



**AGENDA-SPECIAL  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, August 10, 2021 – 6:00 pm**  
Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street  
Royse City, Texas

**A. CALL TO ORDER 6:01 PM BY MAYOR ELLIS**

Announce the presence of a quorum.

City Council

Members Present: Mayor, Clay Ellis  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 4, Matt Wheatley  
Council Member Place 2, Russell Ratterree  
Council Member Place 3, Bruce Bradley  
Council Member Place 6, Tom Crowley

Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 5, James Branch  
Council Member Place 1, Michael Holder

Staff Present: City Manager, Carl Alsabrook  
City Attorney, Jason Day  
City Secretary, Deborah Sorensen  
Assistant City Secretary, Courtney Thurston  
ACM/CFO, Shannon Raymond  
Police Chief, Kirk Aldridge  
City Engineer, Lacey Rodgers  
Finance Manager, Samantha Taveau

**B. INVOCATION**

Mayor Ellis gave the invocation.

**C. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

None

**D. BUSINESS**

- 1. Presentation and discussion concerning overview of 2021-2022 Proposed Budget and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsabrook stated the proposed budget addresses all of the City Council’s priorities with emphasis on first responders. Mayor Ellis thanked Shannon Raymond for all of the hard work. He knows it is not easy dealing with three counties. Council Member Bradley thanked Carl and city staff. Council Member Crowley echoed the same sentiment.

- 2. Consider and act concerning approving a proposed maximum Tax Rate for 2021 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.

Council Member Bradley made a motion to set the maximum Tax Rate for 2021 at \$0.6215. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

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 there is 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 14, 2021.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Wheatley made a motion to set the date and time for the Tax Rate and Budget Public Hearings for September 14, 2021 at 7 pm. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

**E. ADJOURN AT 6:08 PM**

Council Member Crowley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROYSE CITY, TEXAS on this 24th day of August, 2021.**

  
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Clay Ellis, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, MMC, City Secretary

