



**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF WALLER AND HARRIS
CITY OF WALLER**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON THIS THE 20th day of November 2023 at 6:00 p.m. the City Council of the City of Waller, Texas held a meeting in Regular Session at 1218 Farr St. with the following present:

Mayor Danny Marburger
Mayor Pro Tem Dwayne Hajek
Councilmember Nancy Arnold
Councilmember Don Hart (Absent)
Councilmember Jason Tones
Councilmember Sherri Swisher

Staff:
Cynthia Ward, City Secretary (Absent)
Beatris Sanchez, Deputy City Secretary
Ryan Short, Finance Officer
Markus Benoit, Public Works Director
Michael Lopez, Police Chief
Phillip Boedecker, City Attorney

Mayor Marburger called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*The prayer was led by Councilmember Arnold.
The pledge was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Hajek.*

ROLL CALL

*Mayor Marburger and Councilmembers present.
Councilmember Hart was absent.*

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Please fill out a "Citizen Registration Card" form in order to address the Council. Turn in the form prior to Communications from the Public to the City Secretary. Speakers are limited to three minutes. The purpose of this item is to allow the public an opportunity to address the Mayor and City Council on issues that are not on the agenda. The Council cannot take action but may refer this item to a department head or direct that this item be placed on a future regular Council agenda.

Any interested person may appear before City Council to speak on an item on the agenda. Before the start of the meeting, the person must request such appearance in writing and identify the agenda item on which he/she wishes to speak. The person will be called to speak when the agenda item comes before City Council for discussion or action. Comments are limited to 3 minutes.

Carrie Gourley, addressed Council on her 10th year of working for the Waller Times newspaper. She also gave thanks to Mayor and staff for providing great customer service.

Scott DeAnda, addressed Council on questioning the possibility of having a skatepark in the City. He also addressed concerns of dogs being off-leash in his neighborhood.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

This agenda consists of non-controversial, or “housekeeping” items required by law. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda by any Councilmember making such a request prior to a motion and vote on the Consent Agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes for October 16, 2023, Regular Meeting.
2. Approval of City of Waller 2024 Pay/Holiday Calendar.
3. Approval of Tax Refund to JW Waller for Tax Year 2022 due to value change per HCAD.

Councilmember Arnold motioned to approve. Mayor Pro-Tem Hajek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4. Discussion and possible action regarding **Resolution # 2023-16**, electing a person (s) to the Board of Directors for the Waller County Appraisal District.

Mayor Marburger addressed Council on the nominees for the Board of Directors for the Waller County Appraisal District. The City of Waller gets 50 votes.

Councilmember Tones motioned to split all the votes equally throughout the candidates. Councilmember Arnold seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Discussion and possible action to designate a Representative and Alternate for Houston-Galveston Area Council 2023 General Assembly.

Mayor Marburger addressed the Council on approving to appoint Councilmember Arnold as a Representative and Mayor Pro-Tem Hajek as the Alternate.

Councilmember Tones motioned to approve of appointing Councilmember Arnold as a Representative and Mayor Pro-Tem Hajek as the Alternate. Councilmember Swisher seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. Discussion and possible action on approving **Resolution # 2023-17**, Amending Authorizing Representatives for TexPool.

Mayor Marburger addressed Council on approving Finance Officer, Ryan Short to be added as an authorizing representative for TexPool for the City of Waller and Waller EDC.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hajek motioned to approve. Councilmember Tones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. Discussion and possible action to allow the Waller Chamber of Commerce the use of the plaza for the upcoming Christmas Event.

Public Works Director, Markus Benoit addressed Council on allowing the Chamber of Commerce the use of the plaza for the Christmas event.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hajek motioned to approve of allowing the Christmas festival and parade route. Councilmember Tones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8. Discussion and possible action to approve the final plat for the Beacon Hill Recreation Center.

Public Works Director, Markus Benoit addressed Council on approving the final plat for the Beacon Hill Recreation Center. City Engineer has approved the plat.

Councilmember Tones motioned to approve. Councilmember Swisher seconded the motion. Motion passed.

9. Discussion and possible action to approve the final inspection on the Beacon Hill Section 3.

Public Works Director, Markus Benoit addressed Council on approving the final inspection on Beacon Hill Section 3. The final inspection is to finalize the warranty period.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hajek motioned to approve. Councilmember Arnold seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MAYOR-COUNCIL REPORTS

- **Councilmember Tones**
 - *Thanked the Police Department for handling situations with a good demeanor.*
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Hajek**
 - *Brought awareness on life flights transported to Buccees and several wrecks at the same time. Thanked the Police Department for handling the situation in a proper manner.*

STAFF REPORTS

Cynthia Ward, City Secretary,

- *No report*

Markus Benoit, Public Works Director

- *No report*

Michael Lopez, Police Chief

- *Recognition of officers for going above and beyond.*

John Isom, WEDC Director

- *No report*

Travis Sellers, City Engineer

- *No report*


ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Not present, no report.

ADJOURNMENT


With no other business, Mayor adjourned at 6:30 pm.

APPROVED BY:



Danny Marburger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cynthia Ward, City Secretary