

**PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
RALLS COMMUNITY ROOM**

**AUGUST 18, 2026
RALLS, TEXAS 6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Terry Hitt called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Jesus Gonzales, Aldermen Patti Arthur, Megan Sue, and Yoshabell Rodriguez. Aldermen Joe John Calderon and Erica Perry were absent. Also present were City Administrator Mike Chambers, City Secretary Johnna Ware, Public Works Director Joe Caballero, Crosby County Sheriff C. Nunley, Texas Communities Group Samantha Hyatt, and guests.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 P.M.: Mayor Hitt Opened Public Hearings at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Hitt opened Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m. on substandard structure and public nuisance at 1405 Ave E, Ralls, Texas 79357, that is owned by Esther Tovar: TCG Representative Hyatt discussed the conditions of the substandard structure and public nuisance. With no further comments, Mayor Hitt closed Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Hitt opened Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. on substandard structure and public nuisance at 1424 Ave E, Ralls, Texas 79357, that is owned by Josephina Cuellar: TCG Representative Hyatt discussed the conditions of the substandard structure and public nuisance. With no further comments, Mayor Hitt closed Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m.

Mayor Hitt opened Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m. on substandard structure and public nuisance at 702 Ave P, Ralls, Texas 79357, that is owned by Cassie Jones-Matheny: TCG Representative Hyatt discussed the conditions of the substandard structure and public nuisance. With no further comments, Mayor Hitt closed Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Mayor Hitt opened the Regular Meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Public Comment: Jim McDuff expressed his concerns to council.

Approve July 16, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes as presented: Mayor Pro-Tem Gonzales made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes held July 16, 2026, seconded by Alderman Rodriguez; motion carried unanimously.

Approve July 21, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented: Mayor Pro-Tem Gonzales made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes held July 21, 2026, seconded by Alderman Rodriguez; motion carried unanimously.

Approve Financial Statement for July 2026: Mayor Pro-Tem Gonzales made a motion to approve Financial Statement as presented, seconded by Alderman Rodriguez; motion carried unanimously.

Approve Accounts Payable for July 2026: Mayor Pro-Tem Gonzales made a motion to approve Accounts Payable as presented, seconded by Alderman Rodriguez; motion carried unanimously.

Consider and take action on an order regarding substandard structure and public nuisance at 1405 Ave E, Ralls, TX 79357, that is owned by Esther Tovar: Alderman Arthur made a motion to abate by demolition in 30 days, public nuisance at 1405 Ave E, owned by Esther Tovar, seconded by Alderman Rodriguez; motion carried unanimously.

Consider and take action on an order regarding substandard structure and public nuisance at 1424 Ave E, Ralls, TX 79357, that is owned by Josephina Cuellar: Alderman Rodriguez made a motion to abate by demolition in

30 days, public nuisance at 1424 Ave E, owned by Josephina Cuellar, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gonzales; motion carried unanimously.

Consider and take action on an order regarding substandard structure and public nuisance at 702 Ave P, Ralls, TX 79357, that is owned by Cassie Jones-Matheny: Alderman Arthur made a motion to abate by demolition in

30 days, public nuisance at 702 Ave P, owned by Cassie Jones-Matheny, seconded by Alderman Rodriguez; motion carried unanimously.

Set 2026 proposed tax rate and schedule date for a Public Hearing and Meeting to adopt the 2026 property tax rate: Alderman Arthur made a motion to set proposed tax rate at \$0.809990 and schedule a Public Hearing to be held on September 15, 2026, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gonzales; motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 2608 amending the City of Ralls, Texas Code of Ordinances Appendix A, Fee Schedule, Article A1.000, Section A1.009 by amending the monthly charge for solid waste – garbage rates: Alderman Rodriguez made a motion to approved Ordinance 2608 amending the garbage rates, seconded by Alderman Sue; motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Consider approving a negotiated settlement between the executive committee of cities served by Atmos west Texas (“cities”) and Atmos Energy corp., west Texas division regarding the company’s 2026 rate review mechanism filing: Alderman Rodriguez made a motion to approve a negotiated settlement between the executive committee of cities served by Atmos west Texas (“cities”) and Atmos Energy corp., west Texas division regarding the company’s 2026 rate review mechanism filing, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gonzales; motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Consider approving the Interlocal Cooperation Contract between City of Ralls and Department of Public Safety: Mayor Pro-Tem Gonzales made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract between City of Ralls and Department of Public Safety, seconded by Alderman Rodriguez; motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports: City Administrator, City Secretary, Public Works, Court, and Sheriff’s, Reports were presented to the Council.

Executive Session: Mayor Hitt called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. in accordance with Texas Government Code §551.074, “Personnel Matters”, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, duties or dismissal regarding: City Administrator 90 Day Evaluation.

Mayor Hitt called the meeting into Open Session at 6:42 p.m.

Alderman Rodriguez made a motion to increase the City Administrator salary by \$2,000.00, seconded by Alderman Arthur; motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Terry Hitt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Johnna Ware, City Secretary