



**MINUTES REGULAR  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 26, 2019 – 7:00 pm**

Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street  
Royse City, Texas

**A. CALL TO ORDER 7:01 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 6, Tom Crowley
- Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 2, Clay Ellis  
Council Member Place 5, James Branch
- 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 Chief, Jeff Stapleton  
Fire Chief, Rickey Bell  
Fire Marshall, Tanner Dietz  
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 Jim Dunn, Quest Church, gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. PROCLAMATION**

- 1. Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

Mayor Nichol presented the Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month to The Children’s Advocacy Center for Rockwall County.

**D. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

None

## **E. AUDIT PRESENTATION**

1. Lewis Crain, CPA of Rutledge Crain and Company, PC to present the City's Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2018, and any matters related thereto.

Lewis Crain presented the City's Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2018. Lewis stated the city had a very good year. He also complimented City Council on the increase in the bond rating. There was a \$476,000 overage in revenue and expenditures were \$532,000 under budget. There was a positive variance of over \$1,000,000. He also reviewed the change in the pension liability. TMRS had a good year in investments.

## **F. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:12 PM**

## **G. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Take testimony concerning the Re-Plat of Verandah 1E situated in the James May Survey, Abstract No. 1297, Verandah Municipal Utility District, Hunt County, Texas.

James Wilson, 1222 River Oak Lane – wanted to know if the housing coming in was going to be Section 8. Mayor referred him to contact city staff.

## **H. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:14 PM**

## **I. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:14 PM**

## **J. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Council Member Houk made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

## **K. BUSINESS**

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

Shannon Raymond presented the February monthly revenue and expenditure report. Sales tax represents 26% of General Fund revenues. February 2019 receipts are for December sales and were 16.05% higher compared to February 2018 receipts after 380 rebates. Water/Sewer revenues and expenditures are within their budgeted thresholds. Now that the audit has been completed, we will move into budget season. Shannon also reported that the city had a ranking upgrade on bond rating.

2. Consider and act concerning approving an Ordinance regarding the Re-Plat of Verandah 1E situated in the James May Survey, Abstract No. 1297, Verandah Municipal Utility District, Hunt County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.

Rob Cooper reported that this re-plat is to split an open space lot into multiple lots for model homes to be built to serve the expanding neighborhood. The re-plat consists of 12 single family residential lots on 4.488 acres. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of re-plat.

Council Member Houk asked what was going in on the empty lot next to the residential homes. Christie Hancock, with Pettitt Barraza, replied that soccer fields will be on the empty lot.

Council Member Houk made a motion to approve an Ordinance regarding the Re-Plat of Verandah 1E. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

3. Consider and act concerning approving a Resolution regarding the elevation, site plan, and other materials as relating to Chapter 14 Zoning, Section 5-3, Interstate 30 Corridor Overlay District for the property described as Lot 1, Erby Campbell Retail Center, (Walmart/EV Charging Station), Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.

Rob Cooper reported the site is located in the Walmart parking area, approximately 380 lineal feet from the centerline of the Service Road in front of Whataburger. There will be four electric vehicle charging dispensers. They will be fully screened with masonry screening wall. The exterior color/materials match primary and surrounding structures. The total number of existing parking stalls displaced will not exceed ten. Bollards will be installed in front of each dispenser. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the EV Charging Station.

Council Member Houk asked about signage. Rob replied all signs are on-site, none are in the air. Council Member Crowley asked if there were one or two stations there now. Rob responded that there isn't any right now. Council Member Crowley asked about overnight parking. The vehicle only takes 15 to 30 minutes to charge.

Council Member Bradley made a motion to approve the Electrify America proposal for the EV Charging Stations in the Walmart parking lot. Council Member Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

4. Consider and act concerning approving a Resolution appointing four Committee Members to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee for a two year term (term April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2021) and three Committee Members to a one year term (term April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020) to stagger terms, and any matters related thereto.

Martin Torres stated all committee members' terms have expired. In an effort to stagger terms for this committee, it is recommended to appoint Dr. Rhonda Phillips, Susan Craig, Alysia Stiles, and Cody Roan to a regular two year term. It is also recommended to appoint Colleen Shinn, Kari Hargrave, and Bruce Bradley to a one year term. After the one year term expires, the positions will be appointed to the regular two year term, which will be staggered from the other committee members' term.

Mayor Nichol asked what this committee does. Jason Day stated this committee is required by state law. They advise the City Manager. Council Member Bradley added that they discuss the needs and wants of the animal shelter.

Council Member Houk made a motion to appoint Dr. Rhonda Phillips, Susan Craig, Alysia Stiles, and Cody Roan to a two year term and Colleen Shinn, Kari Hargrave, and Bruce Bradley to a one year term. Council Member Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

5. Consider and act concerning approving a Resolution appointing a Board Member to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for an unexpired term (term March 27, 2019 to December 31, 2020), and any matters related thereto.

Martin Torres stated there is an open seat on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board has recommended appointing Crystal Garavaglia to the board.

Council Member Houk made a motion to appoint Crystal Garavaglia to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Council Member Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

**L. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:36 PM**

**M. 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 an update regarding North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) lawsuit.

**N. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:15 PM**

**O. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:15 PM**

1. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session an update regarding North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) lawsuit, and any matters related thereto.

No action taken

**K. BUSINESS**

6. Consider and act concerning approving a Resolution appointing Blair Johnson to the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) Board of Directors (term June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2021), and any matters related thereto.

**City Council adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 8:16 pm pursuant to Section §551.074 – Personnel Matters regarding appointment to the North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors.**

**City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:47 pm.**

Council Member Crowley made a motion to appoint Blair Johnson to the North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors for the term of June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2021. Council Member Houk seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

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

Carl Alsbrook reported Pappy's Car Wash has resumed work and is somewhat caught up from the rain. Buc-ee's is coming along well, nearing completion. The FM 2642 overpass project is nearing completion. Drainage work was completed on Stedham Street and Walnut Street is next.

**P. 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

**Q. ADJOURN AT 8:50 PM**

Council Member Crowley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

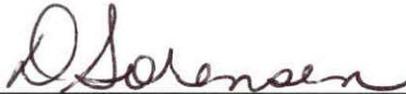


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Janet Nichol, Mayor



**ATTEST:**



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Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary