



**MINUTES-REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, April 22, 2014 – 7:00 pm

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

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
CFO, Joe Stegall
Fire Chief, Richard Bell
Police Chief, Jeff Stapleton
Public Works Director, Dario Lopez
Sr. Project Manager: Thomas Fry

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by Mayor Baley.

C. RECESS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:03 PM

D. PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:03 PM

1. Take testimony concerning voluntary annexation of 5.500 acres, more or less, in the J.W. Beckton Survey, Abstract No. 91, Tract 1-1, Hunt County, Royse City, Texas.

Voluntary Annexation from Mr. John Knight.
No citizens for or against.

E. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:04 PM

F. RECONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:04 PM

G. PRESENTATION OF 2012-2013 AUDIT

Mike Conway of Conway Company CPA's presented the 2012-2013 Audit:

Clean audit opinion, no problems, examined all documents needed, Sales Tax up a lot, Property Tax up too. Economic activity increase, General Fund decline in expenses, two million more in revenue from previous year. 2012-2013 was a good year for Royse City. Growth in water infrastructure. Big infrastructure needs in the future. City is well positioned and doing very well.

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. Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances amending Article 1.04 Boards, Commissions and Committees, Division 2, Sec 1.04.031, 1.04.032, 1.04.033, 1.04.035, and 1.04.037 of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

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

J. RECESS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:10 PM

K. PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:10 PM

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L. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:10 PM

M. RECONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:10 PM

N. BUSINESS

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

Mr. Stegall: Good reserves, Property Tax at 96.7% collection. Oncor payment lost in January at Central Appraisal District, found in April. Expenses 4% over budget, due to replacing a police car, our portion of City Lake Park Grant, cost to limb removal from ice storm. Water and Sewer good surplus.

2. Consider and act concerning authorizing Mayor Baley to sign the “Letter of Intent”, regarding the county-wide radio communications and dispatch center, drafted by Rockwall County; within the next thirty days Judge Hogan or Commissioner Bailey would brief the council regarding the Interoperability Radio Network (IRN) and dispatch services, allowing for the letter of intent signed by the Mayor returned to the county within the next thirty days, and any matters related thereto.

Mayor Pro Tem Nichol: Not ready to sign the Letter of Intent, no city has so far, needs more information. Partial ownership? If we step out of agreement do we get our money back, a lot of issues. **Mr. Day:** Letter of Intent is not binding, another agreement would need to be signed. **Council Member Branch:** Can we give verbal intent? **Mr. Day:** Yes. We could relay to the county we are willing to talk but not sign the letter at this time. **Council Member Branch:** No cost figures yet, ownership issue plus the county could increase our dispatch fees 300% if they wanted, does not want to sign at this point. **Mr. Alsabrook:** Wait a few weeks and get answers to our questions.

Motion was made by Council Member Bell, second by Council Member Crowley to amend the letter by removing section 2 (g) and authorize the Mayor to sign the “Letter of Intent” and return letter to the county. **Motion failed: 3 Ayes – Bell, Crowley and Baley, 4 Nays – Nichol, Ellis, Wheatley and Branch, and 0 Abstentions.**

Motion was made by Council Member Bell, second by Council Member Crowley to authorize the Mayor to sign the “Letter of Intent” and return the letter to the county. **Motion failed: 3 Ayes – Bell, Crowley and Baley, 4 Nays – Nichol, Ellis, Wheatley and Branch, and 0 Abstentions.**

3. Consider and act upon a Water Conservation Plan, and any matters related thereto.

Mr. Day: Recommendation is to re-adopt current plan, take or pay has not changed. Continues to be pay for water unused by reduce intake of number of gallons. Contract states that NTMWD is to provide us with any and all water needed and they have failed to do that. Bound by contract not to reduce take or pay. **Council Member Branch:** Volunteers to serve on the NTMWD Board of Directors.

Motion was made by Council Member Ellis, second by Council Member Bell to continue with the ordinance passed in 2008, included in the Code of Ordinances, regarding a Water Conservation Plan. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

4. Consider and act concerning a request from Royse City Youth Baseball and Softball Association for funding participation for scoreboards and two batting tunnels for Walker Hawk Sports Complex fields, and any matters related thereto.

Mr. Alsabrook: Royse City Youth Baseball and Softball Association would pay half, \$7,585.24, for scoreboards and two batting tunnels, the City would pay the other half along with electrical and concrete totaling \$12,089.86,

Motion was made by Council Member Bell, second by Council Member Wheatley to approve a request from Royse City Youth Baseball and Softball Association for funding participation for scoreboards and two batting tunnels for Walker Hawk Sports Complex fields. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

5. Discussions concerning City Manager Carl Alsabrook update: Development, possible street repair bonds, removal of islands and/or No Parking on N. Houston St., May 10th Car Show on Main St, and Spring Clean-up, and any matters related thereto.

Development: mid-summer construction bids, construction time approximately 10 months. Interested retail: What-a-burger, O'Riley Auto Parts, Murphy Oil at Wal-Mart, Great Clips and CVS.

Possible street repair bonds: Discuss during the budget process

Removal of islands and/or No Parking on N. Houston St.: Halff and Associates investigating, will return report, discussion, why a truck route on N. Houston (adopted in 1995)

May 10th Car Show on Main St.: Preparation ongoing.

Spring Clean-up: Clean-up will be in June. Can't take hazardous waste with the cost being estimated at \$110,000 will be take computer parts.

O. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - none

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.

P. ADJOURNED AT 7:38 PM

Motion was made by Council Member Crowley, second by Council Member Bell to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting. Adjournment unanimous at 7:38 pm.

ATTEST:


Brenda Craft, City Secretary


Jerrell Baley, Mayor