



# City of Rowlett

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Tuesday, May 17, 2016

5:30 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

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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 Dana-Bashian, Councilmember van Bloemendaal, Councilmember Bobbitt, Councilmember Pankratz, and Councilmember Sheffield**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There are no agenda items.

**3. WORK SESSION (5:30 P.M.) \* Times listed are approximate.**

**3A. Joint meeting with Golf Advisory Board and Council. (45 minutes)**

Lawrence Glick, Chair, began this portion of the meeting by introducing Brad Marshall, Vice Chair, who made the presentation. He presented an overview video of the golf course, reviewed updates to the course and clubhouse, goals for the next year, requests for the upcoming budget, long-term future projects, and future concerns. Other Board members present were Jerry Daniels, Barbara Holst, Guy Hunsaker, Becky Sebastian, Michael Daffin, and Jonathan Andron. Ms. Holst and Mr. Daniels both spoke to concerns regarding maintenance issues.

**3B. Discuss recommendation to fill vacancy on the Rowlett Long Term Recovery Committee. (10 minutes)**

Brian Funderburk, City Manager, presented the information.

**4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**RECEPTION FOR OUTGOING AND INCOMING COUNCILMEMBERS (6:30 P.M.)\***

**CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:00 P.M.)\***

After a short break at 6:25 p.m., Council reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

**INVOCATION** – Mayor Pro Tem Gallops

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by the City Council  
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**5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**5A. Presentation of Proclamations recognizing the 2016 Rowlett Arts and Humanities Commission's Writing Contest winners.**

Councilmember van Bloemendaal presented the proclamations and Commission members presented prize checks to the following winners:

- Adult Division – Poetry category: Carol Rosalia Cardenes-Grimaldi for her poem entitled, "Sweet Dreams."
- Adult Division – Short Stories category: Alan Winn for his short story entitled, "A Whisper of Love."
- Adult Division – Short Works category: Alan Winn for his short work entitled, "Dad."
- Youth Division – Poetry category: Francheska Concepcion for her poem entitled, "In Our Hearts (There's Bad and There is Good)."
- Youth Division – Short Stories category: Jaime Chetty for her short story entitled, "How to Become the Next Top Spy."
- Youth Division – Short Works category: Layla Gonzalez for her short work entitled, "If Dogs Could Talk!"

**5B. Presentation of Proclamation recognizing the week of May 15 – 21, 2016, as American Public Works Association National Public Works Week.**

Councilmember Pankratz presented the proclamation to Noel Thompson, Interim Director of Public Works and several Public Works staff members. Mayor Gottel offered his thanks for the hard work that the department has done day in and day out, including the construction of Kids Kingdom and working the aftermath of the December tornado.

**5C. Presentation of the American Public Works Association, Top Ten Public Works Leaders Award to Assistant City Manager Jim Proce for outstanding career service achievements.**

Mr. Thompson introduced Ronnie Bates, APWA North Texas Branch Administrator; Texas APWA President, Carlos Sanchez; and Justin Futch, Field Director for U.S. Representative Pete Sessions. Mr. Futch read comments made by Rep. Sessions in the House of Representatives this morning. These comments will appear in the Congressional Record. Mayor Gottel introduced Barbara Reese, District Director for State Representative Cindy Burkett. Ms. Reese provided a State Resolution by Rep. Burkett, which Mayor Gottel presented.

Sue Hann, representing APWA presented the award to Mr. Proce. Mr. Proce then made some personal comments.

**6. CITIZENS' INPUT**

There were no speakers.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 7A.** Consider action to approve minutes from the May 3, 2016 City Council Regular Meeting.

**This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

- 7B.** Consider action to approve a resolution to appoint Sean Seise to the Rowlett Long Term Recovery Committee.

**This item was approved as RES-068-16 on the Consent Agenda.**

- 7C.** Consider action to approve an ordinance approving a negotiated settlement between Atmos Steering Committee and Atmos Energy.

**This item was approved as ORD-020-16 on the Consent Agenda.**

- 7D.** Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing the final acceptance and final payment of an emergency construction contract with TRI-CON Services in an amount not to exceed \$593,081.00 for the 36 inch gravity sanitary sewer line repair and replacement and authorizing the Mayor to execute necessary documents.

**This item was approved as RES-069-16 on the Consent Agenda.**

- 7E.** Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing Task Authorization FY16-NS05 for the design of a 16 inch water main segment of the Big A 20-Inch Water Transmission Project (WA2110) in the amount of \$32,280 to Neel-Schaffer and to authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documents.

**This item was approved as RES-070-16 on the Consent Agenda.**

- 7F.** Consider an ordinance canvassing the results of the Special Charter Amendment Election held Saturday, May 7, 2016, for the purpose of considering four proposed amendments to the Rowlett City Charter and adopting said amendments to the Charter.

**This item was approved as ORD-021-16 on the Consent Agenda.**

- 7G.** Consider a resolution canvassing the results of the General Election held Saturday, May 7, 2016, for the positions of Mayor, Councilmember Place Two, Councilmember Place Four, and Councilmember Place Six, as well as the Special Election to Fill a Vacancy for Councilmember Place 3.

**This item was approved as RES-071-16 on the Consent Agenda.**

### **Passed the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, seconded by Councilmember 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 consider an ordinance approving a request for a rezoning from Single Family-40 Zoning District to a Planned Development District with an underlying zoning of Single Family 7 (SF-7) for the purpose of constructing a single family neighborhood. The subject properties are located at 4401, 4413, 4501, 4509, 4513, 4601, 4609, 4613 and 4701 Dexham Road, further described as being Lots 1 – 9, Block A of the Dexham Creek Ranch Estates.

Mark Kurbansade, Director of Development Services, presented the background information for this item. The developer, Bob Cresswell, along with Tony Krauska, presented the concept plan. The public meeting opened and closed with the following speakers:

1. Lisa Thomas, 4606 Dexham Road, Rowlett; spoke in opposition
2. Jon Simikic, 1902 Palomino Drive, Rowlett; spoke in opposition
3. John Roan, 4317 Dexham Road, Rowlett; spoke in opposition
4. Betty Littlejohn, 4418 Dexham Road, Rowlett; spoke in opposition
5. Jerry Kerby, 1706 Palomino Drive, Rowlett; spoke in opposition
6. Larry Perkins, 4414 Dexham Road, Rowlett; spoke in opposition
7. Mark Hemphkins, 1613 Palomino Drive, Rowlett; spoke in opposition
8. Angela McGaughey, 4502 Dexham Road, Rowlett; spoke in opposition
9. Gregory Craig, 1914 Stallion Circle, Rowlett; spoke in opposition
10. Diane Perkins, 4414 Dexham Road, Rowlett; spoke in opposition
11. Dennie Gerdes, 1910 Palomino Drive, Rowlett; spoke in opposition

Discussion regarding green space and HOA maintained property.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sheffield, seconded by Councilmember Pankratz, to approve the item as presented with a friendly amendment to have Exhibits D and E reconciled. The motion carried with a vote of six in favor and one opposed (Bobbitt). This item was approved as ORD-022-16.

## **9. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

After a short break at 9:32 p.m., Council reconvened at 9:41 p.m.

- 9A.** Recognition of service, presentation and personal remarks from City Councilmembers Place Three – Carl Pankratz and Place 6 – Michael Gallops.

Mayor Gottel presented plaques to Mr. Pankratz and Mr. Gallops who both made personal remarks.

- 9B.** Administration of Oaths of Office for the Mayor, Councilmembers Place 2, Place 3, Place 4 and Place 6.

Laura Hallmark, City Secretary, presented each elected official, in turn, with their Certificate of Election. The oaths for Mayor Gottel, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian, and Councilmember Bobbitt were conducted by Municipal Judge, Pam Liston. The oath for Councilmember Hargrave was ceremoniously conducted by Wayne Baxter and the oath for Councilmember Brown was ceremoniously conducted by Pastor Michael Hankins.

After being sworn in, each Councilmember provided personal comments and then took their seat at the dais.

- 9C.** Update from the City Council and Management: Financial Position, Major Projects, Operational Issues, Upcoming Dates of Interest and Items of Community Interest.

Mayor Gottel announced the following:

### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup>

### **P & Z MEETINGS**

- MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 28<sup>TH</sup> IN THE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM AT 6:30PM

### **EARLY VOTING FOR JOINT RUN-OFF ELECTION**

- EARLY VOTING FROM MONDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> 7AM TO 7PM IN ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM
- ELECTION DAY VOTING – TUESDAY, MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 8AM TO 5PM; VOTE AT YOUR PRECINCT
- CHECK THE CITY SECRETARY'S PAGE ON THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION NOW OFFERING LOW-INTEREST DISASTER LOANS!**

- THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE LOANS IS MAY 31, 2016
- THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR ECONOMIC INJURY LOANS IS DECEMBER 29, 2016
- YOU MAY CALL 800-659-2955
- EMAIL DISASTERCUSTOMERSERVICE@SBA.GOV OR ROWLETTTOEM@ROWLETT.COM

#### REBUILD ROWLETT "GO FUND ME" AND "PAYPAL" ACCOUNTS

- THE ROWLETT CHAMBER FOUNDATION, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, STARTED REBUILD ROWLETT GO FUND ME AND PAYPAL ACCOUNTS
- MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO HELP ROWLETT RESIDENTS REBUILD THEIR LIVES AND HOMES
- WWW.GOFUNDME.COM/REBUILDDROWLETT
- PAYPAL – WWW.REBUILDDROWLETT.ORG

#### ROWLETT LIBRARY

- STORY TIME WITH NANCY CHURNIN
  - SATURDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AT THE LIBRARY, 2PM

#### PARKS AND RECREATION

- WET ZONE OPEN WEEKENDS IN MAY! OPENS DAILY BEGINNING JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>
  - 11AM – 6PM
- MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION FEATURING TOUCH-A-TRUCK
  - SATURDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 10AM – 1PM @ RCC (RAIN-OUT DATE IS MONDAY, MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>)
- FIREWORKS ON MAIN
  - MONDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 6PM – 10PM @ 5300 MAIN ST, PECAN GROVE PARK – BEHIND WET ZONE
  - FEATURING EXILE WITH OPENING ACT – MARS HILL BAND
  - FIRE WORKS START AT 9:45PM

#### 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL POLICE BICYCLE RODEO

- SATURDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FROM 10AM TO 1PM @ RCC
- TEACHES KIDS THE IMPORTANCE OF BICYCLE SAFETY
- DOOR PRIZES AND DRAWINGS FOR NEW BICYCLES

#### SENIOR EVENTS

- AARP SMART DRIVERS CLASS
  - SATURDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 9AM – 1PM
  - \$15 FOR AARP MEMBERS; \$20 FOR NON-AARP MEMBERS
- FATHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST; COST OF \$5
  - TUESDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>, 11:30AM – 1PM @ RCC

#### ANIMAL SHELTER

- LOW COST VACCINE CLINIC AT ANIMAL SHELTER –
  - SATURDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 1 – 3PM
  - LOCATED AT 4402 INDUSTRIAL ST.
  - SHELTER IS OPEN MONDAY – SATURDAY, 10AM – 5PM
- PET-ADOPT-ATHON
  - SATURDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 10AM – 5PM
  - \$25 ADOPTIONS

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dana-Bashian announced the Rowlett Ride for Veterans will take place on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Riders will meet at Sachse High School at 7:45 a.m. and begin at 8:30 a.m. The ride will conclude at Rowlett High School in time for the Memorial Day Program at the Recreation Centre.

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

There was no action taken.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Gottel adjourned the meeting at 10:43 p.m.



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Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



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Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: June 7, 2016