City Council of Royse City, Texas

MINUTES-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 11, 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 7PM 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
CFO, Joe Stegall
Fire Chief, Richard Bell
Police Chief, Jeff Stapleton
Main St Manager, Paula Morris
Public Works Director, Dario Lopez
Sr. Project Manager, Thomas Fry
Ex. Director of Community Development Corp., Larry Lott

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by Council Member Ellis.

C. NEW EMPLOYEE

Joseph Adams – Public Works –Introduced by City Manager Carl Alsabrook

D. RECESS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:02 PM

E. PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:02 PM

1. Take testimony concerning a Specific Use Permit application for a contractor with outside storage to be located at 2812 FM 35 (also known as Tract 2-2 of the Richard Mead Survey, Abstract 141), Royse City, Rockwall County.

Ms. McPherson: Rezone to Commercial 1 (C1) for BHP facility. Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval, screening on back portion of property. Received a request to postpone screening. Front portion wrought iron fence, rest of property chain link fence.

No citizens for or against.

2. Take testimony concerning a Specific Use Permit application for a religious institution to be located at 816 West Church Street (also known as Tract 11-1 of the WJ Hart Survey), Royse City, Rockwall County.

   Ms. McPherson: Former Assembly of God Church which was zoned Agricultural (AG). New church needs Specific Use Permit (SUP) to receive their Certificate of Occupancy. Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval.

   No citizens for or against.

F. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:08 PM

G. RECONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:08 PM

H. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - none

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.

I. 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. Excusing the absence of Mayor Jerrell Baley.

   Motion was made by Council Member Bell, second by Mayor Pro Tem Nichol to excuse Mayor Baley from one Regular Council Meeting of February 25, 2014. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

J. BUSINESS

1. Discussion concerning process and timing of refunding bonds from Financial Advisor, and any matters related thereto.

   Paul Jasin of Specialized Public Finance: New ratings helped with the ability to go forward with the 2014 Refunding Bonds. No new debt, saving interest only.

2. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance regarding a Specific Use Permit application for a contractor with outside storage to be located at 2812 FM 35 (also known as Tract 2-2 of the Richard Mead Survey, Abstract 141), Royse City, Rockwall County, and any matters related thereto.

   Motion was made by Council Member Bell, second by Mayor Po Tem Nichol to approve an Ordinance for a Specific Use Permit for a contractor with outside storage to be located at 2812 FM 35 (also known as Tract 2-2 of the Richard Mead Survey, Abstract 141), Royse City, Rockwall County, with screening the back portion of the property. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

3. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance regarding a Specific Use Permit application for a religious institution to be located at 816 West Church Street (also known as Tract 11-1 of the WJ Hart Survey), Royse City, Rockwall County, and any matters related thereto.

   Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Wheatley to approve an Ordinance for a Specific Use Permit for a religious institution to be located at 816 West Church Street (also known as Tract 11-1 of the WJ Hart Survey), Royse City, Rockwall County. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

4. Consider and act concerning technology for the Court/Council Chambers, authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto, and any matters related thereto.

   Mr. Alsabrook: Numerous vendors on the market, received bids from three companies. 90% funding from Court Technology funds. **Mr. Fry:** From hard wired to wireless quotes. Can still use iPads, two 65" and 19" monitors. **Council Member Crowley:** We have audio issues, would prefer audio quotes too. **Mr. Alsabrook:** Will have Mr. Fry get quotes on updating audio system with speakers at the back of the room.

   Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Wheatley to contract with Summit for technology for the Court/Council Chambers, authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

5. Consider and act concerning engaging a Public Relations Consultant, including length of contract and cost, and any matters related thereto.

   Mr. Alsabrook: Mr. Hardin fees would be on a case by case project with a multitude of items previously discussed by council such has city entry signs and advertising in publications.

   Motion was made by Council Member Bell, second by Council Member Crowley to approve engaging a Public Relations Consultant on a case by case project, approving the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

6. Discussion concerning the process for a proposal from Mayor Pro Tem Nichol for ideas regarding removing Main Street from the Heritage District, and any matters related thereto.

   Mayor Pro Tem Nichol: Not for disbanding the Heritage District but would like for Council to consider moving Main St. out of the Heritage District. **Ms. McPherson:** Process for minor issues staff signs off. Main St. issues go straight to Main St. Board. **Mayor Baley and Council Member Bell** would like a review of Heritage District. **Mayor Pro Tem Nichol and Council Member Ellis** would like Main St. out of the Heritage District. **Council Member Crowley** would like to revisit issue in 60 days after a study of what the Heritage Board does. **Ms. McPherson:** To make any changes issue must first go before the Planning and Zoning Commission. Will start that process. Email Heritage Rules to Council.

7. Consider and act concerning repairs, cost and funding the cost for the Mr. Royse home on North Houston, and any matters related thereto.

   Mr. Alsabrook: Repairs needed are foundation (leveling), draining, electrical, and plumbing for a start. Best for concrete piers. Could move house back to help avoid drainage problem that is under house. **Council Member Branch:** Could leave house in same place and have Public Works repair the drainage problem and save money.

   Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Crowley to not move house back but repair foundation. Council Member Branch withdrew his motion.

   Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Nichol, second by Council member Bell to move the house back on the lot and repair foundation with concrete piers. **Motion carried: 5 Ayes (Nichol, Ellis, Bell, Wheatley, Baley), 2 Nays (Branch, Crowley), and 0 Abstentions.**

8. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance cancelling the May 10, 2014 General Election by declaring the candidates unopposed, and any matters related thereto.

   Ms. Craft: Certificate of Unopposed Candidates delivered to the Mayor and Council. Place 2, 4 and 6 all candidates were unopposed therefore by state law the General Election may be canceled.

   Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Crowley to approve an Ordinance cancelling the May 10, 2014 General Election by declaring the candidates unopposed. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

9. Discussions concerning City Manager Carl Alsabrook update: Erby Campbell, Rockwall County Radio Communications (requested by Council Member Crowley), Parks and Rec Board to meet in March for recommendation to name a Main Street Park in memory of Ouida Baley, and any matters related thereto.

   Erby Campbell Interchange Project: Eastbound is taking shape. New panels up next week.
   Rockwall County Radio Communications (requested by Council Member Crowley): Police Dept. and Fire Dept. communications is inadequate. Sheriff Harold Evanson proposed a county wide communication system. Operational possible in one year. This would be the 700 megahertz system.
   Parks and Rec Board to meet in March for recommendation to name a Main Street Park in memory of Ouida Baley: Goes to the Park Board in April, with the proposal on the council agenda in April too.

K. 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 Baley: Reinstate Library Advisory Board.

L. ADJOURNED AT 8 PM

Motion was made by Council Member Bell, second by Council Member Crowley to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting. Adjournment unanimous at 8:00 pm.

ATTEST:

Brenda Craft

Brenda Craft, City Secretary

Jerrell Baley

Jerrell Baley, Mayor