

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS THE 15th day of November 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 (Absent)
Kimberly Dickey, Deputy City Secretary
Maryann Carl, Finance Officer (Absent)
Gene Schmidt, Public Works Director
William Llewellyn, Chief of Police
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.

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 October 18, 2021, Regular Meeting.
2. Approval of City of Waller 2022 Pay/Holiday calendar.

Motion by Councilmember Arnold to approve the consent agenda items. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hajek. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

3. Discussion and possible action regarding **Resolution No. 2021-12** electing a person to the board of directors of the Harris County Appraisal District.

Motion by Councilmember Arnold to nominate Mike Sullivan to the Board of Directors of the Harris County Appraisal District. Motion seconded by Councilmember McCormick. Motion passed.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding **Resolution No. 2021-13** election a person to the board of directors for the Waller County Appraisal District.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hajek to split the votes evenly between candidates Barnett, Davis, and Rape with the excess votes to go to candidate Rape for the nominations to the Board of Directors of the Waller County Appraisal District. Motion seconded by Councilmember Arnold. Motion passed.

5. Discussion and possible action to appoint Brenda Bundick, Tax Assessor/Collector for the Waller I.S.D., to calculate the city's tax rate for the 2021 tax year.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hajek to appoint Brenda Bundick, Tax Assessor/Collector. Motion seconded by Councilmember Eaton. Motion passed.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve a temporary road closure on Daugherty Street from Farr Street to Locust Street for approximately one year to accommodate the reconstruction of Waller Junior High School.

Assistant Director of Public Works Markus Benoit addressed the Council to let them know that the reconstruction of the Waller Junior High School will be starting, and they have asked the city to close the road to accommodate a crane that will be needed for the build.

Motion by Councilmember Arnold to approve a temporary road closure on Daugherty Street from Farr Street to Locust Street for approximately one year to accommodate the reconstruction of Waller Junior High School. Motion seconded by Councilmember McCormick. Motion passed.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding a John Deere zero turn mower and 20,000-gallon pressure tank to be designated as surplus equipment and auctioned off at Switzer Auction.

Assistant Director of Public Works Markus Benoit addressed the Council regarding the items the Public Works Department would like to have designated as surplus equipment.

Motion by Councilmember Tones to designate the John Deere zero turn mower and 20,000-gallon pressure tank surplus equipment and auctioned off at Switzer Auction. Motion seconded by Councilmember McCormick. Motion passed.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding placement of Mason Lodge directional signs on Main Street intersections.

Assistant Director of Public Works Markus Benoit addressed the Council and let them know the Mason Lodge would like to add 2 additional directional signs.

Councilmember Tones stated the this is the 125th year celebration of the Mason Lodge in Waller.

Motion by Councilmember Tones to approve the placement of Mason Lodge directional signs on Main Street intersections. Motion seconded by Councilmember Eaton. Motion passed.

9. Discussion and possible action approving Ordinance No. 582, the TXDOT stop signs placed at the intersection of Waller Street and Alliance Street and Waller Street and Farr Street making them four way stop intersections.

Director of Public Works Gene Schmidt addressed the Council stating this was a part of the sidewalk project to make the routes to school safer for pedestrians.

Motion by Councilmember McCormick to approve Ordinance No. 582, the TXDOT stop signs placed at the intersection of Waller Street and Alliance Street and Waller Street and Farr Street making them four way stop intersections. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tones. Motion passed.

10. Discussion and possible action to begin the process for the city to accept contractor bids for the restoration of Cyrus Lane.

Director of Public Works Gene Schmidt addressed the Council to let them know he would like to have Travis Sellers begin the process for the restoration of Cyrus Lane. He stated that the RV Park is close to completion of construction, and he would not begin construction to restore the road until the RV Park is complete.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hajek to begin the process for the city to accept contractor bids for the restoration of Cyrus Lane. Second by Councilmember McCormick. Motion passed.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding SRI SAI Business Center approval of preliminary replat comments.

Director of Public Works Gene Schmidt addressed the Council stating that this is the property located on FM 2920. There are some drainage issues with the current plat, and SRI SAI would like to make corrections for a better drainage. He currently has the new plat and there are a few additions to be completed, and once finalized the plans will need to come back to Council for final approval.

Motion by Councilmember Tones to approve the preliminary replat for SRI SAI. Motion seconded by Councilmember McCormick. Motion passed.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution No. 2021-14 to authorize the city's participation

in the National Opioid Agreement.

Chief of Police William Llewellyn stated to Council that this allows the city to participate in the state-wide settlement with funding for educational and other programs relating to opioids.

Motion made by Councilmember Arnold to approve Resolution No. 2021-14 to authorize the city's participation in the National Opioid Agreement. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tones. Motion passed.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding a **Resolution No. 2021-15** City Council authorization for the Mayor to request that the Waller-Harris Emergency Services District #200 execute a sales & use tax allotment agreement with the City for the allotment of sales & use taxes to the city by the district in areas that have been or may be annexed by the city that are within the District's boundaries.

Economic Development Director John Isom stated this item has been in the work for about a year. Currently the way it stands the Cities within the district are limited to 1% sales tax and in any future annexed areas. Mayors and City Attorneys met and agreed to approve Resolutions in their cities to move forward with sales & use tax allotment agreement with Waller-Harris Emergency Services District #200 for 2% of the sales tax as originally stated before the election.

City Attorney Art Pertile stated the when the election was going on the ESD Board originally stated that this would cause no harm to the Cities, but it is in fact causing harm. We are asking them to live up to what the Cities in the district were told, prior to annexation the ESD would get sales tax but once a property is annexed into the City the City will get the sales tax. This agreement will not affect what the ESD is currently collecting, it will only affect their collection on revenue as properties annex into the City.

Motion by Councilmember Arnold to approve Resolution No. 2021-15 for the Mayor to request that the Waller-Harris Emergency Services District #200 execute a sales & use tax allotment agreement. Motion seconded by Councilmember Eaton. Mayor Pro Tem Hajek abstained from this vote. Motion passed.

MAYOR-COUNCIL REPORT

Mayor stated that the Council has been given a copy of the Police Policy Manual for review.

Mayor Pro Tem Hajek let Council know that Councilmember Arnold was elected to serve on the HGAC Board again this year.

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Cynthia Ward, City Secretary
- b. Gene Schmidt, Public Works Director
 - *Assistant Director of Public Works Markus Benoit introduced 3 new employees*
 - *Elias Valdez*
 - *Luis Perez*
 - *Mark Russell*
- c. William Llewellyn, Chief of Police

d. John Isom, WEDC Director

- *The Tx Dot Grant for the Sidewalk on Waller-Tomball Road has been approved*

City Attorney Art Pertile stated that he will be working directly with the three potential new subdivisions on the North side of the City as a group to ensure all drainage and utility issues are covered.

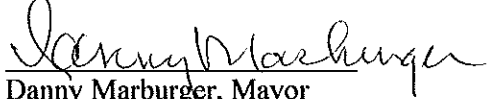
Councilmember Tones suggested that we would do an Open House for City Hall during the Christmas Festival and other Councilmembers and Mayor agreed.

Commissioner Walter Smith spoke to give a summary on Owens Road. He is working on getting the County Engineer, County Attorney, and the City Attorney together to begin discussion on an interlocal agreement between Waller County and the City.


ADJOURNMENT

With no further business Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVED BY:


Danny Marburger, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cynthia Ward, City Secretary