



City Council of Royse City, Texas

**MINUTES-SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 – 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
Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 3, Bruce Bradley
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Council Member Place 5, James Branch
Council Member Place 2, Russell Ratterree
Council Member Place 4, Matt Wheatley
Council Member Place 6, Tom Crowley

Member Absent: Council Member Place 1, Michael Holder

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

Mayor Ellis gave invocation.

C. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

None

D. BUSINESS

- 1. Presentation and discussion concerning overview of the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsabrook presented the Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget. He stated the proposed budget met and exceeded City Council’s priorities. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Branch asked for Carl to review some of the priorities. Carl stated that in the proposed budget, all departments have received additional personnel, there are a few replacement vehicles, technology updates, quality of life improvements for the spray park, and a park grant.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Branch asked about the tax rate. Shannon Raymond responded the current tax rate is \$0.6050 and the new proposed tax rate is a 2.1 cent reduction. Shannon reviewed the no new revenue, voter approval, and proposed tax rates.

2. Consider and act concerning approving a proposed maximum Tax Rate for 2023 for public notice requirements, and any matters related thereto.

Shannon Raymond stated the proposed recommended maximum tax rate is \$0.5840 for the purposes of publishing notices. The current rate is \$0.6050. The proposed tax rate is a 3.6% decrease. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Branch stated he wants communication sent to the public of the City Council reducing the tax rate.

Council Member Ratterree made a motion to approve a proposed maximum Tax Rate for 2023 for public notice requirements at the tax rate of \$0.5840. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

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. Staff is proposing the meeting be held at the regular meeting on September 12, 2023. The ad will run for two weeks.

Council Member Bradley made a motion to set the Tax Rate and Budget Public Hearings for September 12, 2023 at 7 pm. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Branch seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-0.**

E. ADJOURN AT 6:16 PM

Mayor Ellis adjourned the meeting.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROYSE CITY, TEXAS on the 22nd day of August, 2023.



Clay Ellis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Deborah Sorensen, TRMC, MMC, City Secretary

