



**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 17, 2024, at City Hall located at 115 West Main Street.

The following members were present:

Mayor Jesse Casey
Alderman Charlie Hunt
Alderman Brant Cain

Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace
Alderman Guy Walker
Alderwoman Lauren Bresch

City of Hallsville Staff Present:

City Secretary Laura Welch
Chief of Police Wesley Freeman

City Administrator Marty Byers

Other Attendees

Courtney and Brooks Cain and Chris Bresch 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 Alderman Guy Walker.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jesse Casey.

IV. Consent Agenda – August, 2024

Mayor Jesse Casey asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items including City Administrator’s Report for August 2024, Police Department Summary for August 2024, Water Department Summary for August 2024, Fire Marshal’s Report for August 2024, Permit Report for August 2024, Monthly Financials for August 2024, the Minutes of the August 20, 2024 Regular Meeting and the minutes of the September 3, 2024 Special Called Meeting.

After a discussion regarding several items on the City Administrator’s Monthly Report, a motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to approve the August 2024 Consent Agenda Items as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Items to be Considered

1. Consider and act upon approving the 2024-2025 General Fund and Water/Sewer Budgets.

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, 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.

A motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt, to adopt the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the City of Hallsville as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider and act upon approving the 2024-2025 City of Hallsville Tax Rate.

Motion was made by Alderman Brant Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to open the public hearing.

No public comment.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to adopt the proposed tax rate of \$0.2867932 for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the City of Hallsville. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2024-05 cancelling the November 5, 2024 election.

Motion was made by Alderman Brant Cain, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, to approve Resolution 2024-05 cancelling the Order of Election for November 5, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider and act upon approving Resolution 2024-06 adopting an Investment Policy for 2024-2025 fiscal year.

A motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to approve Resolution 2024-06 re-adopting the Investment Policy for the City of Hallsville for fiscal year 2024-2025. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider and approve Resolution 2024-07 adopting a new Bank Depository Agreement.

Alderman Charlie Hunt made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to authorize the Mayor to enter into a three year agreement with Guaranty Bank & Trust with one possible two-year extension, if approved by the City Council. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider and act upon amending the 2023-2024 Water & Sewer Budget by transferring \$223,300.00 in line item transfers to comply with governmental accounting standards.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, seconded by Alderman Guy Walker, to amend the 2023-2024 Water & Sewer Fund budget by transferring \$10,000.00 from the line item "Credit Card Processing Fees" and \$4,000.00 from the line item "Equipment Rental" and \$45,000.00 from the line item "Young Road Extension" and \$7,000.00 from the line item "Sewer Jet Machine" to the line item "Payroll Expenses".

And, transferring \$30,000.00 from the line item "Sewer Jet Machine" to the line item "Maintenance and Repairs" and \$3,000.00 from "Sewer Jet Machine" to the line item "Legal, Engineering and Accounting".

And, transferring \$15,000.00 from the line item "Chemicals" to the line item "Utilities" and \$6,000.00 from "Chemicals" to the line item "Employee Retirement" and \$12,200.00 from "Chemicals" to the line item "Employee Benefits–Insurance" and \$7,600.00 from "Chemicals" to the line item "Payroll Taxes".

And, transferring \$5,000.00 from the line item "Fuel" and to the line item "Testing Expenses" and, transferring \$1,000.00 from the line item "Materials and Supplies" to the line item "Travel and Entertainment" and, transferring \$2,500.00 from the line item "Software Program" to the line item "Cell Phones" and, transferring \$75,000.00 from the line item "TDEM Grant Match #HM4485" to the line item "Capital Improvements".

These inter-funds transfers will not change the bottom line previously adopted total of \$2,741,060. 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 6:20 P.M.

City of Hallsville

Signed:

Mayor Jesse Casey

Attest:

City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 23th day of October 2024.

Faron Cain

Notary Public, State of Texas