City Council of Royse City, Texas

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 12, 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 Council Member Place 3, Bruce Bradley Council Member Place 4, Matt Wheatley Council Member Place 5, James Branch Council Member, Place 6, Tom Crowley
Member Absent:	Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 2, Clay Ellis
Staff Present:	City Manager, Carl Alsabrook City Attorney, Baxter Banowsky City Secretary, Deborah Sorensen Assistant City Secretary, Camille Johnson Director of Finance, Shannon Raymond Director of Develop. & Community Services, Rob Cooper 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 Chris Everson, Royse City First United Methodist Church, gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. RECOGNITION OF POLICE OFFICER

1. Presentation of Lifesaving Award to Sergeant Shane Meek
2. Presentation of Lifesaving Award to Officer John Bivins

Chief Stapleton presented the Lifesaving Awards to Sergeant Shane Meek and Officer John Bivins. On February 22, 2019 at approximately 8:20 pm, Sergeant Meek and Officer Bivins responded to an accident in the area of the Waterscape subdivision and FM 548. Upon arrival of the scene, a witness informed the officers that a car had left the roadway and rolled several times. The officers located a white vehicle nearly submerged in the water. Without hesitation, the officers removed their duty gear and swam into the water to rescue the occupant, while the vehicle was

sinking further into the water. They were able to remove the female, sole occupant of the vehicle, from the vehicle and bring her to safety. It is because of their unwavering actions, they were able to save this lady's life.

D. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPOINTMENT

1. Appointment with North Texas Municipal Water District Officials and City Appointed Board Members concerning an update regarding the Annual System Maintenance, and any matters related thereto.

   Galen Roberts, with North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), introduced Zeke Campbell and the two Royse City Board Members, Blair Johnson and David Hollifield. He gave a presentation regarding delivering safe water year round. NTMWD serves up to 80 communities. The regional water system is operated in partnership with cities. Temporary change in disinfectant, also known as chlorine maintenance, is critical to deliver safe drinking water year round. NTMWD performs over 250,000 tests each year to ensure safe water that meets or surpasses State and Federal public health standards. The TCEQ rates NTMWD public water system as superior. Weekly, monthly, and annual water quality reports are posted on the NTMWD website. Chlorination has been a proven treatment process for over a century. One month each spring, ammonia is removed from the treatment process. This year, it is from March 4th to April 1st. This is a common and accepted best practice. It help maintains safe high water quality year-round. Chlorine levels are consistent with the rest of the year, but may be more noticeable. Water testing continues during this period. NTMWD reports daily and weekly chlorine levels online during maintenance period.

   Mayor Nichol recognized NTMWD Board Members Blair Johnson and David Hollifield and thanked them for their work.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes: February 26, 2019 Regular Meeting and March 1, 2019 Special Meeting

   Council Member Houk made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

G. BUSINESS

1. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance regarding a Preliminary Plat of Verandah 5B and 5C, situated in the J.W. Beckton Survey, Abstract No. 91, Verandah Municipal Utility District, Hunt County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.

   Rob Cooper stated Phase 5 is situated just north of Verandah Blvd. of this multi-phased development. The preliminary plat consists of 232 single family residential lots on 49.579 acres. The city's civil engineer has signed off on the preliminary plat as these lots are in general conformance with the city's Technical Construction Standards and Specifications (TCSS) regarding streets, storm drainage, sanitary sewer and domestic water. The developer has stated the two phases were originally separated by the main north-south street. Financing was procured under those names (5B and 5C). There is not separate phasing now, but the name remains due to the money arrangements. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval.

Council Member Branch made a motion to approve the Preliminary Plat of Verandah 5B and 5C. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

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

   Carl Alsabrook stated the weather has delayed projects, nothing new to report. He recognized Rockwall County Judge David Sweet. Carl stated yesterday, he was in Rockwall County with Judge Sweet interviewing applicants for the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. The city does pay a portion of that function by participating in the Emergency Services Corporation.

   Work will be starting on the bathrooms at City Lake Park fairly soon. Martin has been working with Dario to locate sewer lines for the bathrooms. Carl thanked everyone for showing up last Tuesday to help honor Barney Jones for being a longtime volunteer of the senior center, chamber, and the city. He will be featured on Mike Rowe's Returning the Favor, which donated $35,000 to the senior center.

   Mayor Nichol asked Judge Sweet to give an update on the Emergency Services Corporation. Judge Sweet stated it is an honor to serve as President of the Corporation, as well as serve with representatives from Rockwall County as well as each of the cities of Rockwall County. It is a well ran, well designed organization with a strong history. He is very proud of the make-up of representatives and the dedication that comes from each of them, the elected officials that serve on the board. They not only represent each one of their entities, they also represent the county. They operate in the best interest of the county. In addition to the elected officials, each city has an outstanding staff that assists the elected officials. He thanked the staff for the support and the Mayor for serving on the board.

H. 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.

   None

I. ADJOURN AT 7:36 PM

Council Member Branch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

Janet Nichol, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary