



City Council of Royse City, Texas

**MINUTES-REGULAR  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 11, 2014 – 7:00 pm**  
Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street  
Royse City, Texas

**A. CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM**

Announced the presence of a quorum.

- Members Present: Mayor, Jerrell Baley  
Council Member Place 1, Janet Nichol, Mayor Pro Tem  
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 Secretary, Brenda Craft  
City Attorney, Jason Day  
Asst. City Secretary, Julie Riley  
Ex. Director of Development & Community Services, Janet McPherson  
Ex. Director of Community Development Corp., Larry Lott  
Police Chief, Jeff Stapleton  
Main St. Manager, Paula Morris  
Director of HR, Tauna Ratliff  
Public Works Director, Dario Lopez

**B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation by Council Member Ellis.

**C. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

*This Period is reserved for citizens to discuss items not listed on the listed Agenda, (persons may have three (3) minutes to address the council) however, by law, no action or discussion may be taken on these items.*

Spencer Pattison: Was on the commission for Comp Plan. FM 548 is one of the main roads into Royse City. No drainage, no curbs, no sidewalks. We need a lot better street. Currently there is a lot to be desired.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA (needed if items are moved to Consent)-NONE**

*All items under Consent Agenda Minutes are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

## **E. BUSINESS**

1. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances regarding reasonable regulations for certain political signs used for electioneering (prescribed by Sections 61.003 and 85.036 of the Texas Election Code), and any matters related thereto.

During the November elections signs were on city property. Where there is electioneering you may not forbid political signs. 2013 Legislature acted a reasonable time, space and manner may be adopted by political subdivisions.

Motion was made by Mayor Baley, second by Council Member Crowley. Mayor Baley and Council Member Crowley withdrew their motions. Item tabled.

2. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance joining “Keep Texas Beautiful” coalition, directing a city employee under the umbrella of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to be the Coordinator of the Keep Texas Beautiful Campaign, and any matters related thereto.

Mr. Alsbrook: \$100.00 to join, program offers grants.

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Wheatley to approve joining the “Keep Texas Beautiful” coalition. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays and, 0 Abstentions.**

3. Discussion concerning amending the Council Rules and Procedures regarding citizens that live inside the city limits, business owners inside the city limits and citizens that live in Royse City’s extraterritorial jurisdiction, be allowed to speak before the City Council during Citizens Participation for a maximum of three minutes once a Speaker Form has been completed and turned into the City Secretary before the council meetings begin, and any matters related thereto.

Mr. Alsbrook: guidance for future meetings. Council Member Branch: leave as is at the discretion of the Mayor (or Mayor Pro Tem, whoever is the presiding officer). Mayor Pro Tem Nichol: Shouldn’t anyone be able to talk? Council Member Branch: just leave it as the way it is with the discretion of the Mayor. No majority opposition.

4. Consider and act concerning a Resolution amending the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan regarding adding Becknell Park with future plans, and any matters related thereto.

Ms. McPherson: When Parks Mast Plan was adopted Becknell Park was not constructed. This resolution adds Becknell Park to the mast plan.

Motion was made by Council Member Ellis, second by Council Member Wheatley to approve a Resolution amending the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan regarding adding Becknell Park with future plans. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays and, 0 Abstentions.**

5. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance setting a “Commercial Water Rate”, and any matters related thereto.

Mr. Day: Wholesale water rata – approximately 10% less than commercial rate. Mr. Day requested this item be withdrawn.

6. Discussions concerning City Manager Carl Alsabrook update: Development, Trick or Treat on Main Street, Sidewalks, N. Sorrells Rd. rehab, Woodland Creek repairs, any matters related thereto.

Development: Wal-Mart tentative start date December 12<sup>th</sup>-groundbreaking. Mayor Pro Tem Nichol and Council Member Wheatley to attend ICSC Dallas.

Trick or Treat on Main Street: Hugh success.

Sidewalks: Erby Campbell/Scott Elementary-used every morning-good move.

N. Sorrells Rd. rehab: 1 ½ surface-done by Wed/Thurs-looks good.

Woodland Creek repairs: pour tomorrow-low area fixed.

#### **F. 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Nichol: Shop Local Resolution

Municipal Judge honored-Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

#### **G. ADJOURNED AT 7:40 PM**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nichol, second by Council Member Bell to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

ATTEST:

  
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Brenda Craft, City Secretary

  
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Jerrell Baley, Mayor