

Mayor Terry Hitt called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Jesus Gonzalez, Aldermen Patti Arthur, Jerry Pereida, Megan Sue, Joe John Calderon and Yoshabell Rodriguez. Also present were City Attorney Matt Murray, City Administrator Kim Perez, City Secretary Johnna Ware, Public Works Director Joe Caballero, Animal Control Officer Alex Smith and Crosby County Sheriff C. Nunley.

Mayor Hitt gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None.

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 P.M.

Public Hearing on the City of Ralls 2026/2027 Budget: Mayor Hitt opened the Public Hearing on the City of Ralls 2026/2027 Budget at 6:02 p.m. There being no public comments, Mayor Hitt closed the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

Mayor Hitt opened the Regular Meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Approve February 17, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented: Alderman Calderon made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes held February 17, 2026, seconded by Alderman Pereida, opposed by Alderman Arthur; motion carried.

Approve February 24, 2026, 1st Budget Workshop Minutes as presented: Alderman Calderon made a motion to approve the 1st Budget Workshop Minutes held February 24, 2026, seconded by Alderman Pereida, opposed by Alderman Arthur; motion carried.

Approve March 4, 2026, 2nd Budget Workshop Minutes as presented: Alderman Calderon made a motion to approve the 2nd Budget Workshop Minutes held March 4, 2026, seconded by Alderman Pereida, opposed by Alderman Arthur; motion carried.

Approve Financial Statement for February 2026: Alderman Calderon made a motion to approve Financial Statement as presented, seconded by Alderman Pereida, opposed by Alderman Arthur; motion carried.

Approve Accounts Payable for February 2026: Alderman Calderon made a motion to approve Accounts Payable as presented, seconded by Alderman Pereida, opposed by Alderman Arthur; motion carried.

Resolution Designating Crosby County News as the Official Newspaper of the City of Ralls for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year: Alderman Calderon made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03-17-01 designating Crosby County News as the Official Newspaper of the City of Ralls for the 2026/2027 Fiscal year, seconded by Alderman Pereida, opposed by Alderman Arthur; motion carried.

Discuss and Consider an Ordinance adopting the City of Ralls 2026/2027 Budget: Alderman Rodriguez made a motion to approve Ordinance 2601, adopting the City of Ralls 2026/2027 Budget, seconded by Alderman Calderon; roll call vote was cast as Alderman Arthur-NAY, Alderman Sue-YAY, Mayor Pro-Tem Gonzalez-NAY, Alderman Rodriguez-YAY, Alderman Pereida-NAY, Alderman Calderon-YAY. Council vote resulted in a 3-3 tie. Mayor Hitt voted YAY to break the tie; motion carried.

Discuss and Consider an Ordinance amending City of Ralls Budget for the fiscal year April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026: Alderman Rodriguez made a motion to approve Ordinance 2602 amending the City of Ralls Budget for the fiscal year April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, seconded by Alderman Pereida, opposed by Alderman Arthur; motion carried.

Discuss and Consider a Resolution declaring unopposed candidates in the May 2, 2026, General City Election; Elected to Office; Canceling the Election: Mayor Pro-Tem Gonzalez made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03-17-2 declaring unopposed candidates in the May 2, 2026, General City Election; Elected to Office; Canceling the Election, seconded by Alderman Arthur; motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Consider a Resolution approving a tariff authorizing an annual rate review mechanism as a substitution for the annual interim rate adjustment process defined by Section 104.301 of the Texas Utilities Code, and as negotiated between Atmos Energy Corp., West Texas Division and the Steering Committee of cities served by Atmos West Texas: Alderman Calderon made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03-17-3 , seconded by Alderman Rodriguez; motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Consider an Interlocal Agreement between City of Ralls and Crosby County Sheriff's Departments for law enforcement services for 2026/2027: No action taken.

Staff Reports: City Administrator, City Secretary, Public Works, Court, Sheriff's, Fire Department, and Code Enforcement Reports were presented to the Council.

Executive Session: Mayor Hitt called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.071, "Consultation with Attorney", and §551.074, "Personnel Matters", to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, duties or dismissal regarding: City Administrator.

Mayor Hitt called the meeting into Open Session at 8:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Terry Hitt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Johnna Ware, City Secretary