" to the line item "Building Inspection Costs". This inter-fund line item transfer will not change the bottom line previously adopted total of \$2,551,188.00.

I also make the motion to further approve that the 2022-2023 Water and Sewer Fund budget be amended by transferring \$35,533 from the line item "Sewer Jet Machine" to the line item "Capital Improvements".

And, transferring \$36,141 from the line item "Sewer Jet Machine" to the line item "Utilities".

And, transferring \$8,200 from the line item "Sewer Jet Machine" to the line item "Testing Expenses".

And, transferring \$15,000 from the line item "Legal, Engineering and Accounting" and \$5,000 from the line item "Equipment Rental" and \$3,000 from the line item "TCEQ Fines" and \$3,000 from the line item "Dues, Permits and Fees" and \$2,000

from the line item "Computers and Website" and \$1,000 from the line item "Licenses and Certifications" to the line item "Chemicals". These inter-funds transfers will not change the bottom line previously adopted total of \$2,579,060.

7. Discuss, consider and possibly act upon changing the City council Meeting time to 5:30 P.M.

A discussion was held regarding the above among the Council members and the item died from lack of motion.

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.

VII. Adjournment

Mayor Jesse Casey adjourned the meeting at 6:34 P.M.

City of Hallsville

Signed:

Mayor Jesse Casey

Attest:

City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 24th day of October 2023.

Faron Cain
Notary Public, State of Texas