

City of Wallis
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 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, September 20, 2023 at 6:00pm.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Leb by Mayor Little

3. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum

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

4. PUBLIC HEARING- Public Hearing to consider comments from the public on the Proposes Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget and proposed 2023 Tax Rate was opened by Mayor Little at 6:03pm.

5. Close Public Hearing – Public hearing on proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 budget and proposed 2023 tax rate was closed at 6:11pm.

6. PUBLIC HEARING – Public Hearing to consider comments from the public on property at 6407 Commerce Street, Wallis, TX 77485 in the Name of James C. Cathey Estate. Property has Substandard building and numerous nuisance violations, recommendation to repair Building to minimum building standards. City has an offer from EDC to take on the cost of Minimum repairs to the building in order to sell the building. Owners have surrender the Property to the City of Wallis.

7. Close Public Hearing – Public hearing on property located at 6407 Commerce Street was Closed at 6:16pm.

8. Communication from the Public

David Marek commented on the paving of Railroad Street for potential subdivision. Mr. Marek stated that he has lived in Wallis for 55 years and his road has only been paved one Time. He feels like Railroad Street should not be paved just for people in a new subdivision.

Micheal Lagas commented on his complaint about the Code Enforcement Officer, stated that

There are people in town that are doing work without permits and Code Enforcement are only making certain citizens comply. He feels like that the city is not being fair to all citizens when it comes to ordinances and permitting.

Lesley Doherty ask that the city have her name removed as City Secretary from city documents and postings.

Sharon Flagg commented that she believes that elected officials should be understanding and should abide by the same rules and regulations as citizens are expected to abide by. Commented on how someone that has a judgement against them can sit in judgement of others.

Donna Hoffman spoke on behalf of the Lagas and Dillie families.

9. Consent Agenda

Councilmember James King stated that names on the September 13th, Item 5a were incorrect and ask that they be corrected.

Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember Deborah Boren to approve the minutes of August 16th, 17th, 23rd, 28th, 30th and September 7th, 13th 2023 upon correction of item 5a on the September 13th minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

10. a. Public Works – No action

Issues with the water over the weekend of Sept 16-17th was addressed by Mayor Little. Mayor Little stated that when he became aware of an issue with the water at certain residence being cloudy he called public works director Royce Macha and was told that worker was sent out to check on the issue and the water was tested for chlorine levels, which was good. Public works stated that there was air in the lines causing the water to be cloudy. Hydrants were flushed to correct the problem.

b. Police Department/ Admin Report – No action

Chief Moseley stated that the DeJoun's that own the Brandt 1910 building are planning on hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for citizens in need of a meal on Thanksgiving Day.

c. Municipal Court Report – No action

d. Code Enforcement Report – No action

11. Financial Review

Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Joell Prado to approve The financial report and payment of bills. Motion passed unanimously.

12 Follow Up Items, action if needed

a. RFQ's for Appraisers- Councilmember stated that the ad will be published in the Sealy News this coming week, September 28th addition.

- b. Letters to Landowners about easements for MIT-Grant- This is currently being taken care of by Grantworks.
- c. Call to Grantworks regarding Planning Grant – Councilmember James King stated that there was a misunderstanding on the timing of starting on the grant and after a discussion with Grantworks this has been cleared up and the grant is moving forward. Plan should start November 2023 and completed Comprehensive Plan early 2024, Final Hearing in February or March 2024.
- d. Subdivision Ordinance – Cecelia Alice with EDC and Councilmember Deborah Boren are working on a date to continue with updates to the Subdivision Ordinance.

13. New Business

- a. Ordinance No. 247 – AN ORDINANCE APROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF WALLIS, TEXAS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY FOR SUCH YEAR AS REFLEXTES IN SAID VUDGET; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND CONTAINING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT. Motion made by Councilmember James King, Second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 247. Motion Passed unanimously.

- b. Ordinance No. 248 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES OF THE CITY OF WALLIS, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 2023 PROVIDING FOR THE DATE ON WHICH SUCH TAXES SHALL BE DUE AND PAYABLE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST ON ALL TAXES NOT TIMELY PAID; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY. Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember Joell Prado to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 248. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Agenda Request – Paul Martinez and Gene Sury, P&X Investments, LLC. Mr. Sury spoke to Council and Mayor about a development agreement for property development on Railroad St. The development will be a 16-unit town homes. No action

- d. Agenda Request
Motion by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember Deborah Boren to amend Ordinance No. 221 to ad NFPA 855. Motion passed unanimously.

- e. Resolution No. 2023-05 – A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN EXECUTOR TO AUTHORIZE AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND ACT AS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS-HOME PROGRAM. Motion by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to approve Resolution No. 2023-05. Motion passed unanimously.

- f. AMPSS Grant Application
Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Joell Prado to approve the submittal of the AMPSS Grant application for city’s water system. Motion passed unanimously.

g. Permit Fee Schedule

Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember James King approve Permit fee schedule as presented by Bill Murphy. Motion passed unanimously.

h. EDC Updates

Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember Deborah Boren to approve the use of 8th Street for Food Trucks. Councilmember King stated that the culvert on 8th street will need to be replaced before the property is used for the Food Trucks. Motion passed unanimously.

I City Meeting Dates

No action

j. Future Agenda Items

Boarding House Permit update

Chamber Lease

Follow up Items

Ordinance organization

Town Home agreement

Subdivision Ordinance

Sewer Plant Permit

Heritage Estates Agreement

14. Adjourn Meeting

Mayor Little adjourned the meeting at 8:36pm.



Preston Little, Mayor



Sheila Moseley, City Secretary

ATTEST: