



City Council of Royse City, Texas

**MINUTES-REGULAR  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2014 – 7:00 pm**

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

**A. CALLED TO ORDER AT 7 PM BY MAYOR PRO TEM NICHOL**

**B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation by Council Member Ellis.

**C. NEW EMPLOYEE – no discussion**

Joseph Adams – Public Works

**D. 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.*

Bonnie Hannon – the road in front of Meeks Chapel on Old Greenville Rd. needs repairs, cars come down the road too fast. Could the road be patched?

**E. 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 – Council: January 14, 2014 and January 28, 2014
2. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by relocating Library criteria to the proper section

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Crowley to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

**F. BUSINESS**

1. Discussion concerning financials of February 2014 Cash Flow/Debt Service and January 2014 Budget Variance Report/Expenditures/Revenue and Cash Analysis, and any matters related thereto.

**Mr. Stegall:** Property Tax 85% received, Sales Tax up 12.3% over last year with 3% over budget. General Fund expenditures 2-3% over, Water and Sewer Fund expenditures below.

2. Consider and act concerning approving bid for contractor for Pond Branch Trunk Sewer Line Project, to P.C. Contractors, LLC of Fort Worth in the amount of \$1,370,079.71, authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto, and any matters related thereto.

**Mr. Alsabrook:** Last easement condemnation hearing February 28<sup>th</sup>. Funding from Community Development for \$250,000 and excess bond funds also for \$250,000.

Motion was made by Council Member Bell, second by Council Member Ellis to approve contract for Pond Branch Trunk Sewer Line Project, to P.C. Contractors, LLC of Fort Worth in the amount of \$1,370,079.71, authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto. **Motion carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

3. Consider and act concerning engaging a Public Relations Consultant in response to a request by City Council Member Crowley, authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto, and any matters related thereto.

**Mr. Alsabrook:** "Promoting Royse City – The First Steps" from Jim Hardin is a bullet point regarding marketing and promoting Royse City. Mr. Hardin is proposing an eight month contract. Cost \$12,000-\$15,000 from Hotel/Motel Funds. **Council Member Branch:** Could there be a "Special Events Committee" as an alternative to this? **Mr. Alsabrook:** Thought the idea for a Public Relations Consultant would be to promote Royse City through advertising mainly, for example in various magazines. Could issue Press Releases also. **Mayor Pro Tem Nichol:** Thought advertising was the main goal. **Council Member Branch:** Realizes there will be more costs over and above just the consultant fee. **Council Member Crowley:** Agrees with Mayor Pro Tem Nichol. **Mr. Day:** Could be a different aspect of advertising such as adding a word search to Google for Royse City. Could stipulate that the Consultant report to the Council monthly. **Council Member Ellis:** Looking for a way to measure what we're getting for the consultant fee.

Motion was made by Council Member Crowley to table till the next council meeting, second by Council Member Branch. **Motion carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

4. Consider and act concerning to proceed with the "Welcome Sign(s)", proposed cost and proposed location, and any matters related thereto.

**Mr. Alsabrook:** "Large" monument type sign east city limits and west city limits and at Highway 66. If there are any funds left over for the Erby Campbell Interchange project TxDOT could possibly fund the signs, if not, funding would be from Hotel/Motel funds. **Ms. McPherson:** By TxDOT standards project would need to be engineered plus follow their rules for example setback out of the danger zone, limiting the sign just to welcoming. **Mayor Pro Tem Nichol:** The signs on Highway 66 could be smaller than the ones off the interstate. **Mr. Alsabrook:** Four signs, two off the interstate and two off Highway 66. Will reach out to TxDOT, will bring back more information once received.

Motion was made by Council Member Ellis, second by Council Member Wheatley to proceed with the cost on four signs, larger signs for the two off Interstate 30 and smaller signs for the two off Highway 66. **Motion carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

5. Consider and act concerning reappointing members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), Robert McMillan, Scott Erby, Jennifer Satterfield, Alternate Doug Bostick, to the Zoning Board of Adjustments, and any matters related thereto.

Motion was made by Council Member Ellis, second by Council Member Branch to approve reappointing Robert McMillan, Scott Erby, Jennifer Satterfield, and Alternate Doug Bostick, to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. **Motion carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

6. Discussions concerning City Manager Carl Alsabrook update: Erby Campbell Interchange Project, Welcome Sign, repairs to Mr. Royse home, Winter Wonderland, new Insurance Services Office (ISO) Rating effective February 1, 2014, and any matters related thereto.

Erby Campbell Interchange Project: Setting overpass panels on the east bound side, working to improve surface on the west bound service road.

Welcome Sign: Discussed previously.

Repairs to Mr. Royse home: Consultant advised cosmetic damage, level house first repair about \$16,000, will receive bids for foundation repair. Repair costs would be from Hotel/Motel funds. Determine future use for building. **Council Member Ellis:** Where are the groups that indicated at the time the city purchased the property that groups would raise money for repairs? **Council Member Branch:** Needs more discussion regarding cost and use. Add to next agenda.

Winter Wonderland: Huge success.

New Insurance Services Office (ISO) Rating effective February 1, 2014: Rating lowered to a 3. Rate Study was well worth the reduction in rating for our citizens.

## **G. 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 Nichol: Discussion concerning possible proposal to remove Main Street from the Heritage District

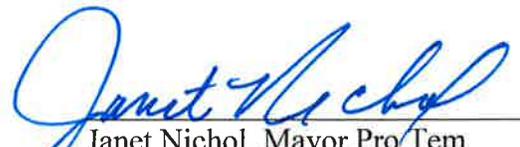
Council Member Crowley: Sign Ordinance – Political Signs and Update concerning Rockwall County Communications

## **H. ADJOURNE AT 7:36 PM**

Mayor Pro Tem Nichol moved Council Meeting Adjourn. Adjournment unanimous at 7:36 pm.

ATTEST:

  
Brenda Craft, City Secretary

  
Janet Nichol, Mayor Pro Tem