

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS THE 22nd day of February 2021 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  
Councilmember Edna Eaton (*Joined at 6:06pm*)  
Councilmember Mike McCormick  
Councilmember Jason Tones

Cynthia Ward, City Secretary  
Gene Schmidt, Supt. of Public Works  
Kimberly Dickey, Deputy City Secretary  
William Llewellyn, Chief of Police  
John Isom, EDC Director  
Art Pertile, City Attorney

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

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Prayer by Councilmember Arnold  
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.

*(No public comments)*

**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 Regular Meeting January 19, 2021.

2. Refund for prior year tax adjustment Novel Hospitality Group LLC.

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hajek to approve Consent Agenda items, seconded by Councilmember McCormick. Motion passed.*

## **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

3. Discussion and possible action approving Resolution 2021-03, regarding the area surrounding Beacon Hill Development between US 290 and Owens Road in the City of Waller.

*Mayor introduced Judge Albert "Buddy" McCaig for presentation on Resolution 2021-03.*

*Judge Albert "Buddy" McCaig addressed the Mayor and Council with information on two different traffic patterns currently being considered by Tx Dot for the feeder road between Hwy. 362 and James Muse Parkway on US 290.*

*Motion by Councilmember McCormick to approve Resolution 2021-03, regarding the area surrounding Beacon Hill Development between US 290 and Owens Road in the City of Waller. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tones, Councilmember Arnold abstains from vote, and motion passed.*

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the request by Comfort Inn and Suites to waive the penalty for non-timely filing of Hotel/Motel Tax Report due January 31, 2021.

*Maryann stated that the City hotels pay the Occupancy Tax on the last day of each month. In this case KG Hospitality (Comfort Inn & Suites) made their payment on the February 4<sup>th</sup> and the payment was due on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Ms. Carr is the representative KG Hospitality and in an email to the City she states that she put the payment in the mail but neglected to put a stamp on the envelope. The envelope was returned by the post office to her and she brought the payment to City Hall.*

*Motion by Councilmember Arnold to grant the one- time request with a second by Councilmember McCormick. Motion passed.*

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the resubmission of safe route to school sidewalk grant by the Goodman Corporation.

*David Rogers spoke on behalf of the Goodman Corporation about a grant funding for the 2021 Transportation Alternative Program which makes 10 million dollars available for cities that are less than a population of five thousand and a secondary phase that the City of Waller could be considered. Goodman has already done a preliminary estimate for the cost of this project for \$785,495.00 for 6 foot sidewalk from Saunders to Taylor Street with a pedestrian crosswalk for Field Store Road and continues down Waller-Tomball to FM 2920.*

*With a total estimate on project of \$785,495.00, The City of Waller's 20% share will be \$157,000.00. The preliminary estimated engineering cost would be \$160,000.00 so that will be another 80% federal - 20% local split for \$32,000.00 and the preliminary estimated TxDot administrative fee is 15% of the total project which is \$117,000.00 again with 80% federal - 20% local split making the City's portion \$23,565.00. The grand total for The City of Waller's commitment to the project will be \$212,264.00.*

*Open Council discussion and questions.*

***Motion by Councilmember Arnold for the resubmission of safe route to school sidewalk grant by the Goodman Corporation for the cost of \$10,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilmember Eaton. Motion passed.***

6. Discussion and possible action regarding three Public Works vehicles going to public auction.

***Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hajek to send Public Works vehicles to public auction. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tones. Motion passed.***

## **MAYOR-COUNCIL REPORTS**

***Mayor entered a Declaration of Disaster for the storm beginning February 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 into the meeting record.***

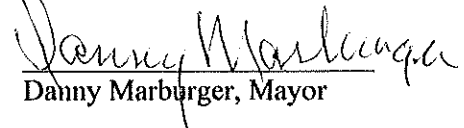
## **STAFF REPORTS**

- Cynthia Ward, City Secretary
  - ***Written reports submitted***
  
- Gene Schmidt, Public Works Director
  - ***Written reports submitted***
  - ***Low water pressure – Fire systems in our commercial building broken***
  - ***Looking for favorable lab results to resend the boil water notice***
  - ***Generator for City Hall***
  
- William Llewellyn, Chief of Police
  - ***Written report submitted***
  - ***Lost of Terrance Watson (Chief in contact with Family)***
  
- John Isom, WEDC Director
  - ***Written report submitted***
  - ***Thanks to Council for support on Resolution 2021-03***
  - ***Leads from state for Manufacturing***


## **ADJOURNMENT**

***With no further business Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.***

APPROVED BY:

  
Danny Marburger, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Cynthia Ward, City Secretary