



City Council of Royse City, Texas

**MINUTES-SPECIAL CALLED  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, August 26, 2014 – 6:00 pm**  
Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street  
Royse City, Texas

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**A. CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:05 PM BY MAYOR BALEY**

Quorum is present.

Members Present: Mayor, Jerrell Baley  
Council Member Place 1, Janet Nichol  
Council Member Place 2, Clay Ellis  
Council Member Place 3, Bill Bell  
Council Member Place 4, Matt Wheatley  
Council Member Place 5, James Branch  
Council Member Place 6, Tom Crowley

Staff Present: City Manager, Carl Alsabrook  
City Attorney, Jason Day  
City Secretary, Brenda Craft  
Asst. City Secretary, Julia Riley  
Sr. Project Coordinator, Thomas Fry  
Fire Chief, Richard Bell  
Police Chief, Jeff Stapleton  
Public Works Director, Dario Lopez  
CFO, Joe Stegall

**B. BUDGET WORKSHOP**

1. Discussion concerning 2014-2015 Budget, and any matters related thereto.

**Mr. Alsabrook:** Reviewed and updated the drafted budget with Mr. Stegall. Now reflects corrections as requested by council members during previous budget workshop, the addition of employee Phase II pay scale amounts and the savings of \$50,000 in employee health insurance costs.

**Mr. Stegall:** Fund balance this year will be approximately \$646,000, a surplus of \$204,000 due to the sales and property taxes being up. Next year, should be \$748,000. Permits will probably close at \$205,000, but budgeted \$150,000 to be conservative.

**Council Member Branch:** Would like to see software and scan technology for ordinances and records added to budget. Supplied initial costs and yearly maintenance. Court already uses, and this would go along with theirs. Additionally, will allow City Secretary and Attorney to scan in all documents. **Mayor Baley:** What's the difference between ordinances and the Code of Ordinances on line? **Day:** The ordinances are those that are actually signed by the mayor, whereas on line the Code of Ordinances are numbered and posted. We would also like to digitize all minutes and records. Document management is at a critical point right now. Estimate from Franklin was only \$6,000. Discounted because we already use them.

**Mr. Alsbrook:** No need to raise water and sewer rates. Will be able to absorb the rate increase from North Texas Municipal Water District. However, this will be the last year. **Mr. Stegall:** Rate going up 10 cents per 1,000 gallons. Not a huge amount. Want to be prepared for sewer breaks and other unplanned emergencies.

**Council Member Branch:** Have we had an increase in trash pickup? **Mr. Stegall:** Has increased 4-5% annually, but we have never passed to customers. Still making a profit, but not as much.

**Council Member Branch:** Since lowering taxes, keeping water rates the same, would it make sense to increase the trash pickup 4-5%? **Mayor Pro Tem Nichol:** What would 5% increase be for the customer?

**Mr. Alsbrook:** Residents currently pay \$18.91 per month, with the 5% increase it will be \$19.85, a \$0.94 increase. Should add \$24,000 for storm brush pickup and other unforeseen emergencies. All council members in agreement for the increase.

### **C. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Consider and/or action to determine and direct City Staff in scheduling topics for discussion at future City Council Meetings, and any matters related thereto. NONE

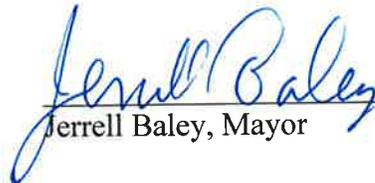
### **B. ADJOURN AT 6:31 PM**

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Crowley to adjourn.

**Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

ATTEST:

  
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Julia Riley, Assistant City Secretary

  
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Jerrell Baley, Mayor