



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

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS THE 18<sup>th</sup>** day of July, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. the City Council of the City of Waller, Texas met for a Budget 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  
Ann Smith, Special Projects Coordinator  
Kathy Wall, Interim Finance Officer

Absent: Councilmember Edna Eaton

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

**1. Discussion and recommendation for the Proposed FY2016-17 Budget.**

Ann Smith gave the presentation of the proposed fiscal year 2016-17 Utility and Debt Service funds.

At the Councils' request, Ms. Smith presented a worksheet showing the cost of a 2% versus a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment for all current employees. The cost difference between the two percentages was \$14,566. It was the consensus of the City Council to provide a 2% COLA for all current employees. Council noted they would appreciate the staff preparing a pay scale and salary policy during the upcoming year. Councilmember Arnold stated the H-GAC had recently published a 2016 Salary and Benefits Survey for the Houston area. Councilmember Arnold said she would obtain a copy for the City.

Presentation and discussion continued with the Utility funds. The Water/Sewer Revenue Fund has been projected to drop from the current years' adopted due to a decrease in both services. Rains and flooding attributed to a decrease in the current year revenue. The proposed total revenue for Water/Sewer is \$1,041,022. Added costs of an Impact Study Survey, increased costs of materials and employee benefits have been projected in expenditures in the total amount of \$941,085. Fifty thousand dollars was added in the Tank Maintenance Reserve fund for needed upkeep of the four water tanks.

The Gas Combined Revenue has been proposed at \$465,028. The Waller Gas Fund expenditures have added one new employee and a replacement truck, with a total proposed expenditure budget of \$380,916. The Prairie View Gas Fund expenditures have a proposed total of \$130,264.

Due to waiting for the two county appraisal districts to certify the tax roll, the Debt Service tax rate could not be presented. The Debt payments, plus interest, will be \$432,837.50 for the fiscal year.

**2. Discussion on current solid waste contract and fees.**

Mayor Marburger stated he had been in negotiations with the representative from Republic Waste regarding changes to the current contract. Mayor Marburger stated Republic Waste would be presenting the contract to the City Attorney for revisions. The major change in the solid waste agreement would be for Republic to bill and collect for temporary dumpsters and roll offs.

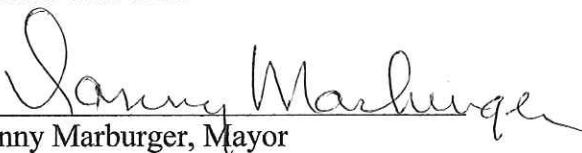
**3. Discussion on surfacing the parking lot at the Waller Civic Center.**

Mayor Marburger announced the lower bidder on the surfacing of the parking lot at the Waller Civic Center had withdrawn their bid. Mayor Marburger requested the city engineer draft two new bid specifications for the August meeting. The two specifications would allow for either a 50 space or a 75 space paved parking area.

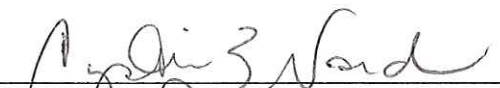
**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Mayor Marburger adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

  
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Danny Marburger, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Cynthia Ward, City Secretary