

City of Wallis
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 18, 2023

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 18, 2023 at 6:00pm.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Little called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Little

3. Roll Call and Certification of a quorum

A quorum was present. Present were Councilmember James King, Councilmember Deborah Boren, Councilmember Belinda Halfin and Mayor Little. Councilmember Joell Prado and Councilmember Clark Main Jr. was absent.

4. Communication from the Public

Dora Martinez thanked the Mayor for attending a meeting with Chamber members. Gave an update on Chamber Banquet, Banquet went well they had about 340 people in attendance. Ms. Martinez announced upcoming events sponsored by Chamber of Commerce 1) Truck or Treat October 31st, 6pm-8pm and Christmas Parade December 16th.

5. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to approve the minutes from September 20, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Action on Department Reports, if necessary

- a. Public Works monthly report – Discussed the water/sewer taps for multi-unit dwellings. Presented the council with customers that did not respond to the first letters that were sent out, requesting that multi-unit dwellings need to be separated and each dwelling needs a separate water and sewer tap. Also, a list of customers that only paid for water tap and not sewer. Council agreed to sending out second notices to the ones that did not respond and also letters to the ones that still need to get the sewer taps.
- b. Police Department/Admin monthly report – No action
- c. Municipal Court monthly report – No action
- d. Code Enforcement monthly report – No action

7. Financial Review

Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to approve the financial report and payment of bills. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Action on Follow up items if necessary

- a. Letters to landowners – Letters are ready to be mailed out
- b. Planning Grant – No update
- c. Subdivision Ordinance – suggested scheduling a workshop to discuss
- d. Ordinances, Active/Archive/TBD, Chapter Layout – Bill Murphy is currently working on this.
- e. Sewer Plant Permit – Dr. Clay is working on permit, will need information from Public Works to proceed.
- f. Replacing Quick Books – Current looking into options to replace Quick Books
- g. Mit-Grant Update – None

Mayor called for a break at 6:56pm

Resumed meeting at 6:58pm

9. New Business

a. Agenda Request, Mary Walker

Mrs. Walker as that the yield signs at Railroad and Legion be replaced with stop signs. The Council stated that they would consider the change.

b. Executive Closed Session, Sec. 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations. Council when into Closed Session at 7:02pm

Reconvene into Regular Session – Council reconvened back into regular session at 8:22pm
No action.

c. Martinez & Surey Development – Tabled

d. Railroad Street Water Main Extension (Townhome Project) – Tabled

e. EDK Services

Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember James King to accept the twelve (12) month contract with EDK Services as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

f. Resolution No. 2023-06 – Resolution appointing a Director to the Austin County Appraisal District's Board of Directors. Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Deborah Boren to appoint Cecilia Allice as Director to the Austin County Appraisal District's Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously.

g. Resolution No. 2023-07 – Resolution selecting Certified Real Estate Appraiser service Provider to complete project related Certified Real Estate Appraiser services for the

CDBG-MIT administered through the Texas General Land Office. Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to approve Resolution No. 2023-07 hiring H& B Appraisal, LLC. Motion passed unanimously.

h. Resolution No. 2023-08 – Resolution designation Sealy News as the official newspaper for City of Wallis. Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Deborah Boren to accept and approve Resolution No. 2023-08. Motion passed unanimously,

i. Boarding House Permit – Tabled

j. Chamber Lease Agreement

Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to extend the Chamber of Commerce lease agreement with the City of Wallis for one year. Motion Passed unanimously.

k. Road Closure December 16, 2023 for Christmas Parade

Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to approve closure of Commerce Street December 16, 2023 during the Christmas Parade.

l. AMPSS Grant – Tabled

m. Public Works Maintenance Worker – Tabled

n. Police Officer

Motion made by James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to approving the advertising for Police Officer with hiring date January 15, 2024. Motion passed unanimously,

o. EDC Updates

Ribbon cutting for Generator Grant will be scheduled for November 15, 2023 early afternoon.

p. Executive Closed Session- Sec 551.074 Personnel Matters – Tabled

q. Reconvene From Executive Closed Session – Tabled

r. Future Agenda Items

None at this time

10. Adjourn Meeting – Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:36pm.


Preston Little, Mayor


Sheila Moseley, City Secretary

Attest:

