City of Wallis

Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

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, April 16, 2025 at 6:00pm.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Main Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:07pm

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro-Tem Clark Main Jr. led the invocation and Pledge

3. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum

A quorum was present. Present were Councilmember Jimmy Lavergne, Councilmember Belinda Halfin, Councilmember David Marek, and Mayor Pro-Tem/Councilmember Clark Main Jr. Councilmember Deborah Boren and Mayor Little were absent at roll call. Mayor Little arrived at 6:45pm.

4. Communication from the Public

Patrick Prejean voiced his concerns about the proposed Battery Farm on Norcross. He asks the Council to do some research before this comes in.

Alice Hoffman spoked to the Council about Austin County Day at the Capital, Austin County Area Chamber Round Table.

5. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember David Marek, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to approve minutes from March 19, 2025 Regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Action on Department Monthly Reports, if necessary
- a. Public Works No action
- b. Police/Admin Monthly Report No action
- c. Municipal Court Report No action

7. Financial Review

Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember Jimmy Lavergne to approve financial report and payment of bills. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8. Action on Follow up items, if necessary
- a. MIT-Grant CZ Construction is close to finishing the sewer portion of the grant.

 Royce, Public Works Director and Weishuhn Engineering are working on a punch list of things that need attention before the sewer portion of the grant is complete.
- b. Downtown Revitalization Project Update- This project is complete and working on closing out this Grant. There is a one-year warranty on the work, which the EDC and the City will be keeping an eye on the issue with the cracks in the sidewalks and have these addressed during the warranty period.
- c. TWDB Grant Update Preliminary application accepted, waiting on invite to apply.
- d. Battery Farm Project Update- This project has been put on hold due to stock market volubility.
- e. Millbrooke Subdivision Update- This project is moving quickly. Wate/Sewer lines have been put in and they will be starting the streets next in Phase 1.
- f. Update on Collapsed Culvert issue at Railroad This has been resolved
- g. RFQ for City Attorney Published in Sealy News and on Website, due May 7, 2025.
- 9. New Business
- a. Fair Housing Proclamation

Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember Jimmy Lavergne to accept and approve Proclamation of April as Fair Housing Month. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Water Well 1 Rehab Project

Motion made by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember Jimmy Lavergne to approve Change order for Water Well 1 Rehab Project as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Roof Repair

Council said to move forward with roof repairs as previously approved.

d. Ground Maintenance for Mynarik Park

Motion by Councilmember Belinda Halfin, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to get bids to maintain the interior portion of Mynarik Park for the next 3 months, staying within budget. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Contract for Code Enforcement

Motion made by Councilmember Jimmy Lavergne, second by Councilmember Belinda Halfin to let Code Enforcement work for one month without contract and revisit the contract at the next council meeting. Motion passed unanimously

- f. EDC Updates
- 1) Preservation District Ordinance was tabled until next month
- EDC Budget Amendment Motion made by Councilmember Clark Main Jr., second by Councilmember David Marek to approve Budge Amendment as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- g. Payment for Contract Services Motion made by Councilmember David Marek, second by Councilmember Clark Main Jr. to pay Marti Frost for working on construction permitting for Millbrooke Subdivision, to be paid out of permitting fees.
- h. Workshop Date

Ordinance Workshop date set for Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 6:00pm.

- i. Executive Closed Session- Gov Code Sec 551.074
 Council went into Executive Closed Session at 8:01pm.
- j. Reconvene from Executive Closed SessionCouncil came back into regular session at 8:51pm. No action
- k. Future Agenda Items

None at this time

10. Adjourn Meeting

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:53pm

Preston Little, Mayor

Sheila Moseley, City Secretary

ATTEST: