



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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS THE 17th day of May 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
Councilmember Mike McCormick
Councilmember Jason Tones

Cynthia Ward, City Secretary
Gene Schmidt, Supt. of Public Works
William Llewellyn, Chief of Police
Kimberly Dickey, Deputy City Secretary
John Isom, EDC Director (Absent)
Caleb Villarreal for Paula Alexander, City Attorney (Absent)

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 March 16, 2020 Regular Meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes for March 23, 2020 Special Meeting.
3. Approval of Quarterly Investment report ending March 31, 2020.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items with a change to item number seven by Mayor Pro Tem Hajek. Seconded by Council Member Eaton. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4. Swearing in of Mayor and New Council members.

Mayor Danny Marburger, Council Member Eaton, and Council Member Arnold were sworn in by City Secretary Cynthia Ward.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding on the appointment of a Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion by Council Member Arnold to approve the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem Hajek. Seconded by Council Member Tones. Mayor Pro Tem Hajek abstained from vote, Motion passed with all other Council Members yes.

6. Discussion and possible action on the appointment / reappointment of a Municipal Court Judge.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve the appointment of Municipal Court Judge Hardgrave. Seconded by Council Member McCormick. Motion passed.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of a preliminary Waller Reserves partial replat # 2.

Gene stated that this project is off Cyrus Lane and F.M. 362 this is the Four Seasons Project. They originally had five lots and they would like to reduce that to four lots because they need more room (30 feet) between the two buildings. If they did not move the building back further on the lot, they would have to put sprinkler systems in both buildings. They have opted to reduce one lot and move the building back. Gene has spoken to David Leyendecker and he does not have any issues with the replat.

Motion by Council Member Eaton to approve a preliminary Waller Reserves partial replat # 2. Motion seconded by McCormick. Motion passed.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of two (2) new electric paddle wheels for the sewer plant.

Gene stated that the City purchased two electric paddle wheels three or four years ago and they have been working well. The hydraulic units that the City owns are having to be serviced six to eight months and we just had to rebuild two motors at a cost of \$14,000.00 and the cost continues to increase. He received a quote for two electric paddle wheels for \$48,000.00. These paddle wheels come with bridges which will make it safer for employees to check.

Open discussion on the floor with Council and Mayor.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hajek to approve the purchase of two (2) new electric paddle wheels for the sewer plant. Motion seconded by Council Member Arnold. Motion passed.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding **Ordinance # 563**, approving the placement of stop signs as recommended by TXDOT at the intersection of Main Street and Saunders Street making four way stop intersection.

Gene addressed the Council regarding the four way stop which was in the original grant plans. Council Member Arnold was unclear on why they want to place a stop sign on Main St. because that impedes traffic. Gene explained there are crosswalks painted on both streets.

Mayor stated this would make for a safer crossing in front of the library as pedestrian traffic increases in the City. Mayor asked Chief Lewellyn for his thoughts on the stop sign placement of the sign.

The Chief said that the speed limit on Main Street is 30 mph and should not create traffic by the placement of a stop sign.

Council Member Tones made the motion to approve Ordinance # 563, approving the placement of stop signs as recommended by TXDOT at the intersection of Main Street and Saunders Street making four way stop intersection. Motion seconded by Council Member Eaton.

*Mayor Pro Tem Hajek - No
Council Member McCormick – Yes
Council Member Tones – Yes
Council Member Arnold – Yes
Council Member Eaton – Yes*

Motion passed.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve a bid submitted by TTE, LLC as recommended by the City Engineer for a 450,000- gallon ground water storage tank.

Gene addressed Council to let them know this will replace 200 thousand ground storage tank that is currently leaking. The new tank will service future subdivisions and businesses that are coming in on FM 2920. The City received four bids on the project and TTE, LLC came in the lowest. David Leyendecker has recommended that the City powder coat to get a 5 to 10 year longer life out of the tank. The cost of the galvanized tank is \$363,500.00 or \$365,700 with powder coating

Council Member Eaton made the motion to approve bid submitted by TTE, LLC as recommended by the City Engineer for a 450,000-gallon ground water storage tank. Motion seconded by Council Member Tones. Motion passed.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding a Development Agreement between the City of Waller and Pafford Properties LLC.

Gene addressed the Council stating Pafford Properties LLC is a property that has already been annexed into the City. They will be adding on and they want the City to extend services to them water and sewer.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hajek to approve a Development Agreement between the City of Waller and Pafford Properties LLC. Seconded by Council Member Arnold. Motion passed.

12. Discussion and possible action approving a new job description and hiring a bailiff / warrant officer for the Waller Municipal Court.

Mayor addressed Council regarding this position stating it is needed because of the Courts move into the City Hall Building and the need to have coverage for the Court. The position will also serve as security of City Hall, Warrant Officer, and Bailiff. The funding for this position will be split three ways between the departments of Administration, Police Department, and Municipal Court.

Chief answered questions from Council.

Council Member Eaton made a motion approving a new job description and hiring a bailiff / warrant officer for the Waller Municipal Court. Seconded by McCormick. Motion passed.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding an approval by City Council of a Chapter 380 rebate agreement with R&L Carriers of city taxes paid on improvements built at their new truck terminal on Washington Road.

Council Member Arnold made motion to table the Chapter 380 rebate agreement with R&L Carriers of city taxes paid on improvements built at their new truck terminal on Washington Road. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hajek. Motion to table passed.

MAYOR-COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayors update to Council on the RV Park discussion with City Attorney Paula Alexander. Open discussion on the floor.

Council Member Arnold - HGAC has created a matrix on the revenue reductions to help cities determine their shortfalls due to COVID 19.

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Cynthia Ward, City Secretary
 - ***Written Monthly Reports submitted***
- b. Gene Schmidt, Public Works Director
 - ***18-inch sewer lines going in***
 - ***4" Main Gas line at FM 2920 pre-construction meeting tomorrow***
 - ***Lift station is not completed, but still working on it***

- *Discussion on burnt out and dilapidated properties in town*
- *Registered letters back from folks that are in ordinance violation*

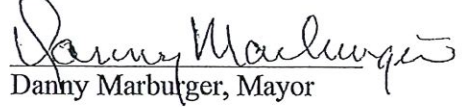
c. William Llewellyn, Police Chief
• *Written Monthly Report submitted*

d. John Isom, WEDC Director (*Absent*)


ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY:


Danny Marburger, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cynthia Ward, City Secretary