



MINUTES SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 – 6:00 pm
Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street
Royse City, Texas

A. CALL TO ORDER 6:04 PM BY MAYOR NICHOL

Announce the presence of a quorum.

Members Present: Mayor, Janet Nichol
Council Member Place 1, Michael Holder
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, Kirk Aldridge
Fire Chief, Rickey Bell
Fire Marshal, Tanner Dietz
City Engineer, Lacey Rodgers
Executive Director of Community Development Corp., Charles Houk

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 2020-2021 Proposed Budget and tax rate, and any matters related thereto.

Mayor Nichol stated she is always bragging on the staff because they do an awesome job. She wanted to let City Council know how valuable they are. City Council does an awesome job. Everyone brings something different to the table. It is amazing how well they all get along. We might not always agree but we do come together. Mayor Nichol wanted everyone to know she appreciates everyone including the staff. Our city is blessed.

Carl Alsabrook thanked Shannon Raymond. Carl Alsabrook presented the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget. Carl stated the proposed budget is based on City Council’s priorities.

This budget maintains the current tax rate. He added that he grouped budget requests into two categories. Capital refers to requests, both new and deferred, that are not recurring in nature. Operational refers to requests that are recurring in nature. He has set three milestone dates beyond the usual October 1 funding date. These dates will allow for us to capture important data points in an on-going basis, to fund some categories of requests. Those dates are November 1, February 15, and May 15.

2. Consider and act concerning approving a proposed maximum Tax Rate for 2020 for public notice requirements, and any matters related thereto.

Shannon Raymond stated the proposed recommended maximum tax rate is \$0.6215 for the purposes of publishing notices. The current rate is \$0.6215.

Mayor Pro Tem Ellis made a motion to set the maximum Tax Rate for 2020 at \$0.6215. Council Member Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

3. 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 SB 2 removed one of the required public hearings for the tax rate. There is now just one required public hearing for the tax rate and one public hearing for the budget. She is proposing those meetings be held at the regular meeting on September 8, 2020.

Council Member Branch made a motion to set the date and time for the Tax Rate and Budget Public Hearings for September 8, 2020 at 7 pm. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

4. Consider and act concerning submitting documentation to access CARES Funds, Authorizing City Manager to sign all documents related to seeking reimbursement/grant funds from the Corona Virus Relief Fund, and any matters related thereto.

Shannon Raymond stated the CARES funds has been available for the last couple of months through federal allocation to the State and the counties. If the county is more than 500,000 then the allocation went to the county. If the county is less than 500,000 then that allocation went to the State. The State place more restrictions on the allocation, then it would pass down to the cities. The Collin County portion did go directly to the county.

Council Member Crowley made a motion to authorize the City Manager to sign all documents related to seeking reimbursement/grant funds from the Corona Virus Relief Fund. Council Member Branch seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

5. Consider and act concerning Authorizing City Manager to sign Purchase Order to Watchguard for \$27,430, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsbrook stated this item is for individual body cameras for the police department.

Council Member Wheatley made a motion to approve the City Manager to sign the Purchase Order. Mayor Pro Tem Ellis seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

6. Consider and act concerning Authorizing City Manager to sign Purchase Order to Metro Fire for \$36,999, and any matters related thereto.

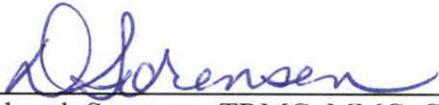
Carl Alsbrook stated this item is for rescue fire equipment for the new fire engine. Council Member Bradley made a motion to authorize the City Manager to sign.

Purchase Order to Metro Fire for \$36,999. Council Member Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

E. ADJOURN AT 6:26 PM

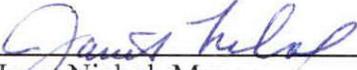
Council Member Branch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 7-0.**

ATTEST:



Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, MMC, City Secretary





Janet Nichol, Mayor