City Council of Royse City, Texas

MINUTES-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 – 7:00 pm
Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street
Royse City, Texas

*	Prior to the Regular Council Meeting, at 6:00 pm a quorum of Council Members may or may not attend a pre-council meeting
*	social gathering. No action of the City Council will be taken at this gathering. Council Chambers will be open to the public.
*	No action was taken at the social gathering.

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
City Secretary, Brenda Craft
Asst. City Secretary, Julia Riley
Ex. Director of Development & Community Services, Janet McPherson
Fire Chief, Richard Bell
Police Chief, Jeff Stapleton
CFO, Joe Stegall
HR Director, Tauna Ratliff
Main St Manager, Paula Morris
Director of HR, Tauna Ratliff
Ex. Director Community Development Corp., Larry Lott
Sr. Project Coordinator, Thomas Fry

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by Mayor Baley.

C. PROCLAMATION

January 18, 2014 "125-year Remembrance Day" Royse City Mason Lodge #663

Mayor Baley read the Remembrance Day Proclamation and presented the Proclamation to lodge members Billy Towery and Worshipful Master Danny Starett.

D. NEW EMPLOYEE

Jacob Wetzel – Court Administrator

E. PRESENTATION

1. Gene Toohey, Officer of The American Legion, 4th District State of Texas. The American Legion is a federally chartered 501(c)(19) Veteran Service Organization which has numerous programs available for Royse City and surrounding residents.

   On behalf of The American Legion, 4th District State of Texas, Mr. Gene Toohey from Caddo Mills presented numerous programs available with continued devotion to Veterans, Leadership for youth, Americanism. 15 Veterans would make up the new post charter in Royse City. Mr. Toohey asks for the support of the Council.

2. Cindy Tayem Oncor Representative – How Oncor responds to storms. (sponsored by Council Member Crowley)

   Ms. Tayem passed out copies of the handout that was presented by Oncor' s Chief Operating Officer to the Public Utility Commission. 60 years since ice storm this early in the season, with leaves still on the trees made for more damage. 232,000 meters were out. Upon repair some meters would come on while others would go off. Access issue was a problem, prioritize repairs for hospitals, nursing homes. For future outages texting, more information on website, IRIS alert to citizens.

F. 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.

Community Waste Disposal (CWD) – company is a private family service company. Involved in community events, has been recognized for several environmental programs, a safe company, hazardous waste pick-up 1-3 times a year along with curbside hazardous waste pick-up, all natural gas vehicles. 14 Franchise contracts in DFW area. Would like to work for the city.

G. 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, City Council regular Meeting December 10, 2013

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

H. BUSINESS

1. Consider and act concerning amending the Exhibit of the CCN Transfer Agreement between the City of Royse City and BHP Water Supply, authorizing additional address to be added for property located at the corner County Road 2656 and County Road 2658, authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto, and any matters related thereto.

Mr. Day: Northeast side of city, FM 264 and Hwy 66 acquired in water CCN. 2-1/2 miles to hook to our waterline. Requests council approval to amend the Exhibit of the CCN Transfer Agreement between the City of Royse City and BHP Water Supply, authorizing additional address.

Motion was made by Council Member Bell, second by Council Member Branch to approve amending the Exhibit of the CCN Transfer Agreement between the City of Royse City and BHP Water Supply, authorizing additional address to be added for property located at the corner County Road 2656 and County Road 2658, authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

2. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance for a Replat of North 125 feet of Lots 11-14 of the Jones Addition (214 S. Elm St) and West 119 feet of Lot 97 of the McCasland Addition (102 E. Lamar St.), Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.

   Mr. McPherson: Lot is at the corner of Lamar and Elm, alley abandoned previously by Council. Two lots replatted into one large commercial lot for future development.

   Motion was made by Council Member Bell, second by Council Member Crowley to approve an Ordinance for a Replat of North 125 feet of Lots 11-14 of the Jones Addition (214 S. Elm St) and West 119 feet of Lot 97 of the McCasland Addition (102 E. Lamar St.), Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

3. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, adding Section 1.05.065 Water Fees, amending (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6), and any matters related thereto.

   Mr. Alsabrook: Amendment is to correct errors in current Ordinance and increase fees due to increase in costs to the city by switching to the Smart Meters.

   Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nichol, second by Council Member Ellis to approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, adding Section 1.05.065 Water Fees, amending (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6). **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

4. Consider and act concerning a Resolution appointing Mike Gilbert, Lucille Bell, and Clay Ellis (terms expire Jun 30, 2013) plus one open position (term expires June 30, 2014), to the Heritage Preservation Committee, and any matters related thereto.

   Motion was made by Council Member Crowley, second by Mayor Pro Tem Nichol to approve a Resolution appointing Mike Gilbert, Lucille Bell, and Clay Ellis (terms expire Jun 30, 2013) plus one open position (term expires June 30, 2014), to the Heritage Preservation Committee. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

5. Discussion and possible action concerning revitalizing by advertising and/or activities to the Zaner Robison Museum, and any matters related thereto. (Sponsored by Council Member Branch)

Mr. Alsabrook: Attendance up 38% in last two years, 15% over last month with 85 visitors. Library Manager is assisting with the functions of the Museum, some exhibits moved to the Library, mutual meetings with the Library and Museum, brochures around town, advertising is stepped up. Library and Museum Advisory Boards could be combined into one board. Place on next agenda.

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council member Crowley to table this item until next agenda. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

6. Discussions concerning City Manager Carl Alsabrook update: Erby Campbell, Comprehensive Plan, City Lake Park Community Build-up, February "Winter Wonderland", groundbreaking January 31st at 2 pm for Erby Campbell Overpass, increased interest in commercial/retail, S/P rating, Museum, and any matters related thereto.

   Erby Campbell: Pothole accident caused closure of both east and westbound lanes
   Comprehensive Plan: P&Z to look at the Comp Plan first by Charter – with recommendations then cost estimate
   City Lake Park Community Build-up: Nice playground–Feb 7-8 about 8 small groups
   February "Winter Wonderland": Feb 15th from 11 to 4, snowhill, ice skating, vendors
   Groundbreaking January 31st at 2 pm for Erby Campbell Overpass: at Walker/Hawk
   Increased interest in Commercial/Retail: More than weekly National and local interests. Pond Branch Sewer Trunk line bids due on Feb 5th
   S/P rating: With the triple jump in rating validates Council and Staff's hard work
   Museum: Discussed in separate item

I. 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.

   City Manager: Good things going on but a lot of work involved, meeting with TxDOT to increase construction signs around McDonald's

J. ADJOURNED AT 8:02 PM

There being no further discussion before the City Council, Mayor Baley adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

ATTEST:

Brenda Craft

Brenda Craft, City Secretary

Janet Nichol

Janet Nichol, Mayor Pro Tem