

City of Wallis
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 21, 2022

This is a true and correct copy of the regular City Council Meeting for the City of Wallis, Texas held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 6.00pm.

1. **Call to Order**
In the absence of the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Main Jr. called the meeting to order at 6.02pm.
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. Present were Councilmember James King, Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Main Jr., and Councilmember Joell Prado. Councilmember Melissa McFarland arrived after roll call at 6.05pm. Councilmember Bernadette Parr and Mayor Diggs were absent.
4. **Public Hearing regarding 2021 Downtown Revitalization Program Contract # CDM-0196 Amendment**
No comments from the Public.
5. **Close Public Hearing**
Hearing closed at 6.06pm.
6. **Public Hearing to consider comments relating to the proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget and the proposed 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Rate**
No comments from the Public.
7. **Close Public Hearing**
Hearing closed at 6.08pm
8. **Communication from the Public**
 - a. Alexander Manzano spoke to the Council regarding the City Noise Ordinance, requesting a review and changes be made to the hours of quiet time.
 - b. Carlos Tores was absent

9. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Joell Prado, to approve the Minutes from August 17, 2022 Regular Meeting, August 24, 2022 Budget Workshop Meeting and September 1, 2022 Special Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Department Report

- a. Public Works – No action on monthly report. Banners for the City Wide Garage Sale and July 4th are in bad shape and need to be replaced. City Secretary will get quotes for replacement.
- b. Police Department – No action on monthly report. Agreed to hold the 2023 July 4th event on Monday July 3rd, 2023
- c. Municipal Court – No action

11. Financial Review

Motion by Councilmember James King and second by Councilmember Joell Prado to approve the financial reports and payment of monthly bills.
Motion passed unanimously.

12. New Business

- a. Consider and Adopt Citizen Participation Plan regarding Grants with the Texas Department of Agriculture

Motion by Councilmember James King and second by Councilmember Joell Prado to Adopt Citizen Participation Plan regarding Grants with the Texas Department of Agriculture. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Consider and Adopt Resolution in support of Amendment #1 on the 2021 Downtown Revitalization Program # CDM-0196

Motion by Councilmember James King and second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to adopt the Resolution in support of Amendment #1 on the 2021 Downtown Revitalization Program # CDM-0196. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Ordinance # 241

Motion by Councilmember James King and second by Councilmember Joell Prado to adopt Ordinance # 241, which caption reads:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF WALLIS, TEXAS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023. MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY FOR SUCH YEAR AS REFLECTED IN SAID BUDGET; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND CONTAINING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

Motion was passed 3 to 1. Councilmember Melissa McFarland voted against – does not agree with having projected revenue of smart readers in the budget or raises for employees when water/sewer is in deficit.

d. Ordinance # 242

Motion by Councilmember James King and second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to adopt Ordinance #242 that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.695782, which is effectively an 8.49 percent increase in the tax rate. The Ordinance reads:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES OF THE CITY OF WALLIS, TEXAS FOR THE YEAR 2022 PROVIDING FOR THE DATE ON WHICH SUCH TAXES SHALL BE DUE AND PAYABLE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST ON ALL TAXES NOT TIMELY PAID; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

Motion was passed unanimously.

e. Agenda Request

- i. Discuss and act on agenda request from Wayne Walger concerning sewer back up in his home. After lengthy discussion, this item was tabled so City Council could carry out further investigation.
- ii. Discuss and act on agenda request from Bernie Garner re City of Wallis Voting Rights. Mr. Garner was absent.

f. Proposal to Cut/Bale Hay at Mynarik Park

Motion by Councilmember James King and second by Councilmember Joell Prado to accept the proposal to bale hay at Mynarik Park on a one-time basis. Motion passed 3-1. Councilmember Melissa McFarland voted against.

g. Outsource Mowing at Mynarik Park

No discussion was required as Agenda item 12f was approved.

h. Resolution # 2022-10

Motion by Councilmember James King and second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to accept and approve Resolution # 2022-10 authorizing the City of Wallis Police Department to apply for and accept the following Grant – Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program, FY2023. The motion passed unanimously.

i. Houston-Galveston Area Council

Motion by Councilmember James King and second by Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Main Jr. to nominate Councilmember Joell Prado as representative and Councilmember Melissa McFarland as alternate to the General Assembly of the

Houston-Galveston area council for the year 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

j. Code Enforcement

Motion by Councilmember James King and second by Councilmember Joell Prado that Bill Murphy be appointed as City of Wallis Code Enforcer, subject to working out the budgeting and the amendments necessary for his pay, except that the 6407 Commerce Street project, that is in a time sensitive state, be funded by the EDC so it can be expedited and done before our jurisdictional expiration occurs. The motion passed 3-1. Councilmember Melissa McFarland voted against.

k. Use of Community Room by Brazos Little League

Motion by Councilmember James King and second by Joell Prado to use the Community Room, at no charge, for their monthly meetings. Motion was passed unanimously.

l. Noise Ordinance #118a

Tabled until next month's agenda.

m. City Permits

Tabled until next month's agenda.

n. Water/Sewer Tap Fees

Tabled until next month's agenda.

o. EDC Updates

EDC gave an update on the progress of the developments on Commerce Street – Mr. Marini's Empanada House and the Brandt 1920 building.

p. Future Agenda Items

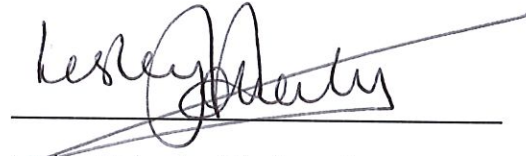
- i. Discuss and act on agenda request from Wayne Walger concerning sewer backup in his home
- ii. Noise Ordinance # 118a
- iii. City Permits/Occupancy Permits
- iv. Water/Sewer Tap Fees
- v. Safety issue regarding the walking Trail at Mynarik Park
- vi. City Newsletter

13. **Adjourn Meeting**

Motion by Councilmember James King and second by Councilmember Melissa McFarland to adjourn the meeting at 8.07pm. Motion passed unanimously.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clark Main Jr." with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Clark Main Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Doherty" with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Lesley Doherty, City Secretary

ATTEST: