



City Council of Royse City, Texas

**MINUTES-REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 – 7:00 pm
Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street
Royse City, Texas

A. CALL TO ORDER 7:03 PM BY MAYOR ELLIS

Announce the presence of a quorum.

City Council

Members Present: Mayor, Clay Ellis
Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 5, James Branch
Council Member Place 1, Michael Holder
Council Member Place 2, Russell Ratterree
Council Member Place 3, Bruce Bradley
Council Member Place 6, Tom Crowley

Member Absent: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 4, Matt Wheatley

Staff Present: City Manager, Carl Alsabrook
City Attorney, Jason Day
ACM/CFO, Shannon Raymond
Finance Manager, Samantha Nelson
Police Chief, Kirk Aldridge
Fire Chief, Tanner Dietz

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 7:04 PM

E. PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:04 PM

1. Take testimony regarding voluntary annexation located in Rockwall County; RCAD ID 12342, A188 J Stephenson Survey, Tract 1-01, situated west of Elm Grove Road, RCAD ID 12189, A177 GM Parker Survey, Tract 3, situated west of Elm Grove Road, RCAD ID 12191, A177 GM Parker Survey, Tract 5, situated south of I-30, RCAD ID 12193, A177 GM Parker Survey, Tract Part of Tract 8, situated south of I-30, RCAD ID 10384, A42 J Briscoe Survey, Tract 2, situated south of I-30; being a total of 177.432 acres.

The petitioner withdrew his annexation petition, cancelling this public hearing.

F. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:06 PM

G. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:06 PM

H. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from the January 10, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting
2. Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report for December 2022

Council Member Bradley requested item #2 be removed from consent agenda for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Branch made a motion to remove item #2 from the Consent Agenda. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

Mayor Pro Tem Branch made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Holder seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

2. Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report for December 2022.

Council Member Bradley stated the December forecast for the property tax collection was nowhere near the actual number. He asked for an explanation. Shannon Raymond responded that property taxes are usually sent by the escrow companies in December, January, and early February. The CAD stated that they did not receive those funds in time for the December report. January should make up for the difference. Council Member Bradley asked if the January will show more than normal with regard to collections. Shannon stated that CAD January collections have exceeded last year's.

Council Member Bradley made a motion to accept the Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report for December 2022. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Branch asked that the monthly report for next month be a business item and not consent agenda. **Motion passed 6-0.**

I. BUSINESS

1. Consider and act concerning adoption of an Ordinance regarding Annexation of 177.432 acres located south of I-30 and west of Elm Grove Road, and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day stated the petitioner withdrew his petition to annex. There is no action to take.

2. Consider and act concerning approval of a Franchise Agreement with Si Energy, and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day stated staff has been working on this agreement for almost two years. Natural gas usually comes from ATMOS and there hasn't been any competition in this field. Si Energy started in Austin in the mid 90's. They have been working with some of the new subdivisions and trying to bid on the jobs. They are currently in Forney and some other areas. They were very easy to work with and very receptive to the changes we requested. They will be paying franchise fees for being in our right of ways and will meet all of our regulations. They will be building in some of the new subdivisions coming in.

Council Member Crowley made a motion to approve the Franchise Agreement with Si Energy. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

3. Discussion concerning City Manager update: Development, N. Sorrells Road, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsabrook stated a lot of work has been done to N. Sorrells Road. The City has entered into an agreement with Rockwall County to maintain the road. They will grade

the road and clean some trees and ditches along the road. The micro hospital is moving forward very rapidly. Staff received drawings from Hunt County Regional Hospital for a small hospital east of FM 2642. There is a lot of interest in the city. Carl stated he spoke with Lacey regarding the Bearpen sewer line; the engineering is done and there are a handful of easements that need to be done. Once easements are done, which should be shortly, it will move forward. The project will be a long process.

Mayor Pro Tem Branch asked about the light at FM 2453. Tanner Dietz responded plans have been received and is expected around April.

K. 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 Holder requested that staff looks at increasing building fees and start a plan review fee. Carl stated that staff is working on it.

L. ADJOURN AT 7:20 PM

Mayor Pro Tem Branch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Holder seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROYSE CITY, TEXAS on the 14th day of February, 2023.



Clay Ellis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, MMC, City Secretary

