City of Wallis

Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

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, June 15, 2022 at 6:00pm.

1. Call to Order – Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Main Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilmember Joell Prado.
3. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum – A quorum was present. Present were Councilmember James King, Councilmember Bernadette Parr, Councilmember Melissa McFarland, Councilmember Joell Prado and Councilmember/Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Main Jr. Mayor Diggs was absent.
4. Communication from the Public – Belinda Halfin thanked the city staff for replacing

Flags in town and at the park. She also encouraged the council to have open communication when making discissions.

Mark Jones expressed his opinion about the EDC, it is Mr. Jones opinion that the EDC is not productive and the EDC has the wrong leadership in place.

1. Consent Agenda – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to approve the minutes from May, 18th and May 26, 2022 meetings.
2. Action on Department Reports –
3. Public Works – No action
4. Police Department – No action
5. Municipal Court – No action
6. Code Enforcement – No action
7. Financial Review – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to approve financial review and payment of bills. Motion passed unanimously.

1. New Business
2. Agenda Request, Sheepfold Men’s Home – Representative did not attend meeting. No action.
3. Agenda Request, Mr. Marini from Marini’s Empanada House – Mr. Marini did not attend meeting. No action
4. Agenda Request, Joshua and Natalie DeJong – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Bernadette Parr to give Joshua and Natalie DeJong approval to remove four trees situated along S First and Commerce along the 6503 Commerce St. building. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Representative for Houston-Galveston Area Council 2022 General Assembly – Moton made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember James King to appoint Councilmember Melissa McFarland as representative and Councilmember Joell Prado as Alternate. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Signature Cards – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to approve removing outgoing Councilmember Daniel Martinez and adding newly elected Councilmember Joell Prado to the signature cards at First National Bank. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Code Enforcement – Property Abatements – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Joell Prado to approve hiring BBG Consulting to handle the two abatements on the properties that was started by the previous Code Enforcement Officer. Motion passed unanimously
8. Parking Lot for Mynarik Park – Tabled until July meeting.
9. EDC
10. Updates & Financial report – Marti Frost reported to Council that Support letters are needed from H-GAC and Austin County for the USDA Grant. EDC will follow through with getting the letters needed.
11. Approval of EDC Board of Directors – President- Cecilia Allice, Vice President- Marti Frost-Turner, Treasurer – Belinda Halfin and Secretary – Gloria Long. Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Joell Prado to approve the members as presented. Motion passed (3) three for and (2) two against. Councilmember’s James King, Clark Main Jr., and Joell Prado voted for and Councilmember’s Bernadette Parr and Melissa McFarland voted against.

I. Planning Committee – No action

J. Smart Meters – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by

Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to authorize the city staff to proceed with the bid

process for the smart meters.

Motion passed 3 votes for and 2 votes against. Councilmember’s James

King, Clark Main Jr. and Joell Prado voted for and Councilmember’s Bernadette Parr

and Melissa McFarland voted against.

K. Public Works Vehicles – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by

Councilmember Joell Prado to allow public work to take city vehicles home for lunch and after work. Motion passed, (3) three votes for and (2) two votes against. Councilmember’s James King, Clark Main Jr. and Joell Prado voted for and Councilmember’s Bernadette Parr and Melissa McFarland voted against.

L. Inspection Fees – Motion made by Councilmember Melissa McFarland, second by

Councilmember James King to set inspection fees at 20% above Bureau Veritas

cost. Motion passed unanimously.

M. Budget Workshop Date – Budget Workshop date was set for Thursday, July 7th at

6:00pm.

N. Future Agenda Items – None at this time

9. Adjourn Meeting – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember

Clark Main Jr. to adjourn meeting at

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

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