

City of Wallis
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 21, 2021

This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of the City of Wallis, Texas held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 @ 6:00pm.

1. Call to Order – Mayor Diggs called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Councilmember Daniel Martinez
3. Roll Call & Certification of Quorum – A quorum was present. Present were Councilmember James King, Councilmember Bernadette Parr, Councilmember Clark Main Jr., Councilmember Melissa McFarland, Councilmember Daniel Martinez and Mayor Diggs.
4. Communication from the Public –
 - 1) Margaret Salcido – Ms. Salcido spoke to Council about her concerns with at Coody & Birch. Concerns about the neighbor driving through the ditch area and causing the culvert to be clogged. She is asking that Public Works dig the ditches.
 - 2) Luciano Vargas – Mr. Vargas spoke to Council on his version of the issues at Coody & Birch.
 - 3) Bob Fischer –Mr. Fischer was here to speak on behalf of his son Robert Fisher Jr. about his concerns with Ordinance No. 208 (Truck Ordinance). Mr. Fischer stated that his son was told that he could no longer park his truck at his house, which was something he had been doing for 20 years and would like to know why. Mayor stated that this would be discussed later on the agenda.
 - 4) Belinda Halfin – Ms. Halfin spoke to Council to express her feelings on the importance of keeping 24/7 police coverage in the city. She also spoke on the Administrator position, and she believes that this position should be advertised to give other people the opportunity to apply.
 - 5) Kellie Little – Mrs. Little spoke to Council to express her feelings on the importance of keeping 24/7 police coverage in the city. Also spoke on her concerns about the Public Works vehicles. She believes that it would be in the best interest of the city to allow Public Works to continue taking their vehicles home at the end of the day and at lunch, if there would be an emergency, they would be able to respond quicker.
5. Consent Agenda – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to approve the minutes from June 16,2021 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Action on Department reports if necessary

a. Public Works monthly report – No action

b. Police Department monthly report – No action

c. Municipal Court monthly report – No action

7. Financial Review – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to approve financial review and payment of bills. Motion passed unanimously.

8. New Business

a. Agenda Request – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember James King to approve the road closure at South 4th St. from Commerce to Gresham on July 30, 2021 from 11:00am to 3:30pm. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Agenda Request – Motion made by Councilmember Melissa McFarland, second by Councilmember Daniel Martinez to enforce Ordinance No. 208 as written. Motion passed with 3 yes votes. Councilmember Melissa McFarland, Councilmember Daniel Martinez and Councilmember Bernadette Parr voted for and Councilmember James King and Councilmember Clark Main Jr. voted against.

c. Presentation by Daria Peyrot from Adventure Playground System- Daria gave a presentation on a splash pad feature for Mynarik Park. – No action

d. Enterprise – Josh Brod from Enterprise was here to answer questions from the Council. No action.

e. Code Enforcement/Inspector – No action

f. Grant Committee Updates – No action

g. EDC Updates – Marti Frost stated that they will be adding code enforcement in their 2021-2022 budget for downtown buildings. No action

h. Signature Card for First National Bank – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Bernadette Parr to approve adding Melissa McFarland to the signature cards at First National Bank and remove outgoing Councilmember Felix Galvan Jr. Motion passed unanimously

i. Sewer Plant Permit – Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember James King to approve Mr. Clay to proceed with application to the state to

increase discharge for our wastewater plant permit to 350,000 gallons per day at a cost of \$5,000 or less. Motion passed unanimously.

j. Mynark Park Updates – Motion made by James King, second by Melissa McFarland to have fireworks display with no food trucks on September 5, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

k. Street and Drainage Updates – No action

l. Resolution No 2021-73 – designating an administration/project delivery service provider to complete project implementation for the American Rescue Act. Motion by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to approve Resolution No. 2021-73. Motion passed unanimously.

m. Resolution No. 2021-74 – designation a planning service provider for the 2021 Texas Community Development Block Grant Planning and Capacity Building Fund for application and project implementation. Motion by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to approve Resolution No. 2021-74. Motion passed unanimously.

n. New Holland Cab/Maverick Boom Mower – Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to approve getting a loan and purchase the used New Holland Cab/Boomer Mower at amount of \$42,000(this amount was not in the original motion at the July 21st meeting, there was a requested to add it at the August 18, 2021 meeting by Councilmember Melissa McFarland and motion made by Councilmember James King and second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland), with an amendment to the budget for the down payment. Motion passed with 3 yes votes. Councilmember James King, Councilmember Clark Main Jr. and Councilmember Bernadette Parr voted for and Councilmember Melissa McFarland and Councilmember Daniel Martinez voted against.

o. Request by Councilmember McFarland

1) City issued tablets/ipads for City Councilmembers and Mayor – Motion made by Melissa McFarland, second by Councilmember Daniel Martinez to approve city issued tables/ipads for Councilmembers and Mayor. Motion did not pass, 2 votes for and 3 votes against. Councilmember Melissa McFarland and Councilmember Daniel Martinez voted for and Councilmember Bernadette Parr, Councilmember James King and Councilmember Clark Main Jr. voted against.

2) City issued cell phones for Councilmembers and Mayor – Motion made by Councilmember Daniel Martinez, second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to purchase city issued cell phones to Councilmembers and Mayor. Motion did not pass, 2 votes for and 3 votes against. Councilmember Melissa McFarland and Councilmember Daniel Martinez voted for and Councilmember Bernadette Parr, Councilmember James King and Councilmember Clark Main Jr. voted against.

3) City issued emails – Emails have been set up for Councilmembers.

p. Executive Closed Session -- Council went into closed session at 9:21pm.

q. Reconvene from Executive Closed Session -- Council reconvenes from closed session at 10:05pm. No action.

r. Future Agenda Items -- Set Special meeting for Closed session items from July 21, 2021 agenda and budget workshop on August 4, 2021.

9. Adjourn Meeting -- Meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm.



Dennis L. Diggs, Mayor



Sheila Moseley, City Secretary

ATTEST:

