



Mayor Jesse Casey
Alderman Charlie Hunt
Alderman Brant Cain

Alderman Guy Walker
Alderwoman Lauren Bresch
Alderwoman Lara Hood

The City of Hallsville Council Meeting convened in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 201 Willow Street.

The following members were present:

Mayor Jesse Casey
Alderman Charlie Hunt
Alderman Brant Cain

Alderman Guy Walker
Alderwoman Lauren Bresch
Alderwoman Lara Hood

City of Hallsville Staff Present:

City Secretary Laura Welch
Chief of Police Bert Scott

City Administrator Marty Byers

Other Attendees:

Ty Hood, Trish Lovelace, Tara Rangel, David Rangel, Destiny Voyles, Abigail Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Hoover, Jessica Persilver, Michelle Waldow, Michelle Walker, Gabby Andreottola, Chris Bresch, Brennen Bresch, Jake Scott, Lia Portillo and a Representative from the East Texas Women's Center 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. Administer Oath of Office for Mayor and Three Alderman

City Secretary, Laura Welch, administered the Oath of Office for Mayor Jesse Casey, Alderman Charlie Hunt, Alderwoman Lauren Bresch and newly appointed Alderwoman Lara Hood.

V. City of Hallsville Police Department Badge Pinning

A member from each officer's family pinned their new badges on their uniforms.

VI. Administer Oath of Office for Police Chief, Sergeant and Patrol Officers

City Secretary, Laura Welch, administered the Oath of Office for the Police Chief, Sergeant and Patrol Officers.

VII. Consent Agenda – September 2025

Mayor Jesse Casey asked to approve the Consent Agenda Items including City Administrator's Report for September 2025, Police Department Summary/Fire Marshal Report for September 2025, Water Department Summary for September 2025, Permit Report for September 2025, Monthly Financials for September 2025, and the Minutes of the September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting.

After a discussion regarding several items on the City Administrator's Monthly Report, a motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt, to approve the 2025 Consent Agenda Items as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Items to be Considered

1. Consider and hereby proclaim the month of October 2025 as **National Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in Hallsville, Texas, and urge the public to actively work together with the Women's Center of East Texas and local partners to bring an end to domestic violence and teen dating violence.

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to proclaim the month of October 2025 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Hallsville, TX. The motion carried unanimously. A Representative from the Women's Center of East Texas was present to receive the proclamation.

2. Consider and act upon approving a Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, seconded by Alderman Brant Cain, to appoint Guy Walker as Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Hallsville for 2025-2026. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider and act upon approving the 2025-2026 Holiday Schedule for the City of Hallsville employees.

City Secretary, Laura Welch, asked the City Council to consider an additional holiday of Friday, December 26, 2025 and a motion was made by Alderman Brant Cain, seconded by Alderman Charlie Hunt, to approve the 2025-2026 Holiday Schedule for the City of Hallsville employees. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider and approve the acceptance of the sealed bids for the property located at 115 West Main Street or consider and possibly act to make marketable arrangements or adjustments.

Steven O'Bryan, d/b/a Triple Seven Ventures submitted a bid in the amount of \$325,000.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to accept the bid from Steven O'Brien with Triple 7 Ventures in the amount of \$325,000.00. And further that the City Administrator be granted the authority to make all necessary actions to transfer the property to the new owner. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider and approve the acceptance of the sealed bids for the property located at 105 West Main Street or consider and possibly act to make marketable arrangements or adjustments.

No bids were received for the old Police Department. However, Steven O'Bryan, d/b/a Triple Seven Ventures, made an offer to be considered by Council. The offer

was for the minimum amount of \$375,000.00, with conditions of sale as follows:

\$100,000.00 down payment, 15 year term of 5% interest rate with closing to be done after January 2, 2026. No penalty for early pay-off and buyer takes possession upon seller's receipt of down payment.

A motion was made by Alderman Brant Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Lauren Bresch, to accept the proposal from Steven O'Bryan, d/b/a, Tripe Seven Ventures for the property located at 105 West Main Street, the former Police Department. The proposal stipulates that the minimum bid amount of \$375,000.00 is the sales amount with the following terms: A contractual real property sales agreement will be entered into between Triple Seven Ventures and the City for \$375,000.00 with a down payment of \$100,000.00 due on January 2, 2026, for a term of fifteen (15) years at 5% interest with no penalty for early payoff. Buyer takes possession when down payment is made. The City Attorney will draft the contract. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider and approve amending the 2024-2025 adopted budget.

Motion was made by Alderman Guy Walker, seconded by Alderwoman Lara Hood, to amend the 2024-2025 General Fund budget by transferring:

\$6,930.00 from Payroll Expenses to Appraisal Expenses
 \$5,163.00 from Payroll Expenses to Utilities
 \$9,268.00 from Payroll Expenses to Repairs and Maintenance
 \$3,206.00 from Office Supplies to Computers and Websites
 \$1,512.00 from Dues and Fees to Travel and Entertainment
 \$30.00 from Dues and Fees to Training and Seminars
 \$45,602.00 from Street Maintenance to Garbage Collection Expense
 And, \$9,692.00 from Legal, Engineering and Accounting to Police Department Expense

And that the Water and Sewer Fund budget be amended by transferring:

\$1,875.00 from Leased Equipment to Postage and Freight
 \$9,544.00 from Repairs and Maintenance to Trucks & Heavy Equipment Maintenance
 \$6,467.00 from Materials and Supplies to Testing Expenses
 And, \$7,520.00 from Materials and Supplies to Capital Improvements

Noting that these inter-fund transfers will not change the bottom lines

previously adopted by this Council. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider and act upon approving a rate increase in the City's solid waste agreement with Sanitations Solutions.

It is in the contract with Sanitation Solutions that they may request an increase based on the current CPI Index. This year the request is very minimal, 1.69%. We discussed the matter and made the decision to take advantage of the minimal CPI Index increase and made the decision to up the increase to fund future road projects. We are proposing an increase of \$1.00 to the residential customers with one poly cart rather than the .40 cents.

Motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderwoman Lara Hood, to grant the request of Sanitation Solutions for a price increase per the contract agreement and the fees as presented in Schedule B. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider and act upon approving an Election Resolution 2025-08 electing five (5) candidate(s) by the taxing unit's governing body as directors for the Harrison County Appraisal District.

A motion was made by Alderman Charlie Hunt, seconded by Alderwoman Lara Hood, to cast 24 votes for Jay Nelson and 24 votes for Jason Ainsworth to serve on the Harrison County Appraisal District Board of Directors for the City of Hallsville. And that Resolution No. 2025-08 passed reflecting the same. The Council's vote was 4 Alderman for the nomination and Alderman Guy Walker voted against the nomination.

IX. 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.

X. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

City of Hallsville

Signed:

Mayor Jesse Casey

Attest:

City Secretary

Sworn and subscribed by before me on the 19th day of November 2025.

Faron Cain
Notary Public, State of Texas