



**MINUTES REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, August 9, 2016 – 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 social gathering.
- * No action of the City Council will take place at this gathering. Council Chambers will be open to the public.
- * No action was taken

A. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM BY MAYOR NICHOL

Announce the presence of a quorum.

Members Present: Mayor, Janet Nichol
 Council Member Place 1, Charles Houk
 Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 2, Clay Ellis
 Council Member Place 3, Bruce Bradley
 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 Secretary, Deborah Sorensen
 City Attorney, Jason Day
 Director of Finance, Shannon Raymond
 Executive Dir. of Development & Community Services, Janet McPherson
 Police Chief, Jeff Stapleton
 Fire Chief, Rickey Bell
 Director of Public Works, Dario Lopez
 Director of HR, Tauna Ratliff
 Main Street Manager, Paula Morris
 Executive Director of Community Development Corp., Larry Lott

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Bradley gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes: July 26, 2016

Council Member Branch made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Council Member Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

E. BUSINESS

1. Consider and act upon presentation and acceptance of a Local Option Petition, and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day stated for this item you are just accepting the Petition that citizens of the city have submitted.

Deborah Sorensen presented the Local Option Petition, which was submitted to her office on July 1, 2016 and verified on July 11, 2016 with 546 qualified signatures. Only 482 signatures were required; therefore, it qualifies to be a legitimate petition.

Council Member Crowley asked if the total was combined for all three counties. Deborah stated it was.

Council Member Houk made a motion to accept the Petition. Council Member Branch seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

2. Consider and act concerning a Resolution Ordering a Special Local Option Election to be held on November 8, 2016 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Royse City the following issue: "Legalizing the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages", and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day explained this was the first special called election that the City has done in almost a decade, he requested a recess into Executive Session to allow the City Council to discuss and understand, from a legal standpoint, what comes forth next.

F. RECESS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:03 PM

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Section §551.071 - Private consultation with the City Attorney

1. Discussion concerning election issues.

H. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:44 PM

I. RECONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2. Consider and act concerning a Resolution Ordering a Special Local Option Election to be held on November 8, 2016 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Royse City the following issue: "Legalizing the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages", and any matters related thereto.

Jason explained that because the City received a valid petition from the voters of this City, State law requires that we put this on the ballot to give it back to the voters of the City, to see whether or not they want to approve this item. The next General Election date is November 8, 2016, and this would put it on the ballot.

Council Member Houk made a motion to approve the Resolution Ordering the Special Local Option Election to be held on November 8, 2016. Mayor Pro Tem Ellis seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

1. Consider and act concerning a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with the Rockwall County Election Administrator for the November 8, 2016 Special Local Option Election, and any matters related thereto.

Deborah explained that the City has to contract with three counties since this election will be in November. This item is for the Rockwall County Election Administrator to handle the Rockwall County side of our citizens for the November 8, 2016 election.

Council Member Houk made a motion approving the Resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Ellis seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

2. Consider and act concerning a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with the Hunt County Election Administrator for the November 8, 2016 Special Local Option Election, and any matters related thereto.

Deborah explained this is for the Hunt County portion for our City. She just received the estimate cost, which is \$2,320.70 for the Hunt County portion of the election.

Council Member Houk made a motion approving the Resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Ellis seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

3. Consider and act concerning a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with the Collin County Election Administrator for the November 8, 2016 Special Local Option Election, and any matters related thereto.

Deborah said this is for the Collin County portion of the election.

Council Member Houk made a motion to approve this Resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Ellis seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

4. Consider and act concerning an Interlocal Agreement with Rockwall County for Dispatch Services, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsbrook stated this is the annual contract with Rockwall County for dispatch services. Carl said they do an outstanding job for us and they are only raising the rate \$2,000, which is far cheaper than if we choose to do this on our own. Total compensation to Rockwall County is \$45,000, including the \$2,000 increase.

Council Member Wheatley made a motion to approve the contract. Council Member Branch seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

5. Consider and act concerning authorization to award street repair of Old Greenville Road to APAC-Texas, Inc in the amount of \$94,323.09, authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto, and any matters related thereto.

Carl stated the agreement with Dallas County that we have been discussing the last several months has worked out, and should have already been voted on by the Dallas County Commissioner's Court tonight. We were assured there were no issues. We are bringing you a contact for Old Greenville Road for a total of just under \$95,000. We have been told work will begin soon after Labor Day and will be completed this budget year.

Council Member Bradley asked about the date on Item 10 of the Agreement, which states "this price is firm through June 30, 2016. Price will terminate on July 1, 2016".

Dario Lopez explained that he received a document dated August 8, 2016. It is the same price, he just changed the date.

Council Member Crowley asked for Dario about Item 12 regarding what does “does not include traffic control” mean.

Dario explained that if any traffic control was needed, then the City Public Works would have to be out there with flags, barricades, or anything like that.

Mayor Pro Tem Ellis made a motion to award street repairs of Old Greenville Road in the amount of \$94,323.09. Council Member Branch seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

6. Discussion concerning City Manager update: Development, Back 2 School Bash, Update on Main Street Buildings, and any matters related thereto.

Carl explained that the construction across the street from the police department has begun to remove the tanks and work on the building, which will eventually be a restaurant facility.

Charlie’s, Fuzzy’s Tacos, and Golden Chick have opened and have been very successful. In fact, some comments that it was too hard to get in, which is a good thing.

Dairy Queen and Whataburger are progressing. The apartment construction is moving forward, as is Tractor Supply. There are seven pad sites in front of Tractor Supply, which we are getting a lot of interest, as well as the Berlin site.

Back to School Bash is Friday, August 19, 2016, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Main Street.

The Main Street buildings were discussed at the last meeting. There is an architect from the State coming out Thursday and Friday to give us some ideas on the conditions of the buildings and try to give us some options regarding creative financing to fix those buildings.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:54 PM

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

Section §551.071 - Private consultation with the City Attorney

1. Discussion concerning legal annexation issues.

K. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT

L. RECONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session regarding Legal Annexation, and any matters related thereto.

No action.

M. 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.

No action.

N. **ADJOURN AT 8:11 PM**

Mayor Pro Tem Ellis made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**



Janet Nichol, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, City Secretary

