

City of Wallis  
Regular City Council Meeting  
February 16, 2022

This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting for the City of Wallis, Texas held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 6:00pm.

1. Call to Order - Mayor Diggs called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilmember Daniel Martinez
3. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum – A Quorum was present. Present were Councilmember James King, Councilmember Melissa McFarland, Councilmember Bernadette Parr, Councilmember Daniel Martinez and Mayor Diggs. Councilmember Clark Main Jr. arrived at 6:23pm.
4. Public Hearing – Public Hearing regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program grant. No Comments from the public.
5. Communication from the public - Marti Frost Turner spoke to Council to announce that the EDC will be changing their monthly meetings from the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Wednesday of each month to the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Wednesday of each month starting March 2, 2022.
6. Consent Agenda – Motion made by Councilmember Melissa McFarland, second by Councilmember Bernadette Parr to approve the minutes from January 19, 2022 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Action on Department reports
  - a. Public Works – no action
  - b. Police Department – no action
  - c. Municipal Court – no action
  - d. Code Enforcement - No action
8. Financial Review, Monthly reports, and payment of bills – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Daniel Martinez to approve financial review and payment of bills. Motion passed unanimously.
9. New Business

a. Resolution No. 2022-08- Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to approve Resolution No. 2022-08, resolution to apply for 2021 Texas TxCDBG assistance under the TxCDBG Planning/Capacity Building Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Agenda Request – Sрни Gotipati did not attend the meeting. No action

c. Election May 7, 2022 – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to contract with Austin County to run the May 7, 2022 City Elections. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Fulcrum Consulting Service/USDA and TWDB Water and Wastewater Grants – Motion made by Councilmember Daniel Martinez, second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to item 1) approve the preparation and submittal of a financial assistance application to the USDA Rural Utility Service under the Regular Water and Wastewater Program seeking funds to construct necessary Water and Wastewater System improvements throughout the service area and item 2) authorizing the engineering firm of Fulcrum Consulting Services to prepare and submit a financial assistance application to the USDA Rural Utility Service under the Regular Water and Wastewater Program seeking funds to construct necessary Water and Wastewater System Improvements throughout the service area. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made by Councilmember Melissa McFarland, second by Councilmember Daniel Martinez to table Items 3) preparation and submittal of a financial assistance application to the Texas Water Development Board and Item 4) authorizing the engineering firm of Fulcrum Consulting Services to prepare and submit a financial assistance application to the Texas Water Development Board due to be unable to meet application deadline. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Order of Election – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to order the election for May 7, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

f. Annexation of Property – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember Bernadette Parr to allow Chief Moseley to go to School Board Meeting and discuss annexing the Brazos High and Middle School into the city limits. Motion passed unanimously.

g. Smart Meters – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember James King to get prices for the installation of smart meters. Motion passed with 4 yes votes. Councilmember James King, Councilmember Clark Main Jr., Council Melissa McFarland and Councilmember Bernadette Parr voted for and Councilmember Daniel Martinez voted against.

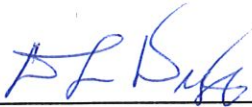
h. Use of Cares Act Funds – Motion made by Councilmember Daniel Martinez, second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to use the Cares Act Funds to give city employees a 4% pay increase and give one Lieutenant in the Police Department a 5% to even the pay scale for that position. The two grant positions in Police Department will not get the increase (grant positions increase is already in the grant funds). Motion passed unanimously.

i. Authorization for request for Proposal (RFP) and Request for Qualifications (RFQ) – Motion made by Councilmember Melissa McFarland, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to table this item.

j. Future Agenda Items –

- 1) Schedule workshop for February 22 @6pm
- 2) Discuss Fourth of July Celebration

10. Adjourn Meeting – Motion by Councilmember Melissa McFarland, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm.



Dennis L. Diggs, Mayor



Sheila Moseley, City Secretary

ATTEST: