

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTIES OF WALLER AND HARRIS CITY OF WALLER

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS THE 19th day of December 2022 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 (Absent)

Councilmember Jason Tones

Staff:

Cynthia Ward, City Secretary
Beatris Sanchez, Deputy City Secretary
Maryann Carl, Finance Officer
Gene Schmidt, Public Works Director
Markus Benoit, Assistant Public Works Dir.

Michael Lopez, Police Chief Art Pertile, City Attorney

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

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Prayer by Councilmember Nancy Arnold Pledge led by Mayor Pro Tem Dwayne Hajek

ROLL CALL

Mayor Marburger and Councilmembers present. Councilmember Mike McCormick absent.

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.

Mae Edwards of 522 Elm St. addressed Council on introducing a City ordinance regarding murals.

Pamela Shepard of 29315 Cherokee Ln. addressed Council inviting City officials to join the Waller County 150th celebration in May 2023.

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 November 21, 2022, Regular Meeting.
- 2. Approval of a refund to Petroquip Energy Services LLC for Tax Year 2021 due to value change per HCAD.
- 3. Approval of January's Regular Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, due to Holiday on Monday.

Councilmember Nancy Arnold motioned to approve Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Edna Eaton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4. Discussion and possible action on approving **Ordinance** # **605**, amending provisions of Chapter 14 to comply with flood regulations enacted by Harris County.

City Attorney, Art Pertile addressed Council on approving Ordinance # 605, amending provisions of Chapter 14 to comply with flood regulations enacted by Harris County. City Engineer, Travis Sellers also addressed Council on approving Ordinance #605, to enter into an agreement with drainage criteria with Harris County.

Councilmember Jason Tones motioned to approve. Councilmember Edna Eaton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Discussion and possible action on approving **Resolution #2022-24**, a resolution amending construction standards for community improvements Section 1.06 on drainage.

City Attorney, Art Pertile addressed Council on approving Resolution #2022-24, a resolution amending construction standards for community improvements Section 1.06 on drainage.

Councilmember Nancy Arnold motioned to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem Dwayne Hajek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve a proposal from Cobb Fendley for engineering services for the City of Waller Major Thoroughfare Plan.

Assistant Public Works Director, Markus Benoit, and City Engineer, Travis Sellers addressed Council on approving a proposal from Cobb Fendley for engineering services for the City of Waller Major Thoroughfare Plan.

Mayor Pro-Tem, Dwayne Hajek motioned to approve. Councilmember Nancy Arnold seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. Discussion and possible action on authorizing the City Engineer to solicit bids for D Street sewer main.

Assistant Public Works Director, Markus Benoit, and City Engineer, Travis Sellers addressed Council on authorizing the City Engineer to solicit bids for D street sewer main. Finance Officer, Maryann Carl also addressed Council on project being already in budget.

Councilmember Jason Tones motioned to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem, Dwayne Hajek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8. Discussion and possible action approving recommendation from Wildan to accept gas supplier.

Assistant Public Works Director, Markus Benoit addressed Council on approving recommendation from Wildan to accept gas supplier. Wildan recommended acquiring *Upstream* as the City of Waller's gas supplier.

Councilmember Jason Tones motioned to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem, Dwayne Hajek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve a contract agreement from Wildan to conduct rate study on water, wastewater, and natural gas.

Assistant Public Works Director, Markus Benoit addressed Council on approving a contract agreement from Wildan to conduct rate study on waste, wastewater, and natural gas.

Councilmember Nancy Arnold motioned to approve. Councilmember Edna Eaton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

 Discussion and possible action on authorizing the City Engineer to solicit street repair bids for Washington, Penick, and Walnut Street.

City Engineer, Travis Sellers and Assistant Public Works Director, Markus Benoit addressed Council on authorizing the City Engineer to solicit street repair bids for Washington, Penick, and Walnut Street

Councilmember Jason Tones motioned to approve. Councilmember Edna Eaton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

11. Discussion and possible action on approving the acceptance of Beacon Hills Section 1 & 2 utilities and roadways into the City of Waller.

Assistant Public Works Director, Markus Benoit addressed Council on approving the acceptance of Beacon Hills Section 1 & 2 utilities and roadways into the City of Waller.

Mayor Pro Tem, Dwayne Hajek motioned to approve. Councilmember Jason Tones seconded the motion, Motion passed.

12. Discussion and possible action to approve the beginning warranty period for Beacon Hills Boulevard Phase 2 Water Distribution, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer, and Reinforced Concrete Paving Systems.

Assistant Public Works Director, Markus Benoit addressed Council on approving the warranty period for Beacon Hills Boulevard Phase 2 Water Distribution, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewers, and Reinforced Concrete Paving Systems.

Councilmember Jason Tones motioned to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem, Dwayne Hajek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

13. Discussion and possible action on approving the use of ARP funds to purchase a new natural gas generator for City Hall.

Assistant Public Works Director, Markus Benoit addressed Council on approving the use of ARP funds to purchase a new natural gas generator for City Hall. The estimated cost of the generator is \$221,685.68.

Councilmember Nancy Arnold motioned to approve. Councilmember Jason Tones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

14. Discussion and possible action to approve Attwater Subdivision, Section 1 preliminary plat.

Public Works Director, Gene Schmidt and City Engineer, Travis Sellers addressed Council on approving Attwater Subdivision, Section 1 preliminary plat.

Mayor Pro-Tem, Dwayne Hajek motioned to approve. Councilmember Edna Eaton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

15. Discussion and possible action on approving **Resolution #2022-25**, adopting a special district reimbursement agreement policy.

City Attorney, Art Pertile addressed Council on approving Resolution #2022-25, adopting a special district reimbursement agreement policy.

Councilmember Jason Tones motioned to approve. Councilmember Nancy Arnold seconded the motion, Motion passed.

16. Discussion and possible action to renew the contract agreement with Frontier Solutions for IT support.

City Secretary, Cynthia Ward addressed Council on approving to renew the contract agreement with Frontier Solutions for IT Support.

Councilmember Nancy Arnold motioned to approve. Councilmember Edna Eaton seconded the motion, Motion passed.

MAYOR-COUNCIL REPORTS

- Mayor Pro-Tem Hajek
- Addressed the public on the Toys for Tots competition between the Fire Department and the police Department. The Fire Department won the competition.
- Councilmember Nancy Arnold
- Addressed the public on meeting with the City of Houston in regard to releasing ETJ's from City of Houston into the City of Waller

STAFF REPORTS

- Cynthia Ward, City Secretary
- No report
- Markus Benoit, Assistant Public Works Director
- No report
- Michael Lopez, Police Chief
- No report
- John Isom, WEDC Director
- City of Houston will release an ETJ to City of Waller on their January's Council meeting
- Travis Sellers, City Engineer
- Reported on study conducted to see what roads will look like based on a City's budget

ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Not present, no report

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Mayor adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

Danny Marburger, Mayor ATTEST