

City of Wallis
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 18, 2021

This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of the City of Wallis, Texas held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 @ 6:00pm.

1. Call to Order – Mayor Diggs called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilmember Daniel Martinez
3. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum – A quorum was present. Present were Councilmember James King, Councilmember Bernadette Parr, Councilmember Clark Main Jr., Councilmember Daniel Martinez, Councilmember Melissa McFarland and Mayor Diggs.

4. Communication from the Public –

Bernie Garner – Concerns on cutting the Police Department and hiring a City Administrator.

Gloria Long – Gave a formal complaint to Mayor and Police Chief on disrespect by Councilmember Daniel Martinez to her during a council meeting. Ms. Long felt she was not treated fairly and no one on the council did anything about it. Councilmember Clark Main Jr. apologized to Ms. Long for the actions of the Councilmember.

Belinda Halfin – Concerns on hiring the part-time city administrator, she believes that it is not in the city's best interest to hire a part-time administrator for \$60,000.

Hugh Knight – Concerns on cutting the Police force.

Sharon Martisek – Concerns on hiring the city administrator

Keith Palmer – Concerns on cutting the Police Department

Lela Sharpe – Spoke on behalf of the Police Department

Vance Cooper – Concerns on cutting the Police Department

5. Consent Agenda – Motion made by Councilmember James King; Councilmember Melissa McFarland pointed out changes that needed to be made. 7-21- Add the amount of \$42,000 for mower and 8-11 – add that Councilmember James King arrived at 6:04 and change motion on tabling expenditure for budget to Councilmember McFarland, second Councilmember King. Motion was made by Councilmember James King, second by Melissa McFarland to approve minutes with these changes. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Department Reports –

- a. Public Works – No action
- b. Police Department – No action
- c. Municipal Court – No action

7. Financial Review – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to approve the financial review and payment of bills. Motion passed 4 to 1 vote. Councilmember James King, Councilmember Melissa McFarland, Councilmember Bernadette Parr and Councilmember Clark Main Jr. voted for and Councilmember Daniel Martinez voted against.

8. New Business

a. Rise Broadband – Representative from Rise Broadband spoke to council about installing fiber optic in the City of Wallis.

b. HRGreen Engineering – Representative from HRGreen Engineering spoke to council about their firm and what they could offer the city.

c. Agenda Request – Agenda request from Robert Fischer Jr. on concerns about truck ordinance. Asking council to consider amending the ordinance to allow him to park his truck on his property.

d. Agenda Request – Agenda request from Raferi Moreno, Mr. Moreno left the meeting before speaking.

e. Agenda Request – Agenda request from Tammy McCain on concerns about the truck ordinance. asking council to consider amending the ordinance to allow trucks to be parked at their homes.

f. Agenda Request – Agenda request from David Knight on concerns about the food truck court on second street. He is not in agreement with the food truck court on 2nd street.

g. Ordinance No. 208 – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Melissa McFarland to table this item until the next council to consult with city attorney and to suspend enforcement of ordinance pertaining to trucks parking on private property until a final decision is made. Motion passed unanimously.

h. Road Closure – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember James King to approve the road closure on Demel, S 9th to Henry during the Catholic Church Bazaar on October 17, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

i. FY 2021-2022 Proposed Budget – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember James King to accept the FY 2021-2022 Proposed budget. Motion did not pass with a vote of 2 for and 3 against. Councilmember James King, Councilmember Clark Main Jr. voted for and Councilmember Melissa McFarland, Councilmember Bernadette Parr and Councilmember Daniel Martinez voted against.

J. 2021 Proposed Tax Rate – Tabled

Councilmember Clark Main Jr. left the meeting at 8:25pm.

k. EDC FY 2021-2022 Budget – Motion made by Councilmember Melissa McFarland, second by Councilmember Bernadette Parr to accept the EDC FY 2021-2022 Budget. Motion passed with 4 yes votes from Councilmember Bernadette Parr, Councilmember James King, Councilmember Daniel Martinez and Councilmember Melissa McFarland. Councilmember Clark Main Jr. did not vote due to leaving the meeting.

l. Executive Closed Session – Council did not go into closed session.

m. Reconvene from Executive Closed Session – None

n. Future Agenda Items – None

9. Adjourn Meeting – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm. Motion passed unanimously


Dennis L. Diggs, Mayor


Sheila Moseley, City Secretary

ATTEST: