

City of Wallis
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 16, 2021

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, June 16, 2021 at 6:00pm.

1. Call to Order – Mayor Diggs called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.
2. Invocation & Pledge – Led by Councilmember Bernadette Parr.
3. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum – A quorum was present. Present were Councilmember James King, Councilmember Melissa McFarland, Councilmember Bernadette Parr, Councilmember Clark Main Jr., Councilmember Daniel Martinez and Mayor Diggs.
4. Communication from the Public – Margaret Salcido from 323 Birch spoke to the Council about her concerns on drainage issues and issues with the neighbor driving through the ditch and causing damage to the property. She also wanted to know if it is her responsibility or the cities to address this issue. Adam Krol spoke on his concerns on the drainage work and wanted an update on the quotes for purchasing pumps for the wastewater plant. Belinda Halfin spoke to council about adding more information to the website.
5. Consent Agenda – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember James King to approve minutes from the May 19, 2021 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Action on Department Reports –
 - a. Public Works Monthly Reports – No action
 - b. Police Department Monthly Reports – No action
 - c. Municipal Court Monthly Report – No action
7. Financial Review – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to approve the financial report and payment of bills. Motion passed 3 yes to 2 no votes. Councilmember James King, Councilmember Clark Main Jr., Councilmember Bernadette Parr votes yes and Councilmember Melissa McFarland and Councilmember Daniel Martinez voted no.
8. New Business
 - a. Executive Closed Session – Council went into closed session at 6:25pm.
 - b. Reconvene from Closed Session – Reconvened into regular session at 7:14pm. No action

- c. Presentation from TX BBG Consulting, Inc. – Presentation was given to Council on the process on Code Enforcement and Inspections with TX BBG Consulting, Inc. No action
- d. Presentation by Daria Peyrot from Adventure Playground Systems – No action
- e. Ordinance No. 237 – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Bernadette Parr to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 237, An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Wallis, Texas, amending any ordinances concerning minors and sex offenders of the City of Wallis code of ordinances, repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, providing for a penalty in an amount not to exceed \$500. Motion passed unanimously.
- f. EDC Updates – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to approve Belinda Halfin as an EDC Board Member. Motion passed unanimously.
- g. Grant Committee Updates – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to approve Councilmember James King to contact Grantworks about updating the 30-year plan for the city. Motion passed unanimously.
- h. Public Works City Vehicles – Motion made by Councilmember Melissa McFarland, second by Councilmember Daniel Martinez to allow only the Public Works Director and on call person to take the city vehicles home at night and all city vehicles stay at city barn during lunch. Motion passed with 3 yes votes to 2 no votes. Councilmember Melissa McFarland, Councilmember Daniel Martinez and Councilmember Bernadette Parr voted yes, Councilmember James King and Councilmember Clark Main Jr. voted no.
- i. Tablets for Councilmembers & Mayor – Tabled
- j. City Email for Councilmembers – This item was moved on the agenda, Mayor moved item R in its place, R. Executive Closed Session – Council, Mayor and City Attorney went into closed session at 8:29pm.
- k. Cell Phones for Councilmembers & Mayor – This item was also moved on the agenda, Mayor moved item S in its place.
- S. Reconvene from Executive Closed Session – Council, Mayor and City Attorney Reconvened at 9:33pm. No action. Councilmember James King was excused from the meeting at 9:33pm.
- j. City issued Emails for Councilmembers – Tabled
- k. City issued cell phones for Councilmembers & Mayor- Tabled
- l. City Administrator Position – Tabled by advice of the City Attorney
- m. Employee Handbook- Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember Daniel Martinez to approve the proposed Employee Handbook. Motion passed unanimously.

n. Official Newspaper – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second Councilmember Melissa McFarland to approve the Sealy News as the city’s Official Newspaper for the remainder of this fiscal year. Motion passed unanimously.

o. Online and Onsite Utility Payment Service – Tabled

p. American Rescue Plan Act 2021 – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember Daniel Martinez to approve the request for Proposals for administrative services and request for qualifications for professional services for the American Rescue Pan Act of 2021 pending more information on requirements for the program. Motion passed unanimously.

q. Street Drainage Updates – No action

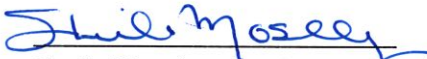
r. Item R was moved up in the agenda.

s. Item S was moved up in the agenda

t. Future Agenda Items – Tabled items from this meeting.

9. Adjourn Meeting – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to adjourn meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.


Dennis L. Diggs, Mayor


Sheila Moseley, City Secretary

ATTEST:

