



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

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS THE 23rd of August 2021 at 5:00 p.m. the City Council of the City of Waller, Texas met for a Workshop Meeting at 1218 Farr Street with the following present:**

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

Staff:  
Cynthia Ward, City Secretary  
Kimberly Dickey, City Secretary  
Maryann Carl, Finance Officer  
Gene Schmidt, Supt. of Public Works  
William Llewellyn, Police Chief

*Mayor Marburger called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.*

**WORKSHOP SESSION**

1. Discussion and recommendations on the proposed FY 2021-22 budget and tax rate for the City of Waller.

*Mayor stated that Chief has a couple of recommendations for items that need to be added to his budget.*

*The Chief addressed Council to let them know he would like to increase his starting salary for new officers from \$22.50 to \$23.40 hourly. This will increase the yearly income for a new officer from \$49,140 to \$51,105 which is right at a \$6,000.00 increase and will help in the recruiting process.*

*Maryann clarified that we currently have officers at the rate of \$22.50 and with the 4% cost of living increase that will bring them to \$23.40 and any new officers joining will hire on at \$23.40 hourly. If we move forward with any changes from the proposal tonight, it will shift our budget calendar by one day from September the 22<sup>nd</sup> to September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The changes will be filed tomorrow with the City Secretary if you so choose.*

*Chief also stated that he had been looking for Shotguns to purchase, but they are currently unavailable. Currently there is a \$7,800 surplus in supplies and equipment for this purchase. He would like to include this in his budget for expenditure in the next year.*

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

2. Discussion and possible action on approving the proposed FY 2021-22 budget for the City of Waller.

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hajek to approve the proposed FY 2021-22 budget as presented, including the changes in department 300 for Police Department of the City of Waller. Seconded by Councilmember Tones. Motion Passed.*

3. Discussion and possible action on approving the proposed FY 2021-22 tax rate for the City of Waller.

*Motion by Councilmember Tones to approve the proposed tax rate of \$0.5888 per one hundred dollars. Motion seconded by Councilmember Arnold. Motion passed.*

4. Discussion and possible action on approving an Economic Development incentive for Closner Equipment.

*John made a recommendation to the Council for approval of a 3-year tax abatement at 50%. The City's portion of the first year estimated sales tax revenue from this business is around fifty thousand dollars, over the 3 -year period of this abatement the total cost estimated on property tax reimbursement from the city is around eighteen thousand dollars.*

*Motion by Councilmember Eaton to approve the Economic Development incentive for Closner Equipment. Motion seconded by Councilmember Arnold. Motion passed.*

5. Discussion and possible action on approving an Economic Development incentive for TexTube.

*John opened discussion and let Council know that these numbers have been revised from the workshop held previously. Total in this property and assets is estimated at seventy-six million dollars which brings the total abatement up. The lowest sales tax estimate shows ninety thousand dollars per year.*

*After discussion Councilmember Arnold made a motion to approve the abatement for 7-years at 50% for Tex-Tube. Seconded by Councilmember Eaton. Mayor called for any further discussion.*

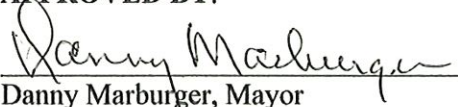
*Mayor Pro Tem Hajek asked that the Council consider going with a 5-year abatement at 50% for Tex-Tube instead of 7 years.*

*Motion revised by Councilmember Arnold to approve the Economic Development incentive for Tex Tube for five years at 50%. Motion seconded by Councilmember Eaton. Motion passed.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Mayor Marburger adjourned at 7:06 p.m.*

**APPROVED BY:**

  
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Danny Marburger, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Cynthia Ward, City Secretary