



MINUTES SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 13, 2019 – 6:00 pm
Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street
Royse City, Texas

A. CALL TO ORDER 6:01 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
Police Chief, Jeff Stapleton
Fire Chief, Rickey Bell
Fire Marshal, Tanner Dietz
Director of Public Works, Dario Lopez

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Nichol gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

None

D. BUSINESS

- 1. Presentation and discussion concerning overview of 2019-2020 Proposed Budget and tax rate, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsabrook presented the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget. Carl stated the proposed budget is based on City Council’s priorities. This budget maintains the current tax rate. Eight personnel were added and there are more street repairs. Council Member Branch asked about the reserves. Carl responded that the majority of projects were funded by what hasn’t been spent, the excess fund balance. The city is still maintaining a 120 day reserve. Council Member Branch asked what the percentage of growth was. It is 14.8%. He also asked about sales tax. Shannon Raymond stated last year it was budgeted a 7% increase and received 12%. In this budget, it is proposed a 4% increase. Council Member Houk asked about the Hotel/Motel

Occupancy Tax Fund. Carl stated that programs have not been cut, they are being funded differently. Council Member Houk asked about the street fund. That will be tracked separately. Council Member Branch asked if there will be any new water towers. Dario Lopez stated they are projecting a water tower will be needed 2021. It is currently in the design phase. Council Member Branch asked how that would be funded. Shannon replied typically that is a bond item and will be paid for out of water/sewer fund.

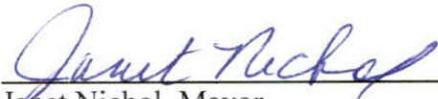
2. Consider and act concerning setting the dates and times for Tax Rate and Budget Public Hearings, and any matters related thereto.

Shannon Raymond stated that by statue dates for the public hearings proposed are August 29, 2019 and September 3, 2019, both at 6 pm.

Council Member Crowley made a motion to accept the dates as offered. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

E. ADJOURN AT 6:23 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

