

City of Wallis
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 19, 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, October 19, 2022 at 6.00pm.

1. **Call to Order**
Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Main Jr. called the meeting to order at 6.00pm.
2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
Led by Mayor Pro-Tem, Clark Main Jr. with an additional prayer and a moment of silence in honor of the late Mayor Dennis L. Diggs.
3. **Roll Call and Certification of Quorum**
A quorum was present. Present were Councilmember James King, Councilmember Bernadette Parr, Councilmember Melissa McFarland, Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Main Jr., and Councilmember Joell Prado.
4. **Communication from the Public**
Bernie Garner apologized for his absence last month and asked that, out of respect for the late mayor, we table his agenda request item 9.b. to next month.
5. **Proclamation**
A Proclamation from the City of Wallis, honoring the late Rodell Northington was read by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Main Jr. in front of Mr. Northington's family. Myrtle Northington accepted on her husband's behalf, sharing how it was his greatest passion to serve, which he did selflessly.
6. **Consent Agenda**
Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Melissa McFarland, to approve the Minutes from September 21, 2022 Regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Department Report**
 - a. Public Works – No action on monthly report.
Royce Macha reported that the 4 generators are installed and hard wired and we are working with CenterPoint to get the gas lines run and connected.

We are still working with Grantworks on the American Rescue Fund Act regarding the smart meters. We have completed the scope of work; we have the specs, and are working on the newspaper article for bids. We are still working towards an end of year completion.

The banners for the Garage sale have come in and will be put up when the other banners are taken down.

- b. Police Department – No action on monthly report.
Chief Moseley notified Council of the Law Enforcement Support Program which is used to apply for such things as mobile command centers, night vision equipment, breach in equipment etc. By law this must be presented to Council annually.

Chief Moseley also raised concern over the Juvenile holding facility, Vision Quest, which is set to open in November.

- c. Municipal Court – No action on monthly report.
Valerie Graves reported that the Municipal Court was awarded a Municipal Traffic Safety Award. Out of 915 courts in Texas who were eligible, Wallis Municipal Court was 1 of 28 courts recognized.

8. **Financial Review**

Motion by Councilmember James King and second by Councilmember Joell Prado to approve the financial reports and payment of monthly bills.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. **New Business**

- a. **Noise Ordinance # 118-B**

Motion by Councilmember James King and second by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Main Jr. to adopt Ordinance 118-B – Noise Ordinance whose caption reads:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALLIS, TEXAS, AMENDING REGULATIONS REGARDING LOUD, DISTURBING AND UNNECESSARY NOISES; PROVIDING A PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00 FOR A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ORDINANCE HEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Agenda Request**

Discuss and Act on Agenda Request from Bernie Garner re City of Wallis Voting Rights. Mr. Garner asked that this item be tabled until November out of respect for the late Mayor.

c. Sewer Issues at 406 S. 3rd Street

After further investigation Council determined that the sewer issue was not on the City side.

d. City Permits – Discuss and possible action on rental property safety inspections

The City Code Enforcer provided a sample Ordinance for review, along with supporting documentation; including a Rental Registration and Inspection Program, and a Registration Application for Single Family Rental Property. Council agreed to table the discussion for next month.

e. 6503 Commerce Street

Motion by Councilmember James King and second by Councilmember Joell Prado to grant a waiver to the 1-hr fire rated wall requirement. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. DeJong will comply with the requirement to add panic hardware to an existing side door to provide an emergency exit.

f. Water/Sewer Tap Fees

Motion by Councilmember James King and second by Councilmember Joell Prado to adopt new water and sewer tap fees:

- i. Water Taps for ¾" service: \$650.00
- ii. Water Taps for 1" service: \$850.00
- iii. For larger size water services, the charge shall be the city's cost to make the tap plus 20%.
- iv. Sewer Taps for 4" service: \$650.00
- v. Sewer Taps for 6" service: \$850.00
- vi. For larger size sewer services, the charge shall be the city's cost to make the tap plus 20%.
- vii. Taps in excess of 25' will be assessed an extra per footage charge which will be equal to the city's cost plus 20%.

The motion passed unanimously.

g. Mynarik Park

Motion by Councilmember Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Main and second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to approve the purchase of limestone and fabric materials not to exceed a price of \$20,000. The Motion passed 4 to 1. Councilmember Joell Prado voted against.

h. EDC Updates

- i. Two grants were awarded to Marini's Catering totaling \$6,100 to go towards a portion of their sign and to fund half the cost of their tile replacement.

- ii. The city was awarded an Asset management Program for Small Systems (AMPSS) grant to study and evaluate the city sewer system. Our top 3 engineering/contractor choices have been submitted and we are awaiting the appointment of our assigned engineer who will be working with us on the project.
- iii. The Planning Committee request for a Special Meeting date and time was no longer needed.

i. Future Agenda Items

- i. Proclamation in Honor of the late Mayor Dennis L. Diggs
- ii. Discuss and Act on Agenda request from Bernie Garner re city of Wallis voting Rights
- iii. Discuss and Review Sample Rental Ordinance

10. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Councilmember James King and second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to adjourn the meeting at 7.45pm. Motion passed unanimously.



Clark Main Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem



Lesley Doherty, City Secretary

ATTEST:

