

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING
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FEBRUARY 5, 2013

The Waelder City Council met for a regular called meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Waelder City Hall. Those present were Rocky Quintero, Jr., Alfred Thompson, Valentino Hernandez, Robert R. Tovar, and Peggy Blackmon. Mayor Mike Harris did preside.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and a quorum was established.

Open Forum: Avery Williams updated the Council on the location plans for the Family Dollar Store.

A motion was made by Valentino Hernandez, seconded by Robert R. Tovar, to approve consent agenda items:

Minutes; Regular meeting January 8, 2013

Payments of bills

Financial Reports: *January 2013

Motion carried unanimously

Police Chief Jim Taylor presented his January 2013 monthly report on the police department.

Police Chief Jim Taylor made a presentation to the Council on bringing an Animal Control Facility to town to house animals that the city picks up. He gave them an estimated first year costs of \$30,000 with the humane society and said this was for storage, food, supplies and a full time position for it to be ran at minimum wage. He also explained other sources he has looked into as far as taking the animals to surrounding cities and explained those costs as well. There was no action taken on this item, the council would like for him to gather further information and to narrow the costs down and bring back to next months meeting.

Police Chief Jim Taylor made a presentation to the Council on allowing the city to get a single-purpose K-9 dog and receive K-9 training for Waelder ISD purposes only. He explained that the trained dog comes free at no cost to the city, and Billy Moore would be the dogs handler. He said the initial cost for the first year would be about \$1,482.35 and then around \$1,000 every year after that. The cost includes vaccinations, food, and insurance. There was a motion by Valentino Hernandez, seconded by Robert Tovar, to bring this topic back to the Council during the budget hearing. Motion carried 5-0.

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A motion was made by Valentino Hernandez, seconded by Rocky Quintero, Jr., to approve the Order and Notice of Election on May 11, 2013 for three City Council members. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Valentino Hernandez, seconded by Peggy Blackmon, to name Lorene Wayman as the Early Voting Clerk for the city election for city council members. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Peggy Blackmon, seconded by Robert R. Tovar, to approve the amendments to the Building Code Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Ann Alexander, Executive Director of Normas House presented the Council with factual statistics on sexually abused children in the Waelder area. A motion was made by Valentino Hernandez, seconded by Alfred Thompson, that the city donates \$1,500.00 to Normas House and start accepting donations from citizens to donate to them as well. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Rocky Quintero, Jr., seconded by Peggy Blackmon, to decline making a donation to KCTI AM 1450 to broadcast the 2013 Area Livestock Shows. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Mr. Weisner informed the Council on the Summer School feedings through TDA the school wishes to hold this summer at the city park and showbarn. He said it would be free to the citizens of Waelder ages 0-18 years, Monday - Friday twice a day, pre-packaged breakfast and lunch beginning on June 3 and ending August 23. The only thing he asked is if the City would help them by providing trashcans, liners, and have the trash picked up. A motion was made by Valentino Hernandez, seconded by Robert R. Tovar, to approve the Waelder ISD Summer School feedings at the park (as long as it's not reserved) and showbarn. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Valentino Hernandez, seconded by Alfred Thompson, to approve purchasing the insurance the Fire Department has. Motion carried 4-1. Rocky Quintero, Jr., opposed.

A motion was made by Peggy Blackmon, seconded by Alfred Thompson, to approve the transfer of \$15,000.00 from the Waelder Volunteer Fire Department account into a new construction account for the purpose of paying bills. Motion carried 4-1. Valentino Hernandez opposed.

A motion was made by Valentino Hernandez, seconded by Peggy Blackmon, to approve the mobile home application for Filimon Villegas. Motion carried 4-1. Rocky Quintero, Jr., opposed.

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The Council convened to Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss the following:
Personnel Matters pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074 for:

1. Evaluation of Abelardo Ibarra.

The Council reconvened to open session at 8:30 p.m. There was a motion made by Rocky Quintero, Jr., seconded by Robert R. Tovar, to raise Abelardo Ibarra's pay by \$1.50 per hour effective next pay period. Motion carried 4-1. Alfred Thompson opposed.

A motion was made by Robert R. Tovar, seconded by Valentino Hernandez, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Mike Harris-Mayor-City of Waelder

Jessica Canales-City Secretary