City of Wallis

City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Wallis, City Council held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7:00pm.

1. Call to order – Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Main Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Main Jr.
3. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum – A quorum was present. Members present were Councilmember James King, Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr., Councilmember Bernadette Parr, Councilmember Belinda Halfin and Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Main Jr.
4. Communication from the public – No one signed up to speak.
5. Consent Agenda – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr. to approve the minutes from August 20th, 21st, 27th and 28th meetings. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
6. Action on Department reports if necessary –
7. Public Works – No action
8. Police Department – No action
9. Municipal Court - No action
10. Financial Review: Monthly Reports, payment of bills – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to approve monthly reports and payment of bills.

1. Business:
2. Adopt Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr., to approve & adopt Ordinance No. 299 which caption reads: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF WALLIS, TEXAS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020; MAKING APPROPRIATINS FOR THE CITY FOR SUCH YEAR AS REFLIECTED IN SAID BUDGET; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND CONTAINING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
3. Agenda Request – Bernie Garner - Mr. Garner spoke to council about his concerns on water rates for outside the city limits. No action taken
4. B & E Utilities – Presentation by Evan Kirkpatrick on updates pertaining to the water/wastewater operations. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that things were running well, there has been a few minor issues but they had been taken care of. He also gave a background of his company to let them know that if contracted by the city they could take over all operations pertaining to water/wastewater. Council ask Mr. Kirkpatrick to present them with a quote at the October meeting. No action.
5. Street & Drainage – Councilmember James King gave an update, some of the drainage problems will be taken care of with the work being done through the upcoming grants. No action taken
6. Drainage at Mynarik Park – Councilmember James King stated that the city has finally got permission from a land owner to access his property to make drainage improvements. The County has agreed to do the work with reimbursement from the city for the cost of the culvert. Council has asked to get the property owner to give us easement rights in writing, which Mr. King will speak to them on this matter. Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Bernadette Parr for city to reimburse the county for cost of the culvert. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
7. Cleanup at the Slough – Auggie Sommers, Public Works Director stated that the debris along the fence line at the slough has been cleaned up.
8. Debris at 6th and 8th (between slough and 6th street) – Mayor Pro-Tem stated that he will visit this site and come up with a solution. He will report back to council at a future meeting. No action
9. Sixth Street Bridge – This was addressed in item (d) street and drainage. This is part of the grant project.
10. First National Bank Loan – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to renew loan for 47-month term with payments of $878.70 Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
11. Representative and Alternate to H-GAC General Assembly- Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to appoint Belinda Halfin as Representative and Felix Galvan Jr. as Alternate to the H-GAC General Assembly for 2020. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
12. Road Closure – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr. to close Commerce Street for the Christmas Parade December 21. 2019. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
13. Early Voting Clerks and Extended Hours for early voting – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to appoint Sheila Moseley and Michelle Stavinoha as early voting clerks and approve October 22 and October 23 for the two days for extended hours for early voting. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
14. Election Judge and Election Clerks – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to approve Jo Gamble as Election Judge, Diane Sliva and Rita Main as Election Clerks for November 5, 2019 Special Election. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
15. Pest Control – Motion made by James King, second by Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr. to accept the bid from Blu Green Lawn and Pest. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
16. Water Tap Fee Increase – Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember James King to increase water tap fee for 1-inch tap to $750.00. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
17. P.U.P.S Prevent unwanted pets – No action
18. Mynarik Park Playground equipment – Council suggested to research and come up with a plan on placement of donated playground equipment.
19. Executive Closed Session, Personnel Matters, Gov. Code 551.074 – Council went into closed session at 9:29pm.
20. Reconvene from Executive Closed Session – Reconvened from closed session at 9:29pm. No action
21. Future Agenda Items

Appointment of Municipal Court Judge

ETJ Annexing

1. Adjourn Meeting – Mayor Pro-Tem adjourned the meeting at 10:11pm.

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Clark Main Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Moseley, City Secretary

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