City of Wallis

Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting for the City of Wallis, Texas held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 7:00pm.

1. Call to order – Mayor Diggs called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilmember Clark Main Jr.
3. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum – A quorum was present. Present were Councilmember James King, Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr., Councilmember Clark Main Jr., Councilmember Bernadette Parr, Councilmember Belinda Halfin and Mayor Diggs.
4. Communication from the public – Mary Valarian signed up to speak to council about Drainage issues on Railroad Street.
5. Consent Agenda – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to approve the minutes from November 13th, 20th, and 25th meetings. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
6. Department Reports –
7. Publicworks monthly report – no action
8. Police Department monthly report – no action
9. Municipal Court Monthly report – no action
10. Financial Review – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to approve payment of bills. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
11. New Business
12. Resolution No. 2019-47 – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to adopt Resolution No. 2019-47 to designate authorized signators for the Hurricane Harvey-Infrastructure CDBG Disaster Recovery program contract 20-065-035-C115. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
13. Resolution No. 2019-48 – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to adopt Resolution No. 2019-48 CDBG-DR Civil Rights policies. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
14. Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
15. Agenda Request by Rick Martinez – Rick Martinez and Dora Martinez expressed their concerns about a water/sewer tap that was paid for and scheduled in September and has not been completed as of December 18th. Council apologized for the delay and would see to it that the work would be completed as soon as possible.
16. 2020 Holiday Calendar – Motion made by Councilmember Bernadette Parr, seconded by Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr. to approve the 2020 Holiday Calendar as presented. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
17. Money Transfer - Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to transfer money from Reserve Account to General fund to cover the cost of repairs to 6th Street bridge. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
18. Culvert Crossing and Repair Bids – Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to approve and accept the Bid from Supak Construction for culvert crossing and repairs. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
19. Street Drainage Updates- Councilmember James King gave updates on street and drainage. He will be working with Austin County Commissioner to help with improving drainage at Elm Slough.
20. EDC
21. Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to approve the appointment of Rick Briennman to the EDC Board. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
22. Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to approve participation in IEDC’s Volunteer Program for Economic Recovery. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
23. Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr. to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 301 which caption reads: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALLIS, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A HOTEL-MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX; AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF ATTORNEYS FEES UPON DELINQUENT HOTEL-MOTEL OPERATOR; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING CRIMINAL FINES OF UP TO $500 PER OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.

J. Park and School Annexation – Council suggested to speak to TML legal about procedures on possible annexation to Mynarik Park and Brazos Middle School and High School.

K. Quotes for Rubber Mulch – No action. Marti Frost will look into wholesale pricing and get back with Council at next meeting.

L. Employee Handbook – No action.

M. Future Agenda Items

Park & School Annexation

Rubber Mulch

Update to Rail to Trails

Advertise for Publicwork employee

EDC updates

Street & Drainage updates

Employee Handbook

1. Adjourn Meeting – Mayor Diggs adjourned the meeting at 8:43pm.

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Dennis L. Diggs, Mayor Sheila Moseley, City Secretary

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