



**MINUTES REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 – 7:00 pm
Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street
Royse City, Texas

A. CALL TO ORDER 7:04 PM BY MAYOR NICHOL

Announce the presence of a quorum.

- Members Present: Mayor, Janet Nichol
Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 2, Clay Ellis
Council Member Place 1, Charles Houk
Council Member Place 3, Bruce Bradley
Council Member Place 5, James Branch
Council Member, Place 6, Tom Crowley
- Members Absent: Council Member Place 4, Matt Wheatley
- Staff Present: City Manager, Carl Alsabrook
City Secretary, Deborah Sorensen
City Attorney, Jason Day
Director of Finance, Shannon Raymond
Executive Dir. of Development & Community Services, Janet McPherson
Police Chief, Jeff Stapleton
Fire Chief, Rickey Bell
Director of Public Works, Dario Lopez
Director of HR, Tauna Ratliff
Executive Director of Community Development Corp., Larry Lott

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Ellis gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. RECOGNITION OF POLICE OFFICERS

1. Presentation of Officer of the Year
Chief Stapleton presented the Officer of the Year Award to Officer Amy Dial.
2. Presentation to Sergeant William Rushing for 10 Years of Service
Chief Stapleton stated that Sergeant William Rushing was unable to attend the meeting.

D. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

None

E. PRESENTATION

1. Presentation by Rockwall County Emergency Management Coordinator, Joe DeLane, regarding the Office of Emergency Management, and any matters related thereto.

Joe DeLane, Rockwall County Emergency Management Coordinator, gave a presentation on his position and how the county would help in an emergency. He explained the process if there was a disaster. It was to be handled at the lowest level, with is the city. He would be here to help. When resources are depleted, then mutual aid would be used. The Mayor would then request assistance with a declaration which would be submitted to the county. Since there are minimal resources available in Rockwall County, the county would make a declaration and submit it to the state. If additional resources were needed, the state would make a declaration to the federal government.

There is a big misunderstanding of FEMA being on the scene immediately. A monetary amount of losses, consisting of uninsured and underinsured, has to be met prior to FEMA assisting. It is a slow process when dealing disasters.

When disasters happen, usually you will get inundated with volunteers wanting to help and donations. It is good to have a plan in place ahead of time. Rockwall County has a CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) team that will assist with disasters. They are trained to handle these things. Currently, they have 89 members and expect more. They have a training class in February, which is full, and one in late April/early May. Mayor Nichol would like to have a CERT training class in Royse City. Joe said that he would get one set up. They request that we have at least 12 participants and a max of 20.

Mayor Nichol asked Joe to explain the Nixel program and how to sign up for it. Nixel is a notification that you receive when there is bad weather or any type of an emergency. You can go to the Nixel website to sign up or send text RCOEM to 888777.

Carl Alsbrook introduced and welcomed Rockwall County Sheriff Harold Eavenson.

Mayor Nichol welcomed Sheriff Eavenson.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes: January 12, 2016 Regular Meeting and January 19, 2016 Special Meeting with RCISD

Council Member Branch made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

G. BUSINESS

1. Discussion concerning monthly revenue and expenditure report for December 2015, and any matters related thereto.

Shannon Raymond reported the General Fund is on target with budget projections. Water revenues and expenditures are in line with budget projections.

2. Consider and act concerning a Resolution Setting the Date, Time, and Place for Public Hearings on Proposed Involuntary Annexation Located in Hunt County and Voluntary Annexation located in Hunt County, and any matters related thereto.

Council Member Branch made a motion to Set the Date, Time, and Place for public hearings on proposed involuntary and voluntary annexations. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

3. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance Amending the Appointment of Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Members, and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day stated at the last meeting Council Member Branch requested that we change how City Council appoints board members to the Parks & Recreation Advisory and Cultural Arts Advisory Boards. He drafted one ordinance to amend the appointment to both boards. Council Member Branch confirmed that it now takes the majority of City Council to appoint a member versus each place appointing a member to the board.

Council Member Branch made a motion to approve Amend the Ordinance for Appointment to Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the Cultural Arts Advisory Board. Mayor Pro Tem Ellis seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

4. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance Amending the Appointment of Cultural Arts Advisory Board Members, and any matters related thereto.

This item was combined with item 3.

5. Consider and act concerning a Resolution appointing two Board Members to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (term January 26, 2016 to December 2017), and any matters related thereto.

Council Member Houk made a motion to appoint Bart Pearson to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Council Member Branch seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

6. Discussions concerning City Manager Carl Alsbrook update: Development, Old Town Block Party February 6th - 11am till 4pm, Downtown Parking and Lighting, any matters related thereto. 7:38 PM

Carl Alsbrook gave an update on developments. The Old Town Block Party is scheduled for February 6th from 11 am to 4 pm. Highway 66 will be closed from approximately 8 am to 5 pm. He further stated Mayor Nichol had asked about downtown parking and lighting problems. He suggested using the parking lot across from City Hall as an overflow for parking in the downtown area. There are a few lights burned out and he will need to contact Oncor to get them replaced. He would also have to get in touch with TxDOT concerning being able to place signs in the right of way on Highway 66 in the downtown area. The only expense would be in the signage to direct people to the parking lot.

Mayor Nichol agreed to have staff contact Oncor and TxDOT regarding the lighting and signage.

H. RECESS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:41 PM

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recess into Closed Session in compliance with Section §551.001 etseq. Texas Government Code, to wit:

Section §551.071 - Private consultation with the City Attorney and Section §551.087 – Discussing economic development negotiations

1. Discussion concerning the legality of contractual issues of the Development Agreement regarding Clear Springs development.

Section §551.072 – Discussing regarding Real Property

2. Discussion concerning Right of Way acquisition for Interstate 30 improvements.

Section §551.071 - Private consultation with the City Attorney

3. Discussion concerning legal annexation issues.

J. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:15 PM

K. RECONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:17 PM

1. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session regarding Development Agreement regarding Clear Springs development, and any matters related thereto.

No Action Taken

2. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session regarding Right of Way acquisition for Interstate 30 improvements, and any matters related thereto.

No Action Taken

3. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session regarding Legal Annexation, and any matters related thereto.

No Action Taken

L. 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 Nichol stated she is concerned about outdoor sirens and would like to have an update on the progress on the next agenda. Carl Alsabrook stated that our hands are tied until Rockwall County completes their mitigation plan. At the next meeting, he will have a resolution for city council to approve regarding the county's mitigation plan.

M. ADJOURN AT 9:21 PM

Mayor Pro Tem Ellis made a motion to adjourn meeting. Council Member Branch seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**


Janet Nichol, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, City Secretary

