



**MINUTES REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 – 7:00 pm
Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street
Royse City, Texas

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 Attorney, Jason Day
City Secretary, Deborah Sorensen
Assistant City Secretary, Camille Johnson
Director of Finance, Shannon Raymond
Director of Develop. & Community Services, Rob Cooper
Police Lieutenant, Troy Eavenson
Fire Chief, Rickey Bell
Fire Marshall, Tanner Dietz
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. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

None

D. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:01 PM

E. 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, Section §551.072 Deliberations about Real Property, and Section §551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations

1. Discussion regarding an economic incentive to transfer land, which is located east of Pond Branch Creek and west of New Street, to the Community Development Corporation (CDC) for Cookston Court.

2. Discussion regarding purchase, exchange, lease, or value of city owned real property located in Rockwall County to the Community Development Corporation (CDC) for possible future retail business.
3. Discussion regarding an update on Anderson Crossing development located at the northwest corner of FM 2642 and Interstate 30.

F. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:34 PM

G. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:34 PM

1. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session regarding the economic incentive to transfer land, which is located east of Pond Branch Creek and west of New Street, to the Community Development Corporation (CDC) for Cookston Court, and any matters related thereto.

Council Member Houk made a motion to authorize the City Manager to sign documents related to transferring land east of Pond Branch Creek and west of New Street to the CDC in exchange for Cookston Court. Council Member Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

2. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of city owned real property located in Rockwall County to the Community Development Corporation (CDC) for possible future retail business, and any matters related thereto.

Mayor Pro Tem Ellis made a motion to authorize the City Manager to transfer the property at 232 E. Main to the CDC. Council Member Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

3. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session regarding an update on Anderson Crossing development located at the northwest corner of FM 2642 and Interstate 30, and any matters related thereto.

No action taken.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes: February 12, 2019 Regular Meeting

Council Member Wheatley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Houk seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

I. BUSINESS

1. Discussion concerning monthly revenue and expenditure report for January 2019, and any matters related thereto.

Shannon Raymond presented the January monthly revenue and expenditure report. Sales tax represents 26% of General Fund revenues. January 2019 receipts are for November sales and were 24.70% higher compared to January 2018 receipts after 380 rebates. Water/Sewer revenues and expenditures are within their budgeted thresholds. The draft audit report has been received and is in the process of being reviewed.

2. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance Cancelling the May 4, 2019 General Election, and any matters related thereto.

Deborah Sorensen reported all statutory filing deadlines have passed and all candidates were unopposed for the May 4, 2019 General Election. The Certification of Unopposed Candidates has been included in the packet.

Council Member Branch made a motion to Cancel the May 4, 2019 General Election. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

3. Discussion concerning City Manager update: Development, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsbrook stated he just returned from Austin for Rockwall County Days. He was with Shannon Raymond, Dario Lopez, and Martin Torres. It was a worthwhile trip. They received a legislative update from state officials.

The FM 2642 overpass project has not had a lot of work done due to the weather. All of our street repairs have been delayed due to weather as well. Erby Campbell south of service road will be closed for a brief moment due to street repair. Residents will be notified. The current two way service roads will remain two way until the FM 2642 overpass has been completed, which is expected sometime in April.

Carl added that he has asked Rockwall Commission Magness and John Polster, with Integrated Traffic Solutions, to come and meet with regard to the alignment of I-30. Currently, FM 548 and FM 35 will have brand new interchange and will have turn around interchange at Floyd Road. Council Member Crowley asked about the interchange at FM 35, stating that it is scary sitting underneath the overpass. Carl responded that it will take a while to get to us. Mayor Nichol asked about the timeline of I-30, will they reach us by 2022 or 2023? Carl replied that is the schedule, however, he feels that it will probably be about five years. Council Member Branch asked it falls under one district or is it TxDot Paris and TxDot Dallas. Carl confirmed that it will fall under the TxDot Dallas District.

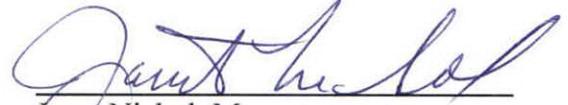
J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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 asked Lieutenant Eavenson to elaborate on the incident of two police officers saving a lady's life. They will be on a future agenda for lifesaving award. Lieutenant Eavenson stated Friday night at approximately 8:40 pm, a lady missed the turn on FM 548 near Crenshaw Road. Witnesses said her vehicle hit and rolled several times and ended up in the water in front of Waterscape. Sergeant Shane Meeks and Officer John Bivins received the call. At first they couldn't find the car, and then realized that it was in the water. They got in the water and saved her as the car was going completely under water. He thought Channel 8 news did a very good job of covering the story. The lady and her husband were able to meet the two officers for the first time last night. They have been submitted for a lifesaving award. Council Member Crowley wanted to make sure that we received a copy of the footage from Channel 8 to preserve for historical purposes. Lieutenant Eavenson stated that we have it and it will be preserved. He is grateful for the support of the City Council and the community.

K. ADJOURN AT 7:52 PM

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



Janet Nichol, Mayor



ATTEST:



Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary