



City Council of Royse City, Texas

**MINUTES-REGULAR  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023 – 7:00 pm**  
Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street  
Royse City, Texas

**A. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM BY MAYOR PRO TEM BRANCH**

Announce the presence of a quorum.

City Council

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 5, James Branch  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 4, Matt Wheatley  
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: Mayor, Clay Ellis

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

**B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Ratterree gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. PRESENTATION**

1. American Red Cross presentation of Certificate of Extraordinary Personal Action to Royse City citizen, Liz Clifton.

Linda Braddy, CEO American Red Cross, presented the Certificate of Extraordinary Personal Action to Royse City citizen, Liz Clifton for her actions to help save the life of a choking baby boy at Walmart.

**D. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

None

**E. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve minutes from February 28, 2023 Special Meeting and Regular Meeting.

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

## F. BUSINESS

1. Discussion concerning allowing chickens in residential areas, and any matters related thereto.

Deborah Sorensen stated this item is pulled from the agenda due to the presenter not being available.

2. Consider and act concerning adoption of a Resolution Amending the Royse City Thoroughfare Plan, and any matters related thereto.

Lacey Rodgers stated the City Engineering office has been working with EST Inc to update both the City's Master Thoroughfare Plan (MTP) and the City's Roadway Impact Fees. To date staff have completed the City's MTP map and are working toward completion of the Impact fee report. Staff has incorporated a number of new roads into the City's MTP such as a few additional creek crossings over Sabine Creek.

Council Member Crowley made a motion to adopt a Resolution Amending the Royse City Thoroughfare Plan. Council Member Ratterree seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

3. Consider and act concerning a Development Plat for the Lawn Mower Shop Addition being 9.87 acres, situated in the James May Survey, Abstract No. 1297, Royse City, Hunt County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.

Jason Day stated the applicant has requested an extension. They are working on a Development Agreement.

4. Discussion concerning City Manager update: Development, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsabrook stated regarding the new police building, the steel for pier work is in. With regard to roadways, tree trimming is complete on N. Sorrells and grading is almost done. Elm Grove will be difficult for a few months, will be closed in less than 30 days.

The micro hospital is waiting on Oncor. Native Station had a soft opening. There is no update on Anvil.

Mayor Pro Tem Branch gave a shoutout to Dario Lopez, Public Works Director, for his quick response to a street repair and a situation with sidewalks in Waterscape.

Carl Alsabrook reminded City Council of the Joint Meeting with Royse City ISD to be held on March 23, 2023 at the new Ruth Cherry Elementary.

## G. 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.

None.

## H. ADJOURN AT 7:11 PM

Council Member Holder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROYSE CITY, TEXAS on the 28th day of March, 2023.**

*Clay Ellis*

Clay Ellis, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

*Deborah Sorensen*

Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, MMC, City Secretary

