



**MINUTES-REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 – 7:00 pm
Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street
Royse City, Texas

A. CALLED TO ORDER AT 7 PM BY MAYOR BALEY

- 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 Attorney, Jason Day
Asst. City Secretary, Julia Riley
Ex. Director of Development & Community Services, Janet McPherson
Ex. Director of Community Development Corp., Larry Lott
Sr. Project Coordinator, Thomas Fry
Fire Chief, Richard Bell
Police Chief, Jeff Stapleton
Public Works Director, Dario Lopez
CFO, Shannon Raymond
Director of HR, Tauna Ratliff

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by Council Member Bell.

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.

Dr. Phillip Paul: Has a business at 121 S. Arch Street and wanted to publicly express his appreciation for the newly-created handicap space south of the buildings on S. Arch Street. Thanked all involved in making this available for citizens with canes and wheelchairs.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

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.

1. Minutes: December 2, 2014 Special Called Joint Council Meeting with Royse City ISD; December 9, 2014 6 pm Special Called Council Meeting; December 23, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Crowley to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.**

E. BUSINESS

1. Consider and act concerning approval of an Ordinance ordering the May 9, 2015 General Election, and any matters related thereto.
(Considerar y actuar con respecto a la aprobación de un decreto ordenando las elecciones generales del 9 de mayo de 2015 y cualquier asunto conexo.)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nichol, second by Council Member Ellis to approve the Ordinance ordering the May 9, 2015 General Election. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

(Movimiento fue hecha por Alcalde Pro Tem Nichol, segundo por el Consejo de miembros Ellis para aprobar un decreto ordenando el 9 de mayo de 2015 elecciones generales. Movimiento llevado: 7 votos afirmativos, 0 en contra y 0 absenciones.)

2. Consider and act concerning Rockwall County May 9, 2015 Election Contract for the joint General Election with the City of Royse City, RCISD and Rockwall County, and any matters related thereto.

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Wheatley to approve the Rockwall County May 9, 2015 Election Contract for the joint General Election with the City of Royse City, RCISD and Rockwall County. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.**

3. Consider and act concerning the purchase of a New Holland B-95 Backhoe, financing Resolution through Government Capital Corporation for \$73,324.00 (annual payment of \$16,211.13 for 5 years beginning February 2016), authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto, and any matters related thereto.

Ms. Raymond: Public works is in need of a new backhoe. Their current backhoe is in the shop and requires repairs estimated at \$15,000. It has fully depreciated. We have secured a bid through the Buy board cooperative purchasing agreement for a New Holland Backhoe for \$73, 324 and will seek to reduce this amount by trading in the existing equipment. Financing can be obtained through Government Capital Cooperation for 5 years with annual payments of \$16,211.13. **Council Member Ellis:** Water and sewer funds can be used to pay this, correct? **Ms. Raymond:** Yes, they would be used. **Council Member Ellis:** Is there not enough money in there right now to pay outright and not finance it? **Ms. Raymond:** That is something that can be looked that. Purchase would be from New Holland and delivered through Four Brothers.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nichol, second by Council Member Bell to approve the purchase of a New Holland B-95 Backhoe, financing through Government Capital Corporation for \$73,324, making annual payments for 5 years

beginning February 2016 and authorized the City Manager to sign all related documents. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.**

4. Discussion concerning possible street repair including water and sewer infrastructure, if needed, possibly funded by increase of Sales Tax Revenue/Increase in Building Fees and/or Roadway-Water-Sewer Impact Fees, and any matters related thereto.

Mr. Alsabrook: Council Member Ellis had requested a status update on where we were after the first quarter. YTD shows a surplus of \$104,557. Three areas to watch for: Comprehensive Plan is coming up soon for approval, building official's last day is this coming Friday which will mean the hiring of a third party inspector, and the council's goal to increase the fund balance. Staff presents three options: use portion for street repairs, segregate a portion of the money and set up a capital improvements fund for saving to repair a road, and the recommendation of waiting until after the second quarter where there's an increase in sales tax revenue, picking a main feeder street, i.e. Josephine Street, and paying for the design and engineering with the idea of concreting it later. **Council Member Branch:** What's the cost of design and engineering? **Ms. Raymond:** 8 percent is the standard cost. **Council Member Branch:** Would not be opposed to paying for two streets' design and engineering. **Mr. Alsabrook:** Can definitely do that if we stay on the same path.

5. Consider and act concerning a Resolution appointing Dr. Rhonda Philips, Susan Craig, Animal Control Officers (ACO) Omar Nerio and Tracena Colunga-Mineni, Alternates, Alan Potter, Darnell Franklin and Kari Hargrave, to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board, and any matters related thereto.

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Bell to appoint Dr. Rhonda Philips, Susan Craig, Animal Control Officers (ACO) Omar Nerio and Tracena Colunga-Mineni, Alternates, Alan Potter, Darnell Franklin and Kari Hargrave, to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board. **Motion carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Abstention (Crowley).**

6. Consider and act concerning a Resolution appointing Mike Chappell (Council Place 2 appointment) to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2016, and any matters related thereto.

Ms. McPherson: Parks and Recreation Board have a representative from each Council Place. It is time for Council Member Ellis to appoint someone to Place 2. Nominees are reviewed by board. On February 2, 2015, they recommended Mike Chappell's appointment. **Mr. Chappell:** Married to Tiffany. Moved to Royse City last year. From Grand Prairie. Have Bachelor of Science and Masters in Architecture. Wants to help the Parks and Recreation Board find some direction, establish some standards, improve circulation in town, and transform the city to get the interest of active people to move here.

Motion was made by Council Member Ellis, second by Council Member Bell to appoint Mike Chappell to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2016. **Motion carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Abstention (Crowley).**

7. Discussions concerning City Manager Carl Alsabrook update: Development, Winter Wonderland, DR Horton, any matters related thereto.

Development: Wal-Mart progressing. Working 7 days a week, 7 am to dusk. Off-site work should start across the street on February 16, 2015. CVS to break ground same day.

Winter Wonderland: Held last Saturday. Outstanding event. Mayor Pro Tem Nichol worked all day.

DR Horton: Anticipating an agreement to consider next meeting. Being reviewed by attorneys now.

Council Member Crowley: Friday, I-30 frontage road from Irby Campbell Boulevard to Exxon will be closed for concreting. Hope that it's not closed any longer than the weekend and the school district is aware.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

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.

G. ADJOURN AT 7:22 PM

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Bell to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

ATTEST:



Julia Riley, Asst. City Secretary



Clay Ellis, Mayor Pro Tem