



City Council of Royse City, Texas

**MINUTES-REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 – 7:00 pm

Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street
Royse City, Texas

A. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM BY MAYOR ELLIS

Announce the presence of a quorum.

City Council

Members Present: Mayor, Clay Ellis
Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 3, Bruce Bradley
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 5, James Branch
Council Member Place 1, Michael Holder
Council Member Place 4, Matt Wheatley
Council Member Place 6, Tom Crowley

Members Absent: Council Member Place 2, Russell Ratterree

Staff Present: City Manager, Carl Alsabrook
City Attorney, Jason Day
City Secretary, Deborah Sorensen
ACM/CFO, Shannon Raymond
Finance Manager, Samantha Nelson
Police Lieutenant, Nick Dial
Police Lieutenant, Ray Fitzwater
Fire Chief, Tanner Dietz
City Engineer, Lacey Rodgers
Municipal Judge, Paul Liston
HR Director, Tauna Ratliff

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ellis gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. PROCLAMATION

1. Flag Day

Mayor Ellis presented the Proclamation to Laramore - Osborne American Legion Post #100.

D. PRESENTATION

1. Presentation of Teen Court Scholarships

Judge Liston presented Teen Court Scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to Katherine Marie Stevens, Anna Christine Hueston, and Brianna Erika Morales.

2. Presentation of Employee Award

Tauna Ratliff presented an Outstanding Contributions to the Senior Community of Rockwall County award to Amanda Murray, Senior Center Manager.

E. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

None

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from the May 23, 2023 Regular Meeting.
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign purchase orders to EM Construction and Texas Materials Group for street maintenance projects.

Council Member Crowley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Holder seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

G. BUSINESS

1. Consider and act concerning adoption of a Resolution regarding the appointment of Mary Johnson to the Heritage Preservation Committee for an unexpired term (term June 13, 2023 to June 30, 2025), and any matters related thereto.

Lacey Rodgers stated Place 3 of the Heritage Preservation Committee is open due to Jennine Morris resigning on November 10, 2022. Place 3 is for a business owner or employee of a business that is in the Heritage Preservation District. Mary Johnson owns Housewarmers, which is located in the District. Her application was presented. This is for an unexpired term. Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of appointment.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Branch made a motion to appoint Mary Johnson to the Heritage Preservation Committee. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

2. Consider and act concerning authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Birkhoff Hendricks & Carter, LLP (BHC) for Elevated Storage Tank #2, and any matters related thereto.

Lacey Rodgers stated the PESA is to complete the engineering effort, including construction management, geotechnical inspection, and survey, for our next water tower. Water tower #2 is proposed to be 2.0 MGD. The engineering effort is not to exceed \$655,427. The current opinion of costs for this tower is approximately \$11 million and is targeted to be ready for construction in the beginning of 2024. This will be located on FM 2642 near the railroad.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Branch made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Birkhoff Hendricks & Carter, LLP (BHC) for Elevated Storage Tank #2 not to exceed \$655, 427. Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

3. Discussion concerning City Manager update: Development, Celebrating Freedom, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsbrook stated the weather has slowed down projects this week. The new PD building has gone vertical. The Senior Center building remodel is ready to get started. Chiloso will open in about 45 days. The ER Hospital is waiting on Atmos and plan to open the end of July or early August. Soulman's business office building has begun its remodeling. Their restaurant along I-30 will be updated. James Thompson will be

bringing The Well to historical standards. Kid fish was a few weeks ago. The park looked great. He thanked Martin Torres and the Park Staff for doing a good job.

J. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:31 PM

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recess into Closed Session in compliance with Section §551.001 Texas Government Code:

Section §551.074 – Personnel Matters

1. To deliberate the annual evaluation of Municipal Judge and receive report.

L. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:22 PM

M. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:22 PM

1. Take any action as a result of Executive Session, and any matters related thereto.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Branch made a motion to bring the Municipal Judge on as an exempt part-time employee for 20 hours a week and at the amount discussed to be effective immediately. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

N. 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


O. ADJOURN AT 8:24 PM


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

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROYSE CITY, TEXAS on this 27th day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:


Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, MMC, City Secretary


Clay Ellis, Mayor



The seal of the City of Royse City, Texas, is circular with a five-pointed star in the center. The words "CITY OF ROYSE CITY" are written around the top inner edge of the circle, and "TEXAS" is written at the bottom.