



**MINUTES REGULAR  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 9, 2018 – 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 7:02 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 Attorney, Jason Day  
City Secretary, Deborah Sorensen  
Assistant City Secretary, Camille Johnson  
Director of Finance, Shannon Raymond  
Police Chief, Jeff Stapleton  
Fire Chief, Rickey Bell  
Director of Public Works, Dario Lopez  
Parks & Facilities Superintendent, Martin Torres  
Director of HR, Tauna Ratliff  
Main Street Manager, Paula Morris  
Executive Director of Community Development Corp., Larry Lott

**B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Jason Hammack of First Church Royse City gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

None

**D. APPOINTMENT**

1. Appointment with Rockwall County Commissioner David Magness, to discuss overview of Rockwall County Road Projects, and any matters related thereto.

Commissioner Magness gave an update on all of the Rockwall County Road Projects. Commissioner Magness also stated the November 6<sup>th</sup> election includes a proposed \$50.27 million bond to build a new addition and renovate the current county jail. If

passed, the financial impact will be approximately \$0.016 per citizen. He further added, the Rockwall County Thoroughfare Plan is in draft form and they are seeking input from the cities.

## **E. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. City Council Minutes: September 25, 2018

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

## **F. BUSINESS**

1. Consider and act concerning an Interlocal Agreement between Rockwall County and the City of Royse City for Fire Protection Services for a period of October 1, 2018 through September 31, 2019, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsbrook stated this is an annual contract. There aren't any changes and Fire Chief Bell and Jason Day are ok with the contract.

Council Member Bradley made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Rockwall County and the City of Royse City for Fire Protection Services. Mayor Pro Tem Ellis seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

2. Consider and act concerning a Resolution Setting the Date, Time, and Place for Public Hearings on Proposed Voluntary Annexation Located in Hunt County, and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day stated that there are three areas that the Verandah MUD have taken out of the district and have petition the city to annex into the city limits. This is being done per the various development agreements that have already been approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Ellis made a motion to approve the Resolution Setting the Date, Time, and Place for Public Hearings on Proposed Voluntary Annexation. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

3. Consider and act concerning a Resolution to addition of 418.324 Acres of Land by Verandah Municipal Utility District (MUD) of Hunt County, and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day stated it has been agreed to add the 418.324 acres by the last amendment to the Verandah MUD Development Agreement. This is formalizing what has been previously approved.

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

4. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance regarding a Preliminary Plat of Verandah Phase 12, consisting of 81.818 acres of land situated in the Joseph Prewitt Survey, Abstract No. 851 and John Davis Survey, Abstract No. 1317, Verandah Municipal Utility District, Hunt County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day reported Phase 12 is situated on the north end of the multi-phase development, located on the east side of FM 2642 and south of Hwy 66. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval during the October 4<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Staff would like to make amendments to this plat based upon the latest amendment to the Verandah MUD Development Agreement. First, the developer is required to improve CR 2650; however, nothing is reflected in the plat. Staff recommending language to be added to plat stating that plat is approved

contingent upon developer making improvements to CR 2650 by adding a 37 foot road curb to curb with two lanes and with a lane in the middle; also a tree line meadow and parking indentions. The trail system should be adding to the plat and also park space has to be added.

Council Member Branch made a motion to approve the preliminary plat contingent upon adding the additional park space that was in the original agreement, improving CR 2650 per the agreement and adding the trail system per the agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Ellis seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

5. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance cancelling the November 27, 2018 and December 25, 2018 Regular City Council meetings, and any matters related thereto.

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

6. Discussion concerning City Manager update: Development, Bulldog Homecoming Pep Rally, Main Street Pumpkin Patch, Trick-or-Treat on Main Street, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsbrook stated that weather has delayed FM 2642 project. Wood Street is complete. Pappy's Car Wash has started however the weather has stopped their project. The Bulldog Homecoming Pep Rally is on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm on Main Street. The pumpkins were delivered yesterday for the Main Street Pumpkin Patch. They will be selling pumpkins from October 9<sup>th</sup> until October 31<sup>st</sup>. Trick-or-Treat on Main Street is October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**G. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:53 PM**

**H. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Section §551.072 – Deliberations about Real Property

1. Discussion regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property located in Rockwall County for future city facilities.

**I. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:09 PM**

**J. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:09 PM**

1. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property located in Rockwall County for future city facilities.

Council Member Branch made a motion to enter into negotiations for property located in Rockwall County. Mayor Pro Tem Ellis seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

**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.

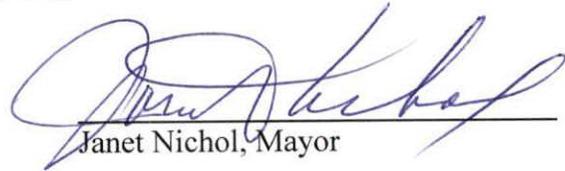
Mayor Nichol introduced Olivia Wallace. She is 10 years old and asks her mom to bring her to city council meetings because she is very interested in city government. She wants to be president one day. She actually reads our minutes and keeps up with what is going on in the community.

Jason Day added that there will be a workshop with Planning & Zoning Commission prior to the next City Council Meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be to review the food truck ordinance.

Deborah Sorensen informed City Council of the Joint Meeting with the Royse City ISD on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6 pm at the school administration building.

**L. ADJOURN AT 8:12 PM**

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

  
Janet Nichol, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary

