



**MINUTES REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, June 28, 2016 – 7:00 pm

Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street
Royse City, Texas

A. CALL TO ORDER 7:03 PM BY MAYOR NICHOL

Announce the presence of a quorum.

Members Present: Mayor, Janet Nichol
Council Member Place 1, Charles Houk
Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 2, Clay Ellis
Council Member Place 3, Bruce Bradley
Council Member Place 4, Matt Wheatley
Council Member Place 5, James Branch

Member Absent: Council Member, Place 6, Tom Crowley

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 HR, Tauna Ratliff
Main Street Manager, Paula Morris
Executive Director of Community Development Corp., Larry Lott

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Bradley gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. RECOGNITION

- 1. Presentation to Darwin Whiteside for 28 years of service on the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) Board of Directors, and any matters related thereto.

Mayor Nichol welcomed Darwin Whiteside, along with North Texas Municipal Water District Executive (NTMWD) Director Tom Kula and NTMWD Board Member Jim Melody. Tom Kula stated he was honored to recognize Mr. Whiteside, and thanked Mr. Whiteside for his twenty-eight years of service, and stated the NTMWD is indebted to Mr. Whiteside.

Jim Melody said it would be hard to replace Mr. Whiteside, and the board will miss him.

Mayor Nichol then presented Mr. Whiteside with a framed photograph of Royse City's Main Street water tower. Mayor Nichol thanked Mr. Whiteside for his many, many hours, and many years of volunteer service.

Mr. Whiteside expressed that it was an honor to serve, saying it has been work at times, there have been a lot of pleasures in it. He has made hundreds of friends, a lot of them lifetime friends and with other members on the board. He's been blessed beyond imagination. He advised City Council to put a good man on the board, leave him alone, let him learn his duties, and let him stay long enough to become effective, because you don't learn all about the water district in a two year term. Long term service is a benefit to everybody.

Citizen Spencer Pattison stated he would like to dedicate this evening to Mr. Whiteside. He said Mr. Whiteside is a World War II veteran, and Mr. Whiteside is one of the few of America's greatest generation. He said he served in the U.S. Navy and Mr. Whiteside served under fire in World War II. He thanked Mr. Whiteside for his service.

2. Recognition of Jim Hardin, Royse City Herald Banner Reporter, for being the recipient of two awards in the Texas Press Association's 2015 Better Newspapers Contest, and any matters related thereto.

Mayor Nichol recognized Jim Hardin. Mr. Hardin was the recipient of two awards in the Texas Press Association's 2015 Better Newspapers Contest, he took first place for News Writing and fourth place for Column Writing. His two stories were "Retired Secret Service Agent recounts 9/11" and "Tornado response called swift and generous", which dealt with the Royse City community's willingness to provide aid to those affected by the tornados that struck Garland and Rowlett during last year's Christmas holiday.

Jim Hardin stated he really appreciates the opportunity to be here and to report on what the City Council does. He is proud to be a part of this community, and hopefully, a positive part of this community as a newspaper reporter. He likes to encourage, he likes to support, and he likes to be wherever things are happening in this community. One thing he also wanted to be was to be fair and accurate as a reporter, and he chooses to be fair in what he reports and what he does. He strives for perfection, but he is way short of being perfect. He is proud to be a reporter in this community and proud to be a part of the good things that are going on. Having this award is important, but having solid, healthy, relationships with people in this community is very important to be as well.

Mayor Nichol thanked Mr. Hardin.

D. NEW EMPLOYEE

1. Parks Laborer -- Gregory Smithburg

Carl Alsbrook introduced Gregory Smithburg. Gregory is twenty-three years old and moved here from Wisconsin, which is where he was attending the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. His goal is to finish school with a degree in Public Administration.

E. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

None

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes: June 14, 2016
2. Resolution regarding Authorizing the Creation of the North Central Texas Regional 911 Emergency Communications District

Council Member Branch made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

G. BUSINESS

1. Discussion concerning monthly revenue and expenditure report for May 2016, and any matters related thereto.

Shannon Raymond presented the monthly revenue and expenditure report for May 2016. The city is currently on target. The year to date sales tax is 8.36% higher than this time last year. Bond funds were received in May and roads are underway.

2. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance regarding Preliminary Plat of Waterscape, Phase 1A, 1B totaling 79.09 acres, situated in the SC Wright Survey, Abstract No. 218, Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.

Janet McPherson explained Waterscape is presenting the first Preliminary Plat, which is Phase 1A and 1B. This is based on the last development agreement, and if it's not outlined in the development agreement, it is based on our subdivision standards. Planning & Zoning Commission approved this last Thursday.

Council Member Branch asked if the preliminary plat is in line with the development agreement. Jason Day explained it is in line with the development agreement, and it is a big improvement over prior ones.

Elvio Bruni, with Huffines Communities, explained the next step is the Public Improvement District (PID) formation and they are working on preliminary plans now and will start submitting the plans to staff within the next sixty to ninety days for review. There are a total of 1017 homes right now; the agreement is for a maximum of 1025. There will be at least three primary phases, with phase one being broken into two pieces. The three builders are Impressions, History Maker, and Horizon Homes (aka Highland Homes).

Council Member Branch asked about the price point. Elvio replied the prices will average \$200,000-\$220,000.

Jason Day further explained the PID formation will be an out of City water rate, they are paying for wastewater and water impact fees on those, they will be building Crenshaw Road as it goes with the phases, and full annexation in ten to fifteen years. Under the PID, they will be paying the City for police and fire protection.

Council Member Wheatley made a motion to accept the Preliminary Plat. Mayor Pro Tem Ellis seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

3. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance regarding Preliminary Plat of Cypress Creek at Parker Boulevard, totaling 28.97 acres, situated in the Burrell

B. Parker Survey, Abstract No. 176 and the George M. Parker Survey, Abstract No. 177, City of Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.

Janet McPherson state this is the Bonner Carrington apartment complex. The initial Preliminary Plat expired; therefore the preliminary plat has to be approved again.

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

4. Consider and act concerning a Resolution regarding the revised elevation/materials as it relates to Chapter 14 Zoning, Section 5-3 Interstate 30 Corridor Overlay District (I30COD) for the property described as Lot 5 of the Erby Campbell Retail Center, Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.

Janet McPherson stated this is a request for a change in the building material from split face block to brick. Janet presented the samples.

Council Member Houk made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Ellis made a second. **Motion passed 6-0.**

5. Consider and act concerning a Resolution Appointing a Committee Member to replace Tracena Colunga-Mineni to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (term July 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017), and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day explained that the State requires the City to have an Animal Advisory Committee to make sure that the City's animal shelter is in compliance with State laws. The committee is set up to report back directly to the City Manager, because the animal control staff is under the City Manager. The City has a seven member board. State law states there has to be certain people on the board and then three at large members. Staff recommends appointing Darnell Franklin, Police Officer, to the City Employee Member and Council Member Bruce Bradley to an At-Large Member.

Jason further explained law requires the Board to meet three times a year. Under the ordinance, the Chairperson of the Board, the City Mayor, or the City Manager, can call for a meeting. If they do not meet at least every four months, then the City Manager will call a meeting, so they are meeting the State mandate.

The Board will have Dr. Rhonda Phillips, Darnell Franklin, Omar Nerio, Susan Craig, Alan Potter, Kari Hargrave, and Council Member Bradley.

Council Member Wheatley made a motion to move Darnell Franklin to City Employee and Bruce Bradley as an At-Large Member. Council Member Branch seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

6. Consider and act concerning TML MultiState Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Rerate Notice for Plan Year 2016-2017 Medical Benefits, authorizing City Manager to sign associated documents, and any matters related thereto.

Tauna Ratliff stated this is the annual renewal for health benefits. There is an eight percent increase this year. Staff recommends we accept the re-rate, and keep the current plan.

Council Member Ellis asked if the City pays for the spouse, family, and child. Tauna explained the City pays a percentage, which is fifty-six percent of the coverage. She thinks this is a good plan and the eight percent increase is not bad in this market.

Council Member Bradley made a motion to accept the eight percent increase. Council Member Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

7. Discussions concerning City Manager update: Development, Hot Summer Nights, Celebrate Freedom, Vaccine Clinic, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsbrook stated that Lot 6, Dairy Queen, is actively under construction. There is a lot of activity in the city.

Carl thanked Brent Stowers, Park Superintendent, for his work on the Hot Summer Nights. The next Hot Summer Nights is July 7, 2016. Jurassic World will start at 9:00 p.m.

Celebrate Freedom is this Friday, July 1, 2016. Tracy Lawrence will begin playing at 7:00 p.m. and the fireworks at 9:30 p.m. There will be activities for the children and food opportunities.

The low cost vaccination clinic will be at the Animal Shelter on July 21, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Nichol recognized Brent Stowers for his awesome job with Hot Summer Nights.

H. RECESS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:36 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

1. Discussion concerning a Local Project Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for improvements to Shaw Drive.

J. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:47 PM

K. RECONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:47 PM

1. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session concerning a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Local Project Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for improvements to Shaw Drive in an amount not to exceed \$601,925.97, and any matters related thereto.

Council Member Houk made a motion to authorize City Manager to sign. Council Member Branch seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

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.

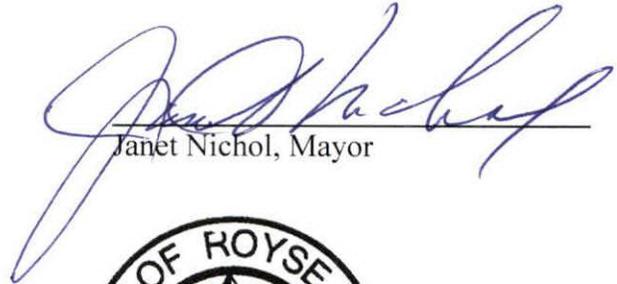
Mayor Pro Tem Ellis requested to discuss the road agreement with Dallas County on the next agenda.

Council Member Houk requested discussion of environmental issues and structural integrity of buildings in the downtown area on the next agenda. This is a serious matter and if we want to keep our downtown, something has to be done.

Mayor Nichol requested an update on the status of the Old Jail Park.

M. ADJOURN AT 7:51 PM

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



Janet Nichol, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, City Secretary

