



**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF WALLER AND HARRIS
CITY OF WALLER**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS THE 18th day of January 2022 at 6:00 p.m. the City Council of the City of Waller, Texas held a meeting in Regular Session at 1218 Farr St. with the following present:

Mayor Danny Marburger
Mayor Pro Tem Dwayne Hajek
Councilmember Nancy Arnold (Absent)
Councilmember Edna Eaton
Councilmember Mike McCormick
Councilmember Jason Tones

Cynthia Ward, City Secretary
Kim Dickey, Deputy City Secretary
Maryann Carl, Finance Officer
Gene Schmidt, Public Works Director
William Llewellyn, Chief of Police (Absent)
Art Pertile, City Attorney

Mayor called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Prayer by EDC Director John Isom
Pledge led by Mayor Pro Tem Hajek*

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Please fill out a "Citizen Registration Card" form in order to address the Council. Turn in the form prior to Communications from the Public to the City Secretary. Speakers are limited to three minutes. The purpose of this item is to allow the public an opportunity to address the Mayor and City Council on issues that are not on the agenda. The Council cannot take action but may refer this item to a department head or direct that this item be placed on a future regular Council agenda.

Any interested person may appear before City Council to speak on an item on the agenda. Before the start of the meeting, the person must request such appearance in writing and identify the agenda item on which he/she wishes to speak. The person will be called to speak when the agenda item comes before City Council for discussion or action. Comments are limited to 3 minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

This agenda consists of non-controversial, or "housekeeping" items required by law. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda by any Councilmember making such a request prior to a motion and vote on the Consent Agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes for Workshop Meeting December 1, 2021.
2. Approval of Minutes for Special Meeting December 13, 2021.

3. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting December 20, 2021.
4. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report as of December 31, 2021.

Motion by Councilmember Eaton to approve the consent agenda items. Seconded by Councilmember McCormick. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

5. Discussion and possible action approve **Ordinance No. 583**, of the City of Waller, providing for the holding of a General Election on May 7, 2022, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) at-large councilmembers; designing the entire City as one election precinct; and approving contracting with Waller County for a Joint Election.

Deputy City Secretary Kim Dickey addressed the Council regarding the calling the Election for 2022. This year the office holders of Mayor Dany Marburger, Councilmember Nancy Arnold, and Councilmember Edna Eaton are up for re-election. This document allows the us to move forward with that Election.

Motion by Councilmember Mike McCormick motion to approve Ordinance No. 583 for the holding of a 2022 General Election. Seconded by Councilmember Jason Tones. Motion passed.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding **Resolution No. 2022-01**, approving the execution of a contract between the Waller I.S.D. and City of Waller to conduct the early voting and election day and to accept the appointment of election judge(s).

Deputy City Secretary Kim Dickey addressed the Council regarding execution of a contract between the Waller I.S.D. and City of Waller to conduct the early voting and election day and to accept the appointment of election judge(s).

Motion by Mayor ProTem Dwayne Hajek to approve Resolution No. 2022-01 for the execution of a contract between the Waller I.S.D. and City of Waller. Seconded by Councilmember McCormick. Motion passed.

7. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution No. 2022-02**, approving the execution of a contract with Waller County Elections Administrator for a Joint Election relating to the May 7, 2022, Election.

Deputy City Secretary Kim Dickey addressed the Council regarding execution of a contract with the Waller County Elections Administrator for a Joint Election on May 7th 2022.

Motion by Councilmember Mike McCormick motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-02 for General Election in 2022. Seconded by Council member Edna Eaton. Motion passed.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a portable walk-through metal detector for the Council Room/Court area.

Bailiff/Security Officer Charles Mistrick addressed Mayor and Council to regarding the benefits of a walk-through metal detector.

Motion by Councilmember Jason Tones to approve the purchase of a portable walk-through metal detector for the Council Room/Court area. Motion seconded by Councilmember Eaton. Motion passed.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding **Ordinance No. 584**, amending the City of Waller Ordinance relating to off premise signs in scenic corridors within the City and the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction providing a penalty of an amount not to exceed \$ 2,000.00 for each day of violation of any provision hereof, providing for severability.

Public Works Director Gene Schmidt and City Attorney Art Pertile addressed the Council on the requirements from TxDot on this sign and others in the scenic corridor.

Motion by Mayor ProTem Dwayne Hajek to approve the amendment of Ordinance No. 584. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tones. Motion passed.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve Finishing Solutions to install a nine foot by nineteen foot and six inches, thirty foot in height, full color, double-face outdoor LED display billboard sign located at Mayer Waller Road and Penick Rd.

Public Works Director Gene Schmidt stated that this sign meets our ordinance, and this sign will be placed in the middle of this lot.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dwayne Hajek to approve the placement of a sign on this property. Seconded by Edna Eaton. Motion passed.

11. Discussion and possible action of the Finishes Solutions Store Front replat on Main Street.

Public Works Director Gene Schmidt let the Council know that they can go ahead and start the demolition, but before they can start the construction, they will need the replat.

Paul Cates with Finishes Solutions presented a slide show on the concept they would like to bring to the main street project.

Motion by Councilmember Jason Tones to let Public Works Director Gene Schmidt move forward with the replat. Motion seconded by Councilmember Eaton. Motion passed.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding the use of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds.

Assistant Public Works Director Markus Benoit went through a list of potential projects, estimated at \$409,460.40 in expenses where ARP funding may be utilized.

List of Potential Projects	Est. Cost
Floating Brush Aerator	\$70,780.00
Sludge Box	\$47,050.00
Slabs for sludge box	\$33,000.00
Overheard/RV type cover for sludge boxes	\$12,000.00
Water Tower improvements (cages, floats, fencing, paint)	\$25,100.00
Camera systems (2021 estimate)	\$5,365.46
JACK Kiosk placement relocation - door security, internet, power	\$12,000.00

Lift Station 6" pump	\$28,170.29
Generator replacement for Bettis Liftstation	\$6,000.00
Jet-out machine	\$70,956.00
Spare Replacement Pumps for Water Plants	\$4,010.65
Sewer Camera	\$9,683.00
Kubota excavator and accessories	\$55,345.00
Total estimated cost thus far	\$409,460.40

Motion by Councilmember Jason Tones to approve the use of ARP funding for the projects listed. Motion seconded by Council Member Mike McCormick. Motion passed.

13. Discussion and possible action to approve City Plaza restroom plans and proceed with public bidding for construction of restrooms.

Mayor Marburger and Public Works Director Gene Schmidt addressed the Council and presented simple blueprints of plans for a restroom in the City Plaza.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hajek to approve City Plaza restroom plans and to proceed with public bidding for construction. Motion seconded by Edna Eaton. Motion passed.

14. Discussion and possible action on the Waller EDC Board's recommendation to reappoint Chuck Scianna and Elizabeth Dominguez to new three-year terms on the board for the years 2022-2024.

EDC Director John Isom informed the Council that the EDC Board had voted to reappoint Chuck Scianna and Elizabeth Dominguez to new three-year terms to the Board.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hajek to approve the reappointment of Chuck Scianna and Elizabeth Dominguez. Seconded by Councilmember McCormick. Motion Passed.

MAYOR-COUNCIL REPORTS

No Reports

STAFF REPORTS

- Cynthia Ward, City Secretary – *Written Report Submitted*
- Gene Schmidt, Public Works Director - *Written Report Submitted*
- Michael Lopez, Police Department - *Written Report Submitted*
- John Isom, WEDC Director - *Written Report Submitted – Hines*
- Travis Sellers, City Engineer
 - *Four firms identified for the road survey and putting together packets*

ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

No Report

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Mayor adjourned at 7:53 pm.

APPROVED BY:



Danny Marburger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cynthia Ward, City Secretary