



**MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED
CITY COUNCIL**

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 – 7 pm
Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street
Royse City, Texas

* Prior to the Special Called City Council Meeting, at 6:00 pm a quorum of Council Members may or may not attend a 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 7:00 PM BY MAYOR NICHOL

Announced the presence of a quorum.

- Members Present: Mayor, Janet Nichol
Council Member Place 2, Mayor Pro Tem, Clay Ellis
Council Member Place 3, Bruce Bradley
Council Member Place 5, James Branch
Council Member, Place 6, Tom Crowley
- Members Absent: Council Member Place 1, Charles Houk
Council Member Place 4, Matt Wheatley
- Staff Present: City Secretary, Brenda Craft
City Attorney, Jason Day
Ex. Director of Development & Community Services, Janet McPherson
Director of Finance, Shannon Raymond
Fire Chief, Richard Bell
Director of Public Works: Dario Lopez
Executive Director of Community Development Corp., Larry Lott
Director of HR, Tauna Ratliff

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by Mayor Nichol.

C. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - none

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Rockwall Central Appraisal District Interlocal Agreement for Assessment and Collection of Taxes, authorizing City Manager to sign all documents related thereto.

Motion was made by Council Member Crowley, second by Council Member Bradley to approve the Consent Agenda: Rockwall Central Appraisal District Interlocal Agreement for Assessment and Collection of Taxes, authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto. **Motion carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays and, 0 Abstentions.**

E. RECESS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:03 PM

F. PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:03 PM

1. Take testimony concerning the 2015-2016 Budget.
No citizen for or against.

G. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:03 PM

H. RECONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:03 PM

I. BUSINESS

1. Consider and act concerning a Resolution regarding the elevations/site plan/design of the future Dairy Queen to be located on Lot 6 of the Erby Campbell Retail Center (northwest corner of the I-30 Service Road and Erby Campbell), Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas. This is in regards to Ordinance 12-02-879, Section 5-3 Interstate 30 Corridor Overlay District (I-30 COD), E. Design Standards, and any matters related thereto.

Ms. McPherson: Planning & Zoning took action at noon yesterday. Dairy Queen Corporate changed the design since the original packet. The elevation changed around the parapet wall and the brick around the cooler.

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Ellis to approve a Resolution regarding the elevations/site plan/design of the future Dairy Queen to be located on Lot 6 of the Erby Campbell Retail Center (northwest corner of the I-30 Service Road and Erby Campbell), Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas. This is in regards to Ordinance 12-02-879, Section 5-3 Interstate 30 Corridor Overlay District (I-30 COD), E. Design Standards. **Motion carried 5 Ayes, 0 Nays and, 0 Abstentions.**

2. Consider and act concerning a Resolution to appoint Carol Burks to Zoning Board of Adjustments, and any matters related thereto.

Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings will not have a quorum without this appointment.

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Crowley to table the item until all council members could be present. **Motion carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays and, 0 Abstentions.**

3. Consider and act concerning appointing four commissioners to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and any matters related thereto.

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Crowley to table the item until all council members could be present. **Motion carried 5 Ayes, 0 Nays and, 0 Abstentions.**

4. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance amending the 2014-2015 Budget, and any matters related thereto.

Ms. Raymond: amendments for adjustments throughout the fiscal year.

Motion was made by Council Member Crowley, second by Council Member Branch to approve an Ordinance amending the 2014-2015 Budget. **Motion carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays and, 0 Abstentions.**

5. Consider and act upon an Ordinance adopting annual budget for the City of Royse City, Texas for the fiscal period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016; levying taxes for 2015; providing for intra-fund and/or intra-departmental transfers; providing for investment of idle funds; and declaring an effective date, and any matters related thereto.

Council Member Bradley, I move for approval of the Ordinance adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget, second by Council Member Ellis to approve an Ordinance adopting annual budget for the City of Royse City, Texas for the fiscal period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016; levying taxes for 2015; providing for intra-fund and/or intra-departmental transfers; providing for investment of idle funds; and declaring an effective date. **Motion carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays and, 0 Abstentions.**

6. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance fixing the tax rate/levy for Tax Year 2015 and Budget fiscal year 2015-2016 at \$0.6771 and \$100 valuation, and any matters related thereto.

Motion was made by Council Member Branch to approve the ordinance. **Ms. Raymond:** State mandated language required. **Council Member Branch:** I remove by motion.

Council Member Crowley, I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.6771, which is effectively an 8.8% increase in the tax rate, second by Council Member Ellis to approve an Ordinance fixing the tax rate/levy for Tax Year 2015 and Budget fiscal year 2015-2016 at \$0.6771 and \$100 valuation. **Motion carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

7. Consider and act concerning ratifying the Property Tax Revenue increase reflected in the fiscal year Budget 2015-2016, and any matters related thereto.

Council Member Bradley, I move to ratify the ad valorem property tax revenue increase, acknowledging this budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$229,900, which is a 7 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$121,912, second by Council Member Ellis to approve ratifying the Property Tax Revenue increase reflected in the fiscal year Budget 2015-2016. **Motion carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays and, 0 Abstentions.**

8. Discussion concerning monthly revenue and expenditure report for August 2015, and any matters related thereto.

Ms. Raymond: Everything is on target. Debt service payments are made. Rate Study started on water fund.

9. Discussions concerning City Manager Carl Alsbrook update: Development, Homecoming Parade September 18th, Celebrate Freedom on Veterans Day November 7, 2015- begins at 3pm, Deryl Dodd at 5pm and Fireworks at 6pm, Trick-or-Treat on Main St October 28th 6pm-8pm, Pumpkin Patch October 14th-31st, Municipal Government Academy begins October 15, 2015 6:30pm – 8:30pm, any matters related thereto.

Development: The Erby Campbell turnaround is open.

Homecoming Parade September 18th: This Friday streets will close a 2:00 or 2:30. The parade starts at 3:00. The route will be from Erby Campbell down Main to 1777.

Celebrate Freedom on Veterans Day November 7, 2015 – begins at 3pm; Deryl Dodd at 5pm and Fireworks at 6pm:

Trick-or-Treat on Main St October 28th 6pm-8pm:

Pumpkin Patch October 14th-31st:

Municipal Government Academy begins October 15, 2015 6:30pm-8:30pm:

J. RECESS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:23PM

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:23 PM

Recess into Closed Session in compliance with Section 551.001 etseq. Texas Government Code, to wit:

Section 551.074, Personnel-Deliberate concerning finalist for City Secretary position and employment terms.

L. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:40 PM

M. RECONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:40 PM

Reconvene into Regular Session and take any action necessary as a result of the Closed Session concerning: Finalist for City Secretary position and employment terms.

Council Member Branch, I hereby make a motion to appoint Deborah Sorenson as City Secretary conditioned upon finalizing employment terms with the Mayor, City Attorney, and HR Director, second by Council Member Ellis. **Motion carried 5 Ayes, 0 Nays and, 0 Abstentions.**

N. 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.

Update needed on Erby Campbell

O. ADJOURNED AT 7:42 PM

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Crowley to adjourn at 7:42pm. **Motion carried 5 Ayes, 0 Nays and, 0 Abstentions.**

ATTEST:


Brenda Craft, City Secretary


Janet Nichol, Mayor