



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, October 22, 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

Lee Flowers, Betsy Lindsay and Tara Copeland with the Harrison County Appraisal District 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 Alderwoman Lauren Bresch.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jesse Casey.

IV. Consent Agenda – September, 2024

Mayor Jesse Casey asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items including City Administrator's Report for September 2024, Police Department Summary for September 2024, Water Department Summary for September 2024, Fire Marshal's Report for September 2024, Permit Report for September 2024, Monthly Financials for September 2024, the Minutes of the September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting.

After a discussion regarding several items on the City Administrator's Monthly Report, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to approve the September 2024 Consent Agenda Items as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Items to be Considered

1. Consider and possible action to correct the 2023 City of Hallsville Tax Roll on motion of the City Assessor pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code Section 26.15(c) to correct 2023 Assessed Tax Rate.

Lee Flowers, Harrison County Central Appraisal District Chief Appraiser, informed the Council the 2023 tax rate for the City of Hallsville was entered incorrectly. This error, which was recently discovered, caused an overcharge to city taxpayers. Refund checks will begin to be issued and mailed within twenty business days of Council approval. The City will provide the Appraisal District with a check in the amount of \$47,350.61 to begin the refund process.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Lovelace, seconded by Alderman Guy Walker, in accordance with Texas Property Tax Code Section 26.15(c), that an amount of \$47,350.61 be remitted to Harrison County Central Appraisal District to correct their mistake of an overcharge to City taxpayers regarding the 2023 tax rate. And, that Harrison County Central Appraisal District be responsible for processing the refunds to the City taxpayers. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider and possible action to approve the bid for the re-build of Rob Street Lift Station with ARP funds.

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt, to approve C. D. Thomas Utilities LLC as the contactor for the re-build of Rob Street Lift Station at a cost of \$309,136.00, with the option of omitting the generator to remain within the adopted budget. 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:

Mayor Jesse Casey

Attest:

City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 20th day of November 2024.

Faron Cain
Notary Public, State of Texas