



# City of Rowlett

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Monday, August 20, 2012

6:00 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

**Present: Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Phillips, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Pankratz, Councilmember Miller and Councilmember Kilgore**

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### 2. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 2A. Consider and act on mosquito spraying; consider and act on approving participation in the Dallas County Aerial Spraying Program, and consider and act on extending the Proclamation of Declaration of Emergency beyond a period of seven days following the effective date of the Proclamation.

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the mosquito and mosquito spraying issues. Spoke as to why the City waited to act regarding the aerial spraying program. Stated the City was contacted by Dallas County on Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> as the County called an Emergency Meeting with 2 hours notice. Cities were given until Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to decide whether or not to participate in aerial spraying. Stated the City of Rowlett took an active approach to managing its mosquito population and wanted to engage its citizens on this issue via a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. The afternoon of Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, the State extended the deadline for participation until Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Therefore, with the community already engaged, an emergency meeting was called.

Stated several issues that need to be discussed as a community related to aerial spraying are:

- Property Owner Rights
- Health, Welfare & Safety: How much is too much?

- What is an epidemic?
- Personal Responsibility
- Aerial Spraying will not eliminate West Nile Virus
- Long-term effects on the environment

Staff spoke in detail as to the history and background of the mosquito issue and the steps the City has taken combat the issue.

It was noted that there are 25-28 mosquito trap sites within the City and thus far eight of those traps have tested positive since April 2012.

Spoke as to the most common species of mosquito that carries the West Nile Virus is the Culex mosquito. Staff discussed the lifecycle of the mosquito; stated the species type and the relative temperature play a role in the lifecycle.

Spoke regarding aerial spraying. Stated aerial spraying uses a product known as "Duet" manufactured by Clarke Mosquito Control which would offer a blanket-type coverage of the entire City. Spoke concerning the toxicity of Duet.

A member of Council asked if the City of Dallas has contacted the City or the Environmental Services Manager concerning the possible effects on Lake Ray Hubbard.

Staff answered in the negative.

The presentation continued with the comparison of ground spraying versus aerial spraying.

A member of Council questioned staff concerning the Rowlett residents in Rockwall County.

Staff stated the Dallas County Health Department will also serve the Rowlett residents in Rockwall County during the three-day ground spraying.

Discussed the degrading of Duet in both water and sunlight.

Spoke of ways to reduce exposure from aerial spraying. Stated if aerial spraying occurs, the City will contact the citizens through Blackboard Connect, the website, Channel 16, press releases and the City will notify local media outlets to disseminate the information.

Staff gave a comparison of Influenza and West Nile Virus statistics.

Stated the current aerial treatment in other municipalities within Dallas County is financed by the State of Texas, as well as the recent/current three-day ground treatment within the City. Future offers of aerial spraying should be financed by the State of Texas but it is not known how long this offer will continue.

Staff recommended approval of a resolution that the Mayor and the City Manager are authorized to participate with Dallas County in an aerial spraying program if needed during the

remainder of the 2012 mosquito season or in future years as needed; the approval of an act to extend the proclamation of Declaration of Emergency beyond the current Proclamation; and did not recommend aerial spraying for the remainder of this week due to the current three-day ground spraying application.

At this time, public comments were sought.

1. Ray Williams, 2301 Shady Oaks Lane, Rowlett – Spoke against aerial spraying.
2. John Cote, 3905 Southridge Drive, Rowlett – Spoke against aerial spraying.
3. Karen Martin, 6214 Chiesa Road, Rowlett – Spoke in favor of aerial spraying.
4. Jo Lynn Rice, 4014 Cavalier Drive, Rowlett – Spoke in favor of aerial spraying.
5. Fred Witzell, 7609 Coral Way, Rowlett – Spoke in favor of aerial spraying.
6. Carole Dodd, 4510 Amanda Court, Rowlett – Spoke against aerial spraying.
7. Paige Johnson, 5006 Vagas Drive, Rowlett – Indicated she was against aerial spraying.
8. Roger Golden, 4106 Tracey Trail, Rowlett – Spoke in favor of aerial spraying.
9. Tonya Torske, 4005 Toler Road, Rowlett – Spoke against aerial spraying.
10. Kim Abernathy, 10601 Augusta Lane, Rowlett – Indicated she was against aerial spraying.
11. Marvin Overstreet, 3009 Bois D'Arc Lane, Rowlett – Spoke in favor of aerial spraying.
12. Karen Scholz, 7206 Timberline Drive, Rowlett – Spoke in favor of aerial spraying.
13. Bobby Jones, 8818 Linda Vista, Rowlett – Spoke in favor of aerial spraying.
14. David Jenkins, 1506 Camelot Lane, Rowlett – Spoke in favor of aerial spraying.
15. Anne Fletcher, 3802 Remington Drive, Rowlett – Spoke in favor of aerial spraying.
16. Robert Mitchell, 5202 Vagas Drive, Rowlett – Spoke against aerial spraying.
17. Ardis Morgan, 3405 Elmhurst Street, Rowlett – Spoke in favor of aerial spraying.
18. Jeffrey Sheldon, 7242 Liberty Grove Road, Rowlett – Spoke against aerial spraying.
19. Andrew Goss, 8814 Linda Vista, Rowlett – Spoke against aerial spraying.
20. Jennifer Glick, 3010 Weems Way, Rowlett – Spoke against aerial spraying.
21. Nick Alford, 2401 Dorchester Drive, Rowlett – Spoke against aerial spraying.
22. Paul Werner, 3013 Faulkner Drive, Rowlett – Spoke against aerial spraying.
23. Cynthia Howell, 3802 Drakestone Avenue, Rowlett – Spoke against aerial spraying.
24. Patrice Wilkes, 9101 Shearer, Rowlett – Spoke against aerial spraying.
25. Laurieann Dygowski, 7242 Liberty Grove Road, Rowlett – Spoke against aerial spraying.
26. Cindy Rushing, 6305 Joel Court, Rowlett – Spoke in favor of aerial spraying.
27. Chester McCormick, 3802 Drakestone Avenue, Rowlett – Spoke against aerial spraying.
28. Mary Saba, 4210 Starboard Trail, Rowlett – Spoke against aerial spraying.
29. Ann Kilpatrick, 3306 Oak Trail, Rowlett – Spoke against aerial spraying.
30. Christina Dunlap, 6425 White Oak, Rowlett – Spoke against aerial spraying.

Members of Council voiced their concerns and comments regarding aerial spraying.

The following motions were concerning the portion of this item specifically “Consider and act on mosquito spraying; consider and act on approving participation in the Dallas County Aerial Spraying Program”.

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Phillips for the City of Rowlett to not participate in the Dallas County Aerial Spraying at this time but if Dallas County chooses to provide**

additional round of spraying, to leave the option open for participation. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Pankratz, to approve aerial spraying. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: 4 Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Pankratz and Councilmember Miller**

**Noes: 3 Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Phillips and Councilmember Kilgore**

The following motion was concerning the portion of this item specifically "Consider and act on extending the Proclamation of Declaration of Emergency beyond a period of seven days following the effective date of the Proclamation".

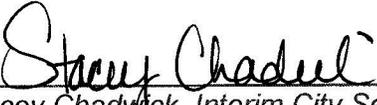
A motion was made and amended by Mayor Pro Tem Phillips, seconded by Councilmember Davis, to extend the Declaration of Emergency indefinitely until such time the City Council can reconsider beyond the seven day period. This item was adopted as RES-083-12. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: 7 Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Phillips, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Pankratz, Councilmember Miller and Councilmember Kilgore**

### 3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gottel adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

  
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Todd W. Gottel, Mayor

  
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Stacey Chadwick, Interim City Secretary

Date Approved: September 4, 2012