City of Wallis

Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 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, May 20, 2020 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 Bernadette Parr, Councilmember Belinda Halfin, Councilmember Clark Main Jr. and Mayor Diggs.
4. Communication from the Public – None
5. Consent Agenda – Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to approve the minutes from March 18, 2020, April 1, 2020 and May 6, 2020. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
6. Department monthly reports –
7. Public Works – Report that motor on well one is not working properly, Council ask B & E Utilities to get pricing for replacing that motor.

Councilmember Bernadette Parr ask about city picking up limbs, not on city property. Hang tags are being put on doors informing the residents that the limbs need to be picked up or it will be turned over to the Code Enforcement Officer. Limbs on property at Marek/Birch Street that were picked up by the city will be billed for that pick up. Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr. to approve Public Works monthly report. Motion passed 5 yes votes

1. Police Department monthly report- Some Officers have not been able to take their vacation time due to shortage of employees and COVID-19, Chief Mosely ask Council to grant an extension until the end of the year, so that time is not taken away. Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr. to approve Police Department monthly report and extension of vacation time. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
2. Municipal Court – Court Clerk Valerie Graves reported that the court will continue with virtual hearings through June. Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to approve Municipal Court report. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
3. Financial Report – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to approve financial report and payment of bills. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
4. New Business
5. 2018 Fiscal Year Audit – Kim Johnson from Todd, Hamaker & Johnson gave presentation on the 2018 Fiscal Year Audit.
6. 2019 Fiscal Year Audit – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to schedule the 2019 Fiscal Year Audit to start in July 2020. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
7. Sunset Estates Manufactured Home Subdivision- Dayne Rice with Wilson Engineering spoke to Council about the development of a Manufactured Home Subdivision within the City Limits. Mr. Rice stated that he has a client that is looking at developing a manufactured home subdivision, his vision is to provide new manufactured homes on an affordable lot. Proposal is for 100 new homes, average lot size 50 x 100. Council suggested to look into water/sewer capacity and seek legal council on the matter. Councilmember Clark Main Jr. stated that he is opposed to the idea and will not support it. No Action.
8. EDC Updates- Marti Frost reported on EDC updates.
9. Flood Mitigation grant process – Austin County is working on a 100-million-dollar grant, City of Wallis will benefit from a portion of this grant to help will with flooding issues.
10. Sewer Plant update – They are looking into a grant they would fund a new sewer plant. This grant is not likely to cover the project 100%, city would be responsible for a portion. The permit process for this would take 3 to 5 years.
11. TAMU revitalization presentation update- Texas A & M did their presentation via zoom and google earth for the revitalization program.
12. Ordinance No. 232- Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember James King to approve Ordinance No. 232, which caption reads: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALLIS, TEXAS, HEREBY ESTABLISHING AND AUTHORIZING REGULATIONS, FEES AND INSPECTIONSS FOR MOBILE FOOD SERVICE COURT(S) AND MOBILE FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS (also known as food trucks), WHICH IF NOT ADHERED TO MAY RESULET IN FINES OR REMOVAL OF LICENSE AND/OR PERMIT. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
13. Mobile Food Service Court proposed location- It was suggested that 2nd street should be used as the location for the mobile food service court. Tabled, will be put back on next month agenda.
14. Wastewater Plant – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr. to approve B & E Utility to remove sludge from Sewer plant at the cost of $784 per load, starting with 2 loads. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
15. Grant Projects Updates-
16. Water Line Project change order – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Felix Galvan Jr. to schedule a meeting with Engineer Brian Kramer, JTM Construction and Public Works to go over the addresses on the change order and have Brian Kramer to come to the next council meeting to report on the changes. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
17. Drainage Project -2016 Flood Contract #19-076-039-B692 – Documentation is being sent in; no funds have been approved yet. No Action
18. Quotes from Supak Construction – Bid from Supak Construction to replace approximately 100ft of sewer line. The line is 91/2 ft deep, due to OSHA requirements; city workers are not certified complete the task. Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to approve the Bid from Supak Construction to replace approximately 100ft of 6” sewer, including tie-ins to existing manholes. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
19. Road and Bridge Updates – This item was covered under item f, grant project updates. No action
20. Blue Green Pest Control – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to request a revised invoice for the construction of only opening up the walls, city will take care of repairs. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.

1. July 4th Celebration – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember James King to cancel this year’s 4th of July Celebration. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
2. Workshops
3. Combined Council and EDC Workshop- Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr. to schedule a workshop between Council and EDC for June 24th at 6:00pm. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.
4. Handbook Workshop – Motion made by Councilmember Bernadette Parr, second by Councilmember James King to schedule an employee handbook workshop for July 29th at 6:00pm. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.

L Ordinance #151- Council discussed the issue of travel trailers being used for

Occupancy within the city limits. Council requested to compile a list of

addresses and turn it over to code enforcement.

1. Executive Closed Session – Council went into closed session at 10:00pm.

n. Reconvene from Closed Executive Session – Council reconvened from closed

session at 10:46pm. No action.

1. Future Agenda items- No action
2. Adjourn Meeting – Mayor Diggs adjourned the meeting at 10:50pm.

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Dennis L. Diggs, Mayor Sheila Moseley, City Secretary

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