



**AGENDA-REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 – 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.

City Council

Members Present: Mayor, Janet Nichol
Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 2, Clay Ellis
Council Member Place 1, Michael Holder
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, Kirk Aldridge
Fire Chief, Rickey Bell
City Engineer, Lacey Rodgers
City Planner, Aaron Zilz

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Judge Sweet gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

None

D. APPOINTMENT

- 1. Appointment with Judge David Sweet, Rockwall County Judge, to give an update on the status of COVID-19 in Rockwall County, and any matters related thereto.

Judge Sweet stated by statue, the County Judge is the Emergency Management Director of the county, just like the Mayor is the Emergency Management Director for the city. He is thankful that the County Commissioners approved to have an Emergency Services Corporation (ESC) years ago. The County funds 50% and the cities within the county fund the other 50%. The management of the ESC is made up of individuals from the county and cities. He serves as the President of the ESC, Mayor Nichol is the Vice President, Fate Mayor Pro-Tem Billingsley is the Treasurer, Barbara Neville is the Emergency Management Coordinator, and Jared Lawson is the Deputy Emergency

Management Coordinator. The ESC Management decided to fund another staff position of Emergency Management Specialist. Judge Sweet stated, that he implemented a daily call consisting of the hospitals in the county, the County Health Authority, Representative Justin Holland's office, Senator Bob Hall's office, both school districts, and all the cities in the county. They then went to three times a week and are now two times a week. Chris Lynch, Elections Administrator, and retired Sergeant Major lead the phone calls and task force. The task force established a call center at Rockwall County Library to answer citizens' questions about COVID-19. Dr. Gary Bonacquisti was serving as our Health Authority for the past 14 years and has tender his resignation a few weeks ago. The Commissioners Court has now appointed Dr. Jamie Metcalf-Kelly as the Health Authority. She is currently reviewing both school districts back to school plans.

Barbara Neville, stated there are 716 cumulative COVID-19 cases in Rockwall County, of which 74 active cases, 625 recovered cases, 17 deaths (15 were are Broadmoor; 1 in fate and 1 in the county), and have 49 individuals in the local hospitals with COVID-19.

Judge Sweet stated that they have partnered with the Texas Department of Emergency Management to provide mobile testing sites. This Friday and Saturday, there will be testing, by new contractors, at Lake Pointe Church. They are keeping in constant contact with long term care facilities and daycares in Rockwall County. They are providing PPE to facilities that are requesting them.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes: July 14, 2020 Regular Meeting and July 21, 2020 Special Meeting
2. Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report for June 2020

Council Member Branch made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

F. BUSINESS

1. Consider and act concerning a Resolution Directing Publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation; and Resolving Other Matters Relating to the Subject, and any matters related thereto.

Shannon Raymond stated this is for a handful of projects. She introduced Steven Adams, Financial Advisor with Specialized Public Finance, Inc. Steven Adams gave an overview of the plan to finance. Series 2010 Certificates, Series 2011 Certificates, and Series 2013 Certificates are eligible to be refinanced at a lower interest rate of an estimated 1.54%. In addition, the consideration of the Certificates of Obligation would be to fund the acquisition and construction of vehicles, fire truck, and water/sewer projects. The proposed financing is scheduled to be sold to investors on September 22, 2020, at which time the interest rates for the Certificates will be set.

Council Member Branch made a motion to approve Directing Publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

2. Consider and act concerning a Resolution Setting the Date, Time, and Place for Public Hearing on Proposed Annexation of 289.55 acres of land, more or less, located along north side of Highway 66 in Collin County (also known as Creekside), and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day stated this is a voluntary annexation of Creekside, which is a subdivision along Highway 66. This is in accordance with the Development Agreement with Creekside. The annexation will take place at the time the bonds for Creekside PID are sold.

Council Member Crowley made a motion to approve Setting the Date, Time, and Place for Public Hearing on Proposed Annexation of 289.55 acres of land, also known as Creekside. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

3. Consider and act concerning a Resolution Providing for the Naming of the Public Parking Lot located at 106 S. Elm Street, and any matters related thereto.

Aaron Zilz stated last month the Main Street Board made a recommendation to the Heritage Preservation Committee to name the newly constructed parking lot, (the site of the former lumber yard) as "Pennington Parking", in recognition of the Pennington family, who were the previous owners of the lumber yard. The Heritage Preservation Committee made a recommendation to name the public parking lot located at 106 S. Elm Street as "Pennington Parking". The new parking lot will provide an additional 38 parking spaces to the downtown area.

Mayor Pro Tem Ellis made a motion to approve naming the Parking Lot located at 106 S. Elm Street as Pennington Parking. Council Member Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

4. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance regarding a Preliminary Plat of Stone River Estates, Phase 4, consisting of 1.022 acres, situated in the R.S. Douglas Survey, Abstract No. 235, the Ransom Norton Survey, Abstract No. 169, and the James B. Ratliff Survey, Abstract No. 185, Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.

Aaron Zilz stated the Preliminary Plat of Stone River Estates, Phase 4 consists of two residential lots on 1.022 acres. The Stone River Estates development is located along FM 2453 just south of Fairway Ranch Estates. The Stone River Estates, Phase 4 Preliminary Plat as submitted is in accordance with basic platting requirements and Royse City's Development Standards including Section 212 of the Texas Local Government Code. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval.

Council Member Bradley made a motion to approve the Ordinance regarding a Preliminary Plat of Stone River Estates, Phase 4. Council Member Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

5. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance regarding a Final Plat of Frost Farm, consisting of 35.707 acres, situated in the William Love Survey, Abstract No. 135, Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.

Aaron Zilz stated the Final Plat of Frost Farm consists of 134 single-family residential lots on 35.707 acres. The development is located on FM 548 just east of Cookston Lane. The lot sizes are 60'x100'. The development includes a six-foot wide concrete walking trail which will be constructed within the TP&L easement with a dog park along the walking trail. The walking trail, pocket park with children's playground, dog park, and masonry screening wall along FM 548 will all be maintained by the HOA. The city engineer and public works staff have conducted an on-site walk-thru inspection of the subdivision and have signed off on the final plat regarding conformance with the city's Technical Construction Standards (TCSS) regarding streets, storm drainage, and sanitary sewer. The Final Plat of Frost Farm is in

compliance with the Preliminary Plat, Royse City's Development Standards and Chapter 212 of Texas Local Gov. Code. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval.

Council Member Crowley made a motion to approve the Final Plat of Frost Farm, consisting of 35.707 acres. Council Member Holder seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

6. Discussion concerning City Manager update: Development, Celebrating Freedom on June 27th, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsabrook stated Wing Stop opened today and Starbuck's should open next week. Thirsty Bro is working on the inside of their building and have made a lot of progress. The downtown parking lot is next on APAC's project list.

G. 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

H. ADJOURN AT 7:59 PM

Council Member Crowley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Branch seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**



Janet Nichol, Mayor



ATTEST:



Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, MMC
City Secretary