



**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, March 19, 2024, at City Hall located at 115 West Main Street.

**The following members were present:**

Mayor Jesse Casey  
Alderman Brant Cain  
Alderman Guy Walker

Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace  
Alderwoman Lauren Bresch  
Alderman Charlie Hunt

**City of Hallsville Staff Present:**

City Secretary Laura Welch  
Chief of Police Wesley Freeman

City Administrator Marty Byers

**Other Attendees**

Bryan McBride and Courtney Hortman 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 Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jesse Casey.

**IV. Public Comments** – Courtney Hortman presented a concern of preserving the loblolly pines along the tree lines on the roads to Longview, I-20 and Loop 281. She also presented a perspective on making changes in area neighborhoods.

**V. Consent Agenda – March, 2024**

Mayor Jesse Casey asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items including City Administrator’s Report for February 2024, Police Department Summary for February 2024 the Fire Marshal’s Report for February 2024, the Water Department Summary for February 2024, the Permit Report for February 2024, the Monthly Financials for February 2024, and the Minutes of the February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Brant Cain, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt, to approve the February 2024 Consent Agendas as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**V. Items to be Considered**

1. Discuss and consider authorization to issue Requests for Proposals (RFP) for administration and plan development services for the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Resilient Communities Program (RCP) Grant Program administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO).

City Administrator, Marty Byers, explained to the council the city has an opportunity to receive this grant that requires no match monies and will cover a variety of issues from zoning, building codes, policy and economic development matters. The grant funding possibility is approximately \$300,000.00.

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to authorize the City Administrator to request RFP’s for an administrative and plan development firm for the Community Block Grant – Mitigation Resilient Communities Program administered by the Texas Genera Law Office. The motion carried unanimously.

2. 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 2024.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to approve the disbursement of \$4,000.00 to the Martin House Children's Advocacy Center. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2024-01 for the membership in the Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization and designating the Mayor of Hallsville as a voting member of the Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board.

Bryan McBride, Transportation Planning Manager – MPO Director of the Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization, presented the benefits of the City of Hallsville joining forces with the Longview Metropolitan Organization. As a result of the 2020 census, Hallsville became a part of the Longview urban area, encompassing parts or entirety of local adjoining cities. Being a member of the organization, Hallsville's representation will be involved in regional growth and transportation infrastructure.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to approve Resolution 2024-01 designating the Mayor of Hallsville to serve as a member of the Longview Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board. The motion carried unanimously.

## **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**

Mayor Jesse Casey adjourned the meeting at 6:23 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

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Faron Cain  
Notary Public, State of Texas