City Council of Royse City, Texas

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 9, 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
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 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

Mayor Pro Tem Ellis gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

None

D. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:02 PM

E. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Take testimony concerning a change in delineation of the Heritage Preservation District to extend west on State Highway 66 to Pond Branch Creek, includes the properties identified as Rockwall CAD ID 20057, 20059, 20060, 20061, 73321, 44028, and 11726, situated in the J.D. McCasland Survey, Abstract No. 150, Royse City, Rockwall County.

   No one spoke for or against.

F. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:03 PM

G. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:03 PM

H. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

I. BUSINESS

1. Consider and act concerning approving an Ordinance regarding a change in delineation of the Heritage Preservation District to extend west on State Highway 66 to Pond Branch Creek, includes the properties identified as Rockwall CAD ID 20057, 20059, 20060, 20061, 73321, 44028, and 11726, situated in the J.D. McCasland Survey, Abstract No. 150, Royse City, Rockwall County, and any matters related thereto.

   Rob Cooper stated a local business has contacted the city with plans to relocate from their current location outside the city limits to the property at 307 W. Main Street. The new site layout and restaurant would be of a rustic, old town design and would be considered a great addition to the Heritage District and Main Street.

   Currently, there are several other properties and structures located on Main Street between Houston and Pond Branch Creek that would be included in the boundary extension area.

   No immediate changes would be required to any pre-existing house, structure, building design or building material upon approval of the boundary map. Any future remodel or renovation would require compliance with Main Street architectural design and Heritage District design standards.

   The new boundary area would allow future buildings design to be more in alignment with the design standards of the Heritage District and it would benefit the downtown/Main Street merchants and visitors. The area is currently part of the Main Street District. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval.

   Mayor Pro Tem Ellis made a motion to extend the Heritage Preservation District west on Highway 66 to Pond Branch Creek. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

2. Consider and act concerning awarding an Annual Mowing Services and Litter Control Contract and authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto, and any matters related thereto.

   Martin Torres stated bids were received from three companies for the annual mowing services and litter control. The low bidder is Chief Landscaping at $62 per acre for a total bid of $43,870.58. The contract is for one season, April 10 – October 1, with three annual renewals unless either party terminates.

   Council Member Branch asked how many times mowing. Martin responded there are 13 cycles, which is every two weeks. Council Member Houk asked if it would be cheaper to hire someone to mow. Martin stated that he will be asking for additional personnel in October. Ideally he would like to have staff do all of the mowing except for the right of ways. Council Member Crowley asked about the right of way being

the state's responsibility to mow. Martin stated that the state only mows twice a year; therefore, most cities do the mowing to keep it looking nice.

Mayor Pro Tem Ellis made a motion to award the Annual Mowing Services and Litter Control Contract to Chief Landscaping. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

3. Consider and act concerning a Resolution appointing a Commissioner to the Planning and Zoning Commission for an unexpired term (term March 27, 2019 to October 1, 2019), and any matters related thereto.

   Rob Cooper stated there is an open seat on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Steve Duncan has expressed interest in serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission. The Planning & Zoning Commission has recommended appointing Steve Duncan to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

   Mayor Pro Tem Ellis made a motion to appoint Stephen Duncan to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

4. Discussion concerning City Manager update: Development, Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt on April 17th beginning at 6 pm at Walker Hawk Sports Complex, and any matters related thereto.

   Carl Alsabrook reported the car wash construction continues. Concrete has been poured on the north and sound bound lanes of I-30 at FM 2642. They are at 92% complete. The design, include drainage plans, of Howard Street is complete. Walnut Street is next.

   The Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt is on April 17th beginning at 6 pm. It will be at the Royse City High School Stadium.

   Mayor Pro Tem Ellis asked about the opening of the Emporium. Carl stated that the owners are doing the work themselves and it is looking nice. Paula Morris added that they are hoping to open Easter weekend.

J. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:18 PM

K. 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 partnering with community activity/athletic organization on city owned property located in Collin County.

Section §551.071 - Private consultation with the City Attorney

2. Discussion with City Attorney regarding Development Agreement of a residential development on FM 35 south of Woodland Creek.

L. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:43 PM

M. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:43 PM

1. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session regarding partnering with community activity/athletic organization on city owned property located in Collin County, and any matters related thereto.

   No Action Taken

2. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session regarding Development Agreement of a residential development on FM 35 south of Woodland Creek.

   No Action Taken

N. 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 asked about the railroad company with regard to the track repair. Dario Lopez stated he is still waiting for a response. There are a lot of new people and he is not having much luck getting in touch with anybody. The tracks over Josephine and Elm are getting worse.

   Council Member Branch asked about work done on the soccer fields. Carl Alsabrook stated he has reached out to the school district, but they can't commit anything until the spring. The school district is looking to put in AstroTurf before the spring. The older soccer kids may be playing at the stadium.

O. ADJOURN AT 7:47 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

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ATTEST:

Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary