City of Wallis

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

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, January 15, 2020 at 7:00pm.

1. Call to Order – Mayor Diggs called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilmember Bernadette Parr
3. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum – A quorum was present. Members present were Councilmember James King, Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr., Councilmember Bernadette Parr, Councilmember Clark Main Jr., Councilmember Belinda Halfin and Mayor Diggs.
4. Communication from the Public – No one signed up to speak to Council.
5. Consent Agenda – Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr. to approve the minutes from December 18, 2019 meeting. Motion passes with 5 yes votes.
6. Department Reports
7. Public Works monthly activity report – No action
8. Police Department monthly activity report – No action

Police Department yearly Racial Profile Report was presented to Council by Chief Moseley.

1. Municipal Court monthly report – No Action
2. Financial Review – Monthly reports and payment of bills – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to approve monthly reports and payment of bills. Motion passed with 5 yes votes
3. Business
4. Sewer Plant Lift Station – Mr. Urbish from Urbish Electric explained the issues that are happening with the switches at the wastewater plant. Mr. Urbish recommends going to a float system. Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to let Mr. Urbish contact Mercer to give options and quotes for replacing switches. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
5. Interlocal Agreement – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to approve and accept the Interlocal agreement for Road Maintenance between Austin County and the City of Wallis. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
6. Resolutions – Item tabled until next meeting.
7. Part-Time temporary Public Works Employee – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember James King to approve advertising for a part-time temporary Public Works Employee to help while full time employee is out with injury and to give the Mayor the authority to hire for this position, pending background checks. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
8. Volunteer Fire Department Tanker – Councilmember Clark Main Jr. stated to the Council that the members of the Volunteer Fire Department board voted to donate the Fire Departments current tanker truck to the City, asking the Council to accept the donation.

Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr. to accept the donation of the tanker truck. Councilmember Clark Main Jr. abstained from voting due to conflict of him being a member of the Volunteer Fire Department. Motion passed with 4 yes votes.

1. Mulch for Mynarik Park – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to accept the bid from Facility Products & Site Furnishings at $9,160.00 for rubber mulch to be placed around the playground equipment at Mynarik Park. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
2. Code Red - Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr. to accept the proposal to enter into an agreement with Code Red for one year (program to send emergency and community notifications to mobile subscribers). Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
3. Drainage Improvements at Guardian Angel Church, Demel St. & 9th. – Councilmember James King, speaking for the Guardian Angel Church. The Church is asking permission to proceed with drainage improvements at Demel and 9th Streets. The cost will be covered by the Church. Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to give permission to proceed with the drainage improvements. Councilmember James King abstained from voting due to him being on the church board. Motion passed with 4 yes votes.
4. EDC Updates – No action
5. Street Drainage Updates – Item was moved to Executive Closed Session, Gov. Code 551.072 Real Property.
6. Rails to Trails – Councilmember Belinda Halfin informed the Council that there will be a meeting on February 7, 2020 at 10:30am in the Community Room.
7. Park and School Annexation – Tabled for next meeting
8. Employee Handbook – Tabled for next meeting
9. Order of Election – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember Bernadette Parr to approve the Order of Election scheduled for May 2, 2020. Early voting between hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm beginning April 20, 2020 and ending April 28, 2020. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
10. Election Hours – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr. to approve two days during early voting to stay open twelve hours, days will be Tuesday, April 21st and Wednesday, April 22nd.  Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
11. Executive Closed Session – Council went into Closed Session at 9:01pm.
12. Reconvene from Executive Closed Session – Council reconvened from Closed Session at 10:15pm. No action
13. Future Agenda Items – No items at this time.
14. Adjourn Meeting – Mayor Diggs adjourned the meeting at 10:16pm

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Dennis L. Diggs, Mayor Sheila Moseley, City Secretary

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