



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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS THE 11th day of July, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. the City Council of the City of Waller, Texas met for a Workshop Meeting at 1119 Saunders St. with the following present:

Mayor Danny Marburger
Mayor Pro Tem Sidney Johnson
Councilmember Nancy Arnold
Councilmember Dwayne Hajek
Councilmember Mike McCormick

Staff:
Gene Schmidt, Supt. of Public Works
Michael Williams, Chief of Police
Kathy Hallmark, Deputy City Secretary
Kathy Wall, Interim Finance Officer
Ann Smith, Special Projects Coordinator

Councilmember Edna Eaton was absent.

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

1. Discussion and recommendation for the Proposed FY 2016-17 General Fund Budget.

Mayor Marburger turned the presentation over to Ann Smith.

Ms. Smith discussed the highlights of the fiscal year 2016-17 General Fund Proposed Operating Budget. With several annexations during the past year, taxable values have had a huge increase. The certified tax roll will not be available to the entities prior to July 26th; however, preliminary values show an increase in Harris County of \$7,898,844 in taxable values. Waller County Appraisal Districts shows a preliminary taxable value of \$143,699,832.

Sales tax revenue had a sizable increase during current fiscal year due to new businesses such as Tractor Supply. Municipal Court collections increase by \$35,000 during the current fiscal year. Permits have exceeded the budgeted amounts during FY2015-16 and should continue to provide added collections.

A 3% Cost of Living Adjustment was discussed for all current employees. City Council requested Ms. Smith to prepare a comparison cost between a 2% and 3% COLA. TML Insurance projected a 6% increase for 2017 health coverage.

Two major increases in the Governmental Fund to fund the agreement with the Goodman Company for the Livable Center downtown and Infrastructure and Economic Development Plan. Another new expenditure in the Governmental Fund is a line item of \$50,000 to decrease the debt tax amount on the new 2016 Tax Note.

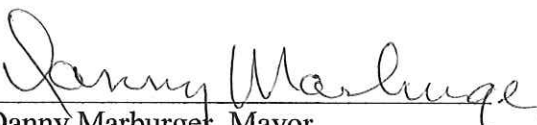
Chief Williams presented the Police Department proposed expenditures. One new clerical position has been requested to provide customer service and coverage from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Two replacement patrol vehicles are proposed.

Gene Schmidt presented the Public Works and Code Enforcement proposed expenditures.

Ann Smith presented the Civic Center, Library, and Parks & Recreation proposed expenditures. A new position of a part time Tourism & Parks Manager has been proposed to work on grants and promotion of tourism.

Mayor Marburger adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



Danny Marburger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cynthia Ward, City Secretary