



**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALLER, TEXAS**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

**WALLER CITY HALL
1218 FARR STREET
WALLER, TEXAS**

The City of Waller City Council may broadcast the meeting scheduled at **6:00 P.M. on Monday the 18th day of September at Waller City Hall 1218 Farr Street, Waller, Texas.** The public will be permitted to offer public comments as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. A recording of the meeting will be made and will be available to the public upon written request. A quorum of City Council will be present at the location posted on the agenda.

The toll-free dial-in number to participate in the meeting is:

Remote audio participation is also available on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 872 3581 4341 Passcode: 159883

Join by phone: +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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 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 August 15, 2023, Budget Workshop Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes for August 21, 2023, Regular Meeting.
3. Approval of Minutes for August 28, 2023, Special Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input from the public, either oral or written, regarding the 2023-2024 Proposed City of Waller Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR’S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$290,372 WHICH IS A 10.06% INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR’S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$297,131.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4. a. Discussion and possible action to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the proposed 2023-2024 Operating Budget.
- b. Discussion and possible action to approve **Ordinance # 618**, approving and adopting the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the period beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, for the General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Gas Fund, Debt Service, Capital Improvements Fund and Special Revenue Funds.

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5. Discussion and possible action to:
 - a. Set the 2023 Debt Service Ad Valorem Tax Rate at \$0.1694 per \$100 valuation.
 - b. Set the 2023 Maintenance and Operation Ad Valorem Tax Rate at \$0.3210 per \$100 valuation.
 - c. Approve **Ordinance #619**, adopting an Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.4904 per \$100 assessed valuation; providing for the assessment, levy, and collection of Ad Valorem Taxes of the City of Waller, Texas for the year 2023; providing for the date on which taxes shall be due and payable; providing for the penalty and interest on all taxes not

- timely paid; and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for severability.
6. Discussion and possible action to approve **Resolution # 2023-13**, adopting a new schedule of fees, rates, deposits, and other charges for the following in accordance with the rate study and a policy for accounts: repealing all resolutions in conflict herewith; and other related matters:
 - a. Gas rates
 - b. Water rates
 - c. Wastewater rates
 7. Discussion and possible action to approve **Resolution # 2023-14**, adopting a new schedule of fees, and rates for garbage collection and disposal, and a policy for the garbage collection accounts; ratifying rates charged; and other related matters.
 8. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution # 2023-15**, electing a person to the Board of Directors of the Harris County Appraisal District.
 9. Discussion and possible action on **Resolution # 2023-16**, electing a person (s) to the Board of Directors for the Waller County Appraisal District.
 10. Discussion and possible action to approve \$6,000.00 from Hotel/Motel fund for the 2023 Waller County Fair and Rodeo.
 11. Discussion and possible action to approve change order no. 2 with American Parking control for the Asphalt Roadway Rehabilitation.
 12. Discussion and possible action to award Underground Solutions, LLC for the waterline extension to serve Avangard/Natura PCR.
 13. Discussion and possible action to approve the Halloween Trunk or Treat, sponsored by Brite Nites, at the Waller Plaza on October 28, 2023.

MAYOR-COUNCIL REPORTS

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Cynthia Ward, City Secretary
- b. Markus Benoit, Public Works Director
- c. Michael Lopez, Chief of Police
- d. John Isom, WEDC Director
- e. Travis Sellers, City Engineer

ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

I, Cynthia Ward, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the City of Waller, Texas City Council was posted in a place convenient to the general public in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Cynthia Ward, City Secretary

All meetings of City Council are open to the public, except when there is a necessity to meet in an Executive Session (closed to the public) under the provisions of Section 551, Texas Government Code. The City Council reserves the right to convene into Executive Session to consult with an attorney, as authorized under Section 551.071 of the Government Code, for any of the above-described agenda items. This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive service must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's Office at (936) 372-3880.