

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF WALLER AND HARRIS
CITY OF WALLER

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS THE 18th day of August, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. the City Council of the City of Waller, Texas met in Regular Session at 2214 Waller St with the following present:

Mayor Danny Marburger
Mayor Pro-tem Dwayne Hajek
Councilmember Nancy Arnold
Councilmember Edna Eaton
Councilmember Roger Frey
Councilmember Sidney Johnson

City Secretary Jo Ann London
Supt. of Public Works Gene Schmidt
Attorney Paula Alexander
WEDC Director John Isom
Police Chief Phil Rehak

GENERAL

1. Mayor Marburger called Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Prayer was given by Councilmember Arnold. Pledge of Allegiance was led Mayor Pro-tem Hajek.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Gary Hensen with Brazos Valley Connection introduced himself and let Council know there would be an upcoming transmission line project that will be passing through Waller County area.

Resident Rick Dalton, 31815 Old Washington, thanked the City for the prompt action on installing Dead End signs at several locations. Mr. Dalton also suggested the position open for Building Official to be Code Enforcement since the City contracts with Bureau Veritas for large construction projects inside the city. This person could focus more on code enforcement and the smaller construction projects. Mr. Dalton mentioned several pieces of properties that need cleanup.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Eaton asked that Consent Agenda item #4 be moved to the Regular Session. Councilmember Arnold moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Items 3,5,6,7, and 8. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Each item, as approved by consent, is restated below along with the approved recommendation for each, for the record.

3. Consideration and approval of the Minutes of the July 19, 2014 Saturday Workshop Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Minutes of the July 19, 2014 Saturday Workshop Meeting.

5. Consideration and approval of the Minutes of the July 31, 2014 Budget Workshop Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Minutes of the July 31, 2014 Budget Workshop Meeting.

6. Consideration and approval of Supplemental Appraisal Records #10, #11 and #12 as presented by the Waller County Appraisal District for tax years 2009-2013.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Supplemental Appraisal Records #10, #11 and #12 as presented by the Waller County Appraisal District for tax years 2009-2013.

7. Consideration and approval to appoint Mike Marcus, Tax assessor/Collector for the Waller I.S.D., to calculate the City of Waller's Tax Rate for the 2014 Tax Year.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve to appoint Mike Marcus, Tax assessor/Collector for the Waller I.S.D., to calculate the City of Waller's Tax Rate for the 2014 Tax Year.

8. Consideration and approval of the Certified Total Collection Rate for the Truth in Taxation Calculation for the 2013 tax year.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Certified Total Collection Rate for the Truth in Taxation Calculation for the 2013 tax year.

REGULAR

4. Consideration and approval of the Minutes of the July 21, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Eaton requested this item be moved to Regular Session for correction on wording in the minutes. After some discussion as to whether Republic Services understood this donation of dumpster was for a private citizen clean-up; Attorney Paula Alexander reminded Council that only the wording of the minutes was for discussion. Attorney Paula Alexander recommended the wording "donated by the City" be changed to "donated to the City". Councilmember Eaton moved to accept the minutes with the change of wording as recommended by Attorney Paula Alexander. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed with Councilmembers Eaton, Frey, Johnson, and Arnold voting yes and Mayor Pro-tem Hajek voting no.

9. Consideration and possible action to Approve a Development Agreement for Utilities with Alegacy Group, LLC.

EDC Director John Isom and Jo Ann London went over the Development Agreement for Utilities with Alegacy Group with the new changes in the Agreement. This agreement is with The Waller EDC, the City of Waller, and the Alegacy Group, LLC. Mayor Marburger asks Attorney Paula Alexander if she had seen the changes and if she recommended the changes and Ms. Alexander said she recommended the passing of the Developers Agreement. Councilmember Arnold moved to approve the Development Agreement for Utilities with Alegacy Group, LLC as presented. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Consideration and possible action to Approve Bidding the Extension of Water and Sewer Utility project for Alegacy Group along Old Houston Hwy, beginning at the Waller Industrial Park.

Ms. London reported the design of the project has already been paid for by the Alegacy Group. Bids can be received on September 11, 2014 and would be ready for approval on the September 15, 2014 regular scheduled meeting. Councilmember Eaton asked how the Bid Process worked. Ms. London and Mayor Marburger explained the process, stating their would be two notices of bidding in the newspaper, the City Secretary receives the bids and at the advertised time, City Secretary opens the bids and the engineer, David Leyendecker, will review and announce the bid amounts from each contractor. Mayor Pro-tem Hajek moved to approve the Bidding the Extension of Water and Sewer Utility project for Alegacy Group along Old Houston Hwy, beginning at the Waller Industrial Park. Councilmember Arnold seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Consideration and possible action to Approve a Policy for City Shirts for Councilmembers.

Mayor Marburger asked if the City emblem was registered and Ms. London said as far as she knew it was not. Councilmember Arnold asked if any other cities had a policy for Councilmember shirts and Ms. London reported she had called several cities and none of these cities had any type of policy. Mayor Marburger suggests a couple of shirts and each member pay for the shirts. Councilmember Frey suggested maybe the City purchase 1 shirt per year and approval needed if member wants more; the cleaning would be the councilmember's responsibility. Councilmember asked what department this charge would come out of. Ms. London reported it would come out of Administration. Councilmember Frey stated he saw no problem with a Councilmember having a shirt. Mayor Marburger suggested no action taken on this item and everyone think about it for 30 days. No Action taken.

12. MAYOR – COUNCIL REPORTS

No reports.

13. STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Gene Schmidt reported that the sewer line on F.M. 362 is finally complete. He also reported that the new water well is waiting for TCEQ water work to be finalized. In

addition, the fire hydrant at the corner of Waller St. and A St. is scheduled for repair in the next day or so. Councilmember Arnold asks if this would involve any residents being without water and Mr. Schmidt reported maybe 5 or 6 and someone would notify them before the water was shut off for repair.

Police Chief Phil Rehak reported several of his officers were UCR approved. Mr. Schmidt and Rehak attended an Emergency Management meeting at Waller County with Harris County attending also. Discussion on another hurricane coming through this area was discussed. Harris County was interested in discussion about mass destruction.

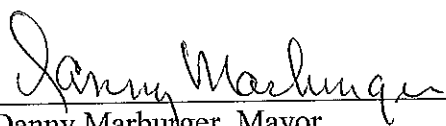
EDC Director John Isom reported a company is looking at 70 acres on Binford Rd. north of FM 2920; would develop into 20 tracts; Mr. Isom will meet with them tomorrow. Project Paper Tissue is looking at Waller, Conroe, and Rosenberg for a \$20 million project. The ETJ for the Ortega Ranch will have to be re-platted in order to be considered for release. The General Law Resolution about annexing will be an item on the January 2015 legislation. Union Pacific will not approve the ROW for the 290 Computer Rail. Senator Hegar will be at the EDC Breakfast at 7:30 am Tuesday morning.

City Secretary Jo Ann London reported she had not received any figures from Harris County Appraisal District on the Property Taxes. Ms. London will send out an email for setting meeting dates for approval of the tax rate and budget.

14. ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business to discuss Mayor Marburger adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



Danny Marburger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jo Ann London, City Secretary