



City of Rowlett

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, August 19, 2014

6:15 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.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

Present: Mayor Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Pankratz, Councilmember Bobbitt, Councilmember Dana-Bashian, Councilmember Sheffield and Councilmember van Bloemendaal

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 2A.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.087 (Economic Development) and §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice from the City Attorney and to discuss and deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to business prospects that the City may seek to have locate in or near Elgin B. Robertson Park. (30 minutes) THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AFTER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Council convened in Executive Session at 9:36 p.m. Out at 11:15 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION (6:15 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate

- 3A.** Hear presentation about a possible new toll road in Rowlett by Public Werks, Inc. (30 minutes)

Neal Barker, with Texas Turnpike Corporation provided information on a proposed private toll road to connect Greenville with PGBT in the City of Rowlett. They are calling it the Northeast Gateway project. Mr. Barker stated they were currently conducting an environmental assessment for the possible routes. Council expressed their concerns regarding exits, frontage roads, and sound walls through residential areas. Mr. Barker agreed to tour the area with members of staff and Council and also to see areas that have been affected by PGBT.

- 3B.** Discuss amending the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Adopted Operating and Capital Improvements Program Budget. (10 minutes)

Alan Guard, Chief Financial Officer, along with Terri Doby, Budget Officer, outlined the three areas of the amendment: 1) CIP – to allot for the Village of Rowlett and transfer of funds from projects that came in under budget; 2) Court Technology Fund to purchase the new Court software; 3) General Fund – to allot funds for the flooding in the Library and noting the Stormwater Management Plan, which was done in-house as opposed to using consultants as had been done in the past.

- 3C.** Discuss the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and accessories equipment from Hoyt Breathing Air Products in the amount of \$397,658 for Rowlett Fire Rescue. (30 minutes)

Fire Chief Neil Howard reviewed the life of the equipment, changing regulations, compliance entities, funding and delay of purchase until changes were finalized. He also reviewed the process for selection and the improved safety features.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Council requested item 7B be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

Council took a short break at 7:22 p.m.

CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:30 P.M.)*

Council reconvened in Regular Session at 7:32 p.m.

INVOCATION – Mayor Pro Tem Gallops

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 5A.** Presentation of Proclamation to Paul Reyna for Award received from Keep Texas Beautiful.

Councilmember Dana-Bashian presented the proclamation to Mr. Reyna.

- 5B.** Recognition of Robert Stockard for years of community service in the Rowlett Hockey League.

Councilmember Dana-Bashian presented the proclamation to Mr. Stockard.

- 5C.** Hear presentation of the Monthly Financial report for the period ending June 30, 2014.

Alan Guard, Chief Financial Officer, presented the report.

5D. Hear Third Quarter Investment Report for June 30, 2014.

Alan Guard, Chief Financial Officer, presented the report.

5E. Update from the City Council and Management: Financial Position, Major Projects, Operational Issues, Upcoming Dates of Interest and Items of Community Interest.

Mayor Gattel announced the following: Upcoming City Council meetings: Tuesday, September 2nd & 16th; Regular Meeting – City Hall Conference Room. No special Council Work Session for September 9th – Council conducting Board & Commission interviews on September 4th, 9th, and 11th. Upcoming Planning & Zoning Commission meetings will be Tuesday, August 26th; 6pm in City Hall Conference Room. **NEW – MAYOR'S MONTHLY MESSAGE** - This month's edition answers Frequently Asked Questions about the upcoming Budget. **STAGE 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS** – residents can water Once Every TWO Weeks. **ANIMAL SHELTER** – Low-cost vaccine clinic Saturday, August 23rd and Saturday, September 20th 1-4pm. Normal business hours at 4402 Industrial Street are Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm and Saturday, 10:30am-5pm. **CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY** - Enroll now for the 34th Session of the Citizen's Police Academy. Eleven week course, meeting one night a week beginning September 4th. Apply online. Upcoming events for Parks and Recreation: Movies on Main will start at approximately 6pm on Main Street downtown: September 5th (The Smurfs 2); September 12th (Free Birds); September 19th (Monsters University). Check out the Parks & Recreation page on our website for more information on the programs held at the Community Centre. Upcoming events at the Rowlett Public Library: Check out everything going on at the Library this summer at Rowlett.com or the Rowlett on the Move newsletter. Arts & Humanities Annual Photography Contest: 2014 Theme – "Rowlett Up Close!" Entries accepted at the Rowlett Library on Saturday, September 6th from 10am to noon. Will be on display through October 4th. More information at Rowlett.com on the Arts & Humanities page. Library Camp: Rule the School! – Friday, August 22nd, 2pm. Super Saturday: Doctor Who – Saturday, August 30th, 2pm.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

Jeffrey Sheldon, 7242 Liberty Grove, Rowlett; spoke regarding the Senior tax exemption.

Laurieann Dygowski, 7242 Liberty Grove, Rowlett; spoke regarding the Senior tax freeze/exemption.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7A. Consider action to approve minutes from the July 29, 2014, City Council Special Meeting, and the August 5, 2014, City Council Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7B. Consider action to approve a resolution creating the Community Investment Program Task Force, appointing members to the CIP Task Force, and recognizing Council's choice for a liaison and an alternate.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

Mayor Gottel read the names of appointees into the record:

Rhetta Bowers

Waite Ligon

Martha Brown

James Moseley

Erik Ernst

Jeffrey Sheldon

Diane Lemmons

Jim Proce, Assistant City Manager, also noted that the Council representative will be Mayor Pro Tem Gallops and the alternate is Councilmember Dana-Bashian.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dana-Bashian, seconded by Councilmember Sheffield, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 5 in favor and 2 opposed (Bobbitt, Gallops). This item was adopted as RES-071-14.

- 7C.** Consider action to approve a resolution accepting the bid of and awarding a contract for the purchase of five 2015 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor patrol motor vehicles, emergency vehicle equipment and installation of equipment to Sam Pack's Five Star Ford in the amount of \$234,294.98 for the Police Department through the Purchasing Agreement with Texas Smartbuy.

This item was approved as RES-072-14 on the Consent Agenda.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Pankratz, including all the preceding items marked as having been approved on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present.

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 8A.** Conduct a public hearing and take action on a request for a Special Use Permit to allow an accessory structure with a metal roof for property located at 7502 Catamaran Drive. (SUP14-721)

Garrett Langford, Principal Planner, presented the information from the staff report.

The public hearing opened and closed with no speakers.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sheffield, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was adopted as ORD-029-14.

- 8B.** Conduct a public hearing on the ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

The public hearing opened and closed with one speaker:

- 1) Andrew Goss, 8814 Linda Vista Drive, Rowlett

8C. Conduct a public hearing (1st) on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

The public hearing opened and closed with four speakers:

- 1) Chris Kilgore, 5809 Ambassador Lane, Rowlett
- 2) Martha Sigel, 7314 Scenic Drive, Rowlett
- 3) Tri Bui, 7310 Scenic Drive, Rowlett
- 4) Mike Lancaster, 9916 Dalrock Road, Rowlett

TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

After a short break at 9:28 p.m., Council reconvened in the Executive Session at 9:36 p.m.

There was no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: September 2, 2014