



**AGENDA-REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, September 8, 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
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

Member Absent: Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 2, Clay Ellis

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
Executive Director of Community Development Corp., Charles Houk

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Bradley gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

None

D. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:02 PM

E. PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:02 PM

1. Take testimony concerning the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.
No one spoke for or against.
2. Take testimony concerning the proposed tax rate of \$0.6215 per \$100 value for fiscal year 2020-2021.
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: August 25, 2020 Regular Meeting

Council Member Wheatley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Holder seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

I. BUSINESS

1. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance Amending the FY 2019-2020 Annual Budget, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsabrook stated the items in the budget worksheet are the items we are doing this fiscal year. Items like the rescue gear for the fire department and some of the items for the police department.

Council Member Bradley made a motion to approve amending the FY 2019-2020 Annual Budget. Council Member Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

2. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Royse City, Texas for the fiscal period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021; providing for intra-fund and/or intra-departmental transfers; providing for investment of idle funds; and declaring an effective date, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsabrook stated City Council first met in July to review the proposed budget. This budget has addressed all of City Council's priorities.

Council Member Wheatley made a motion to approve the Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0**, with the roll call vote as follows:

Council Member Holder - yes
Council Member Bradley - yes
Mayor Nichol - yes
Council Member Wheatley - yes
Council Member Branch - yes
Council Member Crowley - yes

3. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance fixing the tax rate/levy for Tax Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget at \$0.6215 per \$100 valuation, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsabrook stated the tax rate is the same tax rate as last year.

Council Member Wheatley made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.6215, which is effectively a 3.1% increase in the tax rate. Council Member Branch seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0**, with the roll call vote as follows:

Council Member Holder - yes
Council Member Bradley - yes
Mayor Nichol - yes
Council Member Wheatley - yes
Council Member Branch - yes

Council Member Crowley - yes

4. Consider and act concerning Ratifying the Property Tax Revenue increase reflected in the FY 2020-2021 Budget, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsabrook stated even though we have the same tax rate, there is new growth with reflects an increase in the property tax revenue.

Council Member Branch made a motion to ratify the property tax revenue increases reflected in the city's annual budget for FY 2020-2021. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0**, with the roll call vote as follows:

Council Member Holder - yes
Council Member Bradley – yes
Mayor Nichol – yes
Council Member Wheatley – yes
Council Member Branch – yes
Council Member Crowley - yes

5. Consider and act concerning an Interlocal Agreement with Verandah Municipal Utility District regarding Police and Fire Services, and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day stated this agreement is almost done. There are a few changes that are being made, that Chief Bell and Chief Aldridge discussed this morning dealing with the alarm permits. One of the issues is since Verandah is not in the city limits, our alarm permit ordinance does not apply to Verandah. The District is working to adopt something that will mirror our alarm permit ordinance. This item can either be tabled or it can be approved subject to City Manager and City Attorney's final approval. The fourth amendment has the District paying us a portion of their tax for police and fire, which is a minimum of \$100,000 a year right now. This agreement will also correct the routing of 911 calls between Hunt and Rockwall Counties.

Council Member Crowley made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Verandah Municipal Utility District regarding Police and Fire Services, subject to City Manager and City Attorney's final approval. Council Member Holder seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0**.

6. Consider and act concerning Extending and/or Issuing Additional Directives of the Disaster Declaration Issued by Mayoral Proclamation in Response to COVID-19 A Public Health Emergency, and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day stated one of the concerns is certain things in the city are appointed. There is a desire to make sure that we have some continuity. To the extent allowed by law, this is waving local requirements for those things. This continues the April 7th declaration.

Council Member Branch made a motion to Extend and Issuing Additional Directives of the Disaster Declaration. Council Member Holder seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0**.

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

Carl Alsabrook stated work on facilities on Main Street continue. The downtown parking lot will be striped soon. Creekshaw is moving very quickly, they are working on the soccer fields. He and Charles Houk met with someone interested in buying The Meadows project. He and Charles looked at a project in Odessa that would replace a

current project we have and they also looked at an entertainment complex in Austin that is very promising. He and Charles are being creatively aggressive. The Euphoria spot has been leased by a restaurant. We should have a busy Fall.

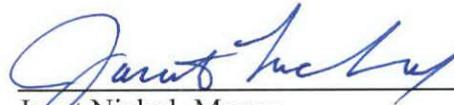
J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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.

Council Member Crowley would like to have an update once a year regarding projects that have come to their attention, but have stalled out.

K. ADJOURN AT 7:23 PM

Council Member Branch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**



Janet Nichol, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, MMC
City Secretary

