



**MINUTES REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 – 7:00 pm
Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street
Royse City, Texas

A. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 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
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 Public Works, Dario Lopez
Director of HR, Tauna Ratliff
Main Street Manager, Paula Morris
Director of Parks & Recreation, Brent Stowers
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. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes: October 11, 2016
2. Consider and act concerning a Contract with Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County for home delivered meals, authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto, and any matters related thereto.
3. Consider and act concerning a Contract with Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County to provide meals at the Senior Center, authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto, and any matters related thereto.

Council Member Branch made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

E. BUSINESS

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

Shannon Raymond presented the September monthly revenue and expenditure report. Invoices will continue to be paid for FY16 for the next several weeks prior to closing the year for audit. Sales tax represents 26% of General Fund revenues. September 2016 receipts are for July sales and were 31.76% higher than September 2015 receipts. Collections are within 4% of the amended projections for the year, and payments received thus far are \$227,300 over last year net of 380 rebates. Water revenues and expenditures are in line with budget projections.

Shannon added that the audit will start in December and the report will be completed in late February to early March.

2. Consider and act concerning approving an Ordinance regarding a Voluntary Annexation of Burrell B Parker Survey, Tract 2, Abstract 176, 10.49 acres more or less, situated along Floyd Road, Rockwall County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.

Larry Lott stated this is part of a development agreement concept that staff has been working on with Bobby Crowell, property owner. Mr. Crowell will give the City the right of way for Shaw Drive, to be extended from where it stops at Buc-ee's property. He is going to give an easement down Interstate 30 for a 12" waterline that will run from FM 35 to FM 2642 and the right of way for Floyd Road.

Council Member Branch made a motion to approve the Ordinance regarding Voluntary Annexation. Council Member Houk seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

3. Consider and act concerning a Resolution Appointing Three Commissioners to the Planning and Zoning Commission (term October 1, 2016 to October 1, 2018), and any matters related thereto.

Janet McPherson stated there are three current Commissioners that are interested in being reappointed. No other applications have been received. Spencer Pattison, Jeff Hays, and David Shivers terms have expired and they have served on the Commission for quite a while.

Council Member Branch made a motion to approve and reappoint the three Commissioners, Jeff Hayes, David Shivers, and Spencer Pattison. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

4. Consider and act concerning approving an Ordinance Amending Section 8.05.001 of the Code of Ordinances, and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day gave a background on this; about four or five years ago, State law changed and it dealt with the ability to hunt on private lands. So, even if we annex in a hundred acres of agricultural land, our general rule in the City, is that you cannot shoot any guns, however that was over ridden by State laws. We have never brought our City Ordinances up to date with what State law is. The second thing is, people that we annex in, one of the biggest questions we get is "can I shoot a gun?" This change would allow people to shoot BB guns on their property as long as the

projectile does not go across property lines. This actually takes us in line with most of the cities in the metroplex. We were probably one of the most restrictive in the metroplex. This is kind of copied directly from Mesquite. Garland also has a very, very similar one to this wording.

Jason clarified that in our current ordinance, we make no differentiation between shooting a Daisy Red Rider BB gun and a .50 caliber rifle. Anybody who shoots guns knows that those are two completely different weapons. What it is doing is making two defenses to the prosecution to make two exceptions to shooting guns inside the limits of the City. The first defense is being that as long as it is maintained within the boundaries of the property line. The second defense is in there, is it says except as provide by the Zoning Ordinance. In the next few months, he will be working with Janet McPherson and the Planning & Zoning Commission to figure out exactly what kind of guns we would allow to be shot pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Ellis made a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Section 8.05.001 of the Code of Ordinances. Council Member Wheatley seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Discussion concerning future neighborhoods and development agreements, and any matters related thereto.

Council Member Crowley stated he had asked for this to come on the agenda just for discussion. He would like for City Council to consider when the Comp Plan presented for determination on the future neighborhoods that are going to be platted, that there are a diversity of driveways. It appears in the history that most of the subdivisions that have been presented to City Council and approved for platting, and building by the developers have almost all of drives that are entered from the front. Now from a real estate perspective I would appreciate you all considering the fact that when we are bringing new people to Royse City, and, as realtors showing them around, we like to have a diversity of driveways. When we have people coming in here, in the next few years, the drives that are already attainable through the rear-entry, or a mix-use, which you have both the rear and front entry. Those driveways will be better than ten years, some of are already up to fifteen years, old. So, people coming in here wanting a new home may only be left with front drives and we would like the City Council to consider, with the Comp Plan that is going to be presented, that we work in concert with the City Building Department to get a mixture of driveways. Front-end drives are fine, sometimes if you can have some J-swings, because then it looks better. You do not see all the garages driving down the street.

Janet McPherson stated the plats that they bring to City Council; the developer has to specify what they are asking for. It seems here lately, since development has picked back up, the ones we have seen in the last year or two, they have all suggested doing alleys. Our ordinance actually says that they should be doing alleys in their neighborhoods. She agreed there does need to be a mixture of driveways.

In regards to the Comp Plan, Janet thinks there is room for all of it. And, she thinks that is the purpose of some of the neighborhood-districts they are setting up. This is flexibility because a lot of them end up being Planned Developments. She definitely thinks there is going to be room for that in the Comp Plan to show a mixture.

Spencer Pattison, Planning & Zoning Commissioner, told Council Members that Sunrise Meadows has both front and rear entry driveways. The north side of Cookston and the south side of Ame are all front entry.

Council Member Crowley thanked Mr. Pattison and further clarified that both perimeter streets have no alleys.

Jeff Hayes, Planning & Zoning Commissioner, asked the City Council to consider that you can have alleys and you can have front drive-ways. He has lived in homes that have a side driveway and side entrance into the garage, to where the actual garage is not seen. He has lived in places where they do not want to see garage doors open. It does not take up any more room, if you do not have tiny lots.

Council Member Crowley stated he lives in one of those J-swings neighborhood and really likes it.

6. Discussion concerning City Manager update: Development, Main Street Pumpkin Patch – October 12th thru October 31st, 111 E. Main Street, Trick-or-Treat on Main Street – October 26th 6:00-8:00 pm, Rockwall County Boots and Badges – October 27th 5:00-9:00 pm at the Rockwall County Courthouse, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsabrook stated there have been three extremely successful grand openings, Whataburger, O'Reilly's, and Dairy Queen. Tractor Supply should have their grand opening by the next City Council Meeting.

Staff should have final figures for road repair at the next City Council Meeting. Hopefully staff will have a contract as well. TxDot has issued an advisory on the FM 2642 roadway construction project, which should begin fairly soon. There will be a pre-construction meeting sometime in December, with construction to start late December, early January.

He and the Mayor attended a meeting regarding the widening of I-30. I-30 will be widened from Bass Pro to FM 2642. The plan is to widen the entire stretch of I-30 to three lanes. Also, enhance the service roads and provide free-standing service roads only all the way over the lake. The project is near being funded and they are proposing four new interchanges for Royse City. One at Floyd Road, one at FM 548, which our FM 548 interchange will be replaced; FM 35 will be replaced; and one at a location to be determined, depending on where the city wants to put it, probably somewhere along what used to be the route of FM 1777 bypass. We will have some flexibility as far as where we will place it. Construction should start as early as 2018.

The Pumpkin Patch will be open until October 31st. Trick or Treat on Main Street is tomorrow from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

On October 27th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, SL Nabors is sponsoring a Boots & Badges event at the Rockwall County Courthouse. It is a fundraiser for first responders of Rockwall County.

Mayor Nichol added that they always have a table at the Partnership Dinner at the school. Council Members should have received an email invite from Carl and they need a response as to who is going and who is not.

Mayor Nichol asked Paula for an update on the Pumpkin Patch. Paula said they sold all the minis and have a lot of big pumpkins left. They are still in need of volunteers. The last day they are open is Monday, October 31, 2016. They will clean up the following day.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

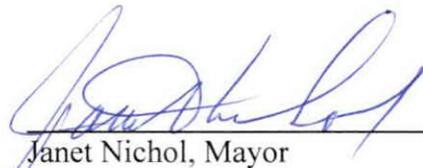
1. Consider and/or action to determine and direct City Staff in scheduling topics for discussion at future City Council Meetings, and any matters related thereto.

Mayor Nichol asked to have on the next agenda that they have spoken to TxDot regarding the intersection at Erby Campbell Blvd. and Highway 66.

Council Member Crowley asked staff to speak to TxDot about the lights that are on the frontage road going into Briarstone. It was TxDot that cut the power and it is a safety issue.

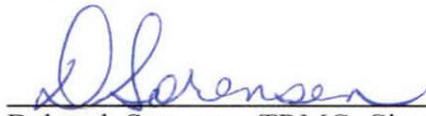
G. ADJOURN AT 7:26 PM

Council Member Crowley made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Branch seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**



Janet Nichol, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, City Secretary

