

City of Wallis  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 21, 2024

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, February 21, 2024 at 6:00pm.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Mayor Little

**3. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum**

A quorum was present. Present were Councilmember James King, Councilmember Belinda Halfin, Councilmember Deborah Boren, Councilmember Clark Main Jr. and Mayor Little. Councilmember Joell Prado was absent at time of roll call, she arrived at 6:11 pm.

**4. Communication from the Public**

Barbara Murphy- Commented to the Public that for those that are running for city council, she would hope that they realize how difficult it can be to serve as an elected official.

Bill Murphy – Mr. Murphy gave his timeline of when he started his training and became certified as a code enforcer.

Molly Ladner – Notified council that in the coming weeks she will filing a federal lawsuit against the City of Wallis, Wallis EDC and all parties involved pertaining to numerous matters individually.

**5. Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to approve minutes from January 17, 2024 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Action on department reports, if necessary**

- a. Public Works monthly reports – No action
- b. Police Department/Admin report monthly report – No action
- c. Municipal court monthly report – No action
- d. Code Enforcement monthly report – No action

**7. Financial Review**

Motion made by Councilmember James King, second by Councilmember Deborah Boren to approve financial report and payment of bills. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. Action on Follow up items if necessary**

- a. Cost to add items to GIS- Public Works Director will follow up with HR Green on this item.

- b. Mayor to follow up with landowners for MIT-Grant Easements – Mayor has talked to some landowners at townhalls, this is ongoing process.
- c. Wastewater Permit – Permit has been submitted, waiting on a response from the state.
- d. MIT-Grant Update – When funds are released grant will go out for bids.
- e. Replacement of City of Wallis sign on Commerce- Belinda Halfin is working with the Chamber of Commerce on finding funding for a new sign.
- f. Chamber of Commerce Update – Meetings are first Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm.
- g. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Railroad Crossing – 2<sup>nd</sup> Street will be closed temporarily for repairs at some point.

**9. New Business**

**a. Sewer Plant Grant**

Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to get data on what is available for sewer plant grants and bring back any findings to next meeting. Motion  
Passed unanimously.

**b. Video Recording of Meetings**

Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember Deborah Boren to Inter into a written agreement with Greg Stuessel, Author at Austin County News online for council meetings to be recorded at \$75.00 for a 3-hour meeting. Motion passed with three (3) yes votes. Councilmembers James King, Belinda Halfin, Deborah Boren, Joell Prado voted yes, Councilmember Clark Main Jr. voted no.

**c. Solid Waste Bids**

Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember Joell Prado to go out for sealed bids for solid waste. Motion passed unanimously.

**d. Permit fee Schedule/Third Party Plan Reviewer/Inspector**

Tabled

**e. Professional Service Agreement**

No action

**f. Contract for Special Projects & Grant Consultant**

Tabled

**g. EDC Updates**

Downtown Revitalization Grant will be going out for bids

**h. Executive Closed Session**

Council went into executive closed session at 9:04pm on Sec. 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic development negotiations.

**i. Reconvene from Executive Closed Session**

Council went back into regular session at 9:44pm, No action taken.

**j. Future Agenda Items**

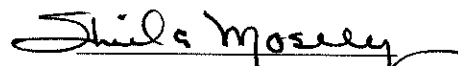
Audit presentation

Sewer Grant Options

**10. Adjourn Meeting**

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:52pm.

  
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Preston Little, Mayor

  
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Sheila Moseley, City Secretary

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