



**MINUTES REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 – 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 Develop. & Community Services, Janet McPherson
Police Chief, Jeff Stapleton
Fire Chief, Rickey Bell
Director of Public Works, Dario Lopez
Director of HR, Tauna Ratliff
Main St. Manager, Paula Morris
Executive Director of Community Development Corp., Larry Lott

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Nichol gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. RECOGNITION OF POLICE OFFICER

1. Presentation of Lifesaving Award to Officer Alan Potter

Chief Stapleton presented the Lifesaving Award to Officer Alan Potter for an incident that occurred on January 28, 2017.

D. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

E. PRESENTATION

1. Presentation of Rockwall County Open Space Plan by Rockwall County Commissioner David Magness, and any matters related thereto.

Commissioner gave a brief presentation of the Rockwall County Open Space Plan. Rockwall County is the 11th most densely populated county in the state. This is part of the reason they decided to develop an Open Space Plan. Kevin Shepherd, with Verdunity, developed the Comprehensive Master Open Space Plan. Open Space is a quality of life issue. If cities plan to attract and retain businesses and citizens, they need more than just neighborhood parks. The County's goals are to preserve storm water corridor, explore community interest in potential location for a major preserve or a public amenity that can be developed in the future, and protect and establish corridors essential for county-wide open space connectivity.

F. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:19 PM

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Take testimony concerning a voluntary annexation of 15.26 Acres situated in the John Davis Survey, Abstract No. 244, Tract 12, situated along CR 1031, Collin County, Texas, and 44 Acres Situated in the John Davis Survey, Abstract No. 1317, Tract R13, situated along CR 2652, Hunt County, Texas.

No one spoke for or against.

H. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:20 PM

I. PUBLIC HEARING #2 AT 7:20PM

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No one spoke for or against.

J. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING #2 AT 7:21 PM

K. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:21 PM

L. CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes: January 24, 2017 and February 6, 2017

Council Member Branch made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Ellis seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

M. BUSINESS

1. Consider and act concerning the elevations, site plan, and other submittals as they relate to Chapter 14 Zoning, Section 5-3 Interstate 30 Corridor Overlay District (I30 COD) for the property described as Lot 7 of the Erby Campbell Retail Center (Panda Express), Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.

Janet McPherson stated this lot is between Dairy Queen and Whataburger. Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to approve this.

Council Member Bradley made a motion to approve the plans as presented. Council Member Branch seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

2. Consider and act concerning the elevations, site plan, and other submittals as they relate to Chapter 14 Zoning, Section 5-3 Interstate 30 Corridor Overlay District (I30 COD) for the property described as Lot 3, Block A of the CVS-Royse City Addition Re-Plat (medical facility), Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.

Janet McPherson stated this lot is north of CVS and south of High Point Church and will face Erby Campbell. It will be an 8,000 square foot building. It is a 24-hour emergency room facility. Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to approve this.

Council Member Branch asked about the signs. Janet responded the signs have not been submitted yet. Another company will take care of the signage at a later time. Council Member Branch is concerned that there will be too many pole signs.

Council Member Wheatley made a motion to approve the elevations, site plan, and other submittals. Council Member Branch seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

3. Consider and act concerning approving an Ordinance regarding a Voluntary Annexation of 47.89 acres, more or less, located in JW Love Survey, Abstract No. 0140, situated along FM 548, Rockwall County, and ES Alexander Survey, Abstract 0004, situated along FM 548, Rockwall County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day stated this property is Nancy Keim's, which is located along FM 548. This annexation will help contiguity to get to the Waterscape development.

Council Member Houk made a motion to approve the annexation. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

4. Discussion of support of legislation regarding public hike and bike trail pending before State Legislature, and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day stated that he spoke to the Parks Board about this at their last meeting. In 2015 the legislature passed a bill for Synergy, in Houston, that would allow them to have cities use their right of ways or easements under the power lines for hike and bike trails without getting sued if something were to happen. TCAP would like this bill to now be statewide. We have several power line areas that we could use as trails in our city. He is not asking for anything to be done tonight. The Mayor may be asked to sign a letter of support at a later date.

5. Discussion concerning City Manager update: Development, Chamber Casino Night February 17th - 6:30 pm, Old Town Block Party March 4th - 11 am to 4 pm, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsbrook gave an overall update on development that has taken place since May 2016. Twelve businesses have opened in the I-30 Corridor and three businesses have opened on Main Street. That's a total of fifteen businesses opening. The value for new residential permits has increased by \$10,745,020 and the value for new commercial permits has increased by \$19,298,975. Our bond rating was upgraded from A to AA-.

The Chamber Casino Night is this Friday at Southern Junction beginning at 6:30 pm.

The Old Town Block Party is March 4th from 11 am to 4 pm.

N. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:35 PM

O. 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 with City Attorney regarding condemnation for utility lines along FM 2642 and FM 35.
2. Discussion with City Attorney regarding agreement with Ridge Park.

P. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:16 PM

Q. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:16 PM

1. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session concerning the condemnation for utility lines along FM 2642 and FM 35, and any matters relate thereto.

No action taken

2. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session concerning agreement with Ridge Park, and any matters related thereto.

No action taken

R. 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.

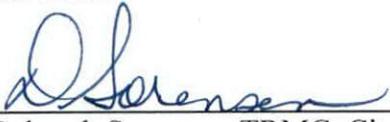
Council Member Branch asked to discuss pole signs along I-30 at a future meeting. He is concerned with the amount of pole signs that will be in the I-30 Corridor.

Mayor Nichol asked for an update on the progress of Wood Street.

S. ADJOURN AT 8:19 PM

Council Member Branch made a motion to adjourn meeting. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

ATTEST:


Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, City Secretary


Janet Nichol, Mayor

