



**AGENDA-REGULAR  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, August 10, 2021 – 7:00 pm**  
Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street  
Royse City, Texas

**A. CALL TO ORDER 7:02 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  
Asst Fire Chief, Tanner Dietz  
City Engineer, Lacey Rodgers

**B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ellis gave invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

None

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. City Council Minutes July 27, 2021 Regular Meeting  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Wheatley made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda.  
Council Member Crowley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

**E. BUSINESS**

- 1. Consider and act concerning an Ordinance regarding a Final Plat for Creekshaw Phase 1B situated in the James Thompson Survey, Abstract No. 209, J. Merriman Survey, Abstract No. 154, and James B. Ratliff Survey, Abstract No. 185, being 39.5263 acres, Royse City, Rockwall County, Texas, and any matters related thereto.  
City staff pulled this item from the agenda.

2. Consider and act concerning awarding a bid for FM 2642 Utility Relocations and authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto, and any matters related thereto.

Lacey Rodgers stated in preparation for the reconstruction of FM 2642 the city is required to relocate a number of utilities. Sealed bids for this utility relocation project were received on Thursday, July 19, 2021. Two contractors submitted and the lowest bid is from Atkins Brothers Equipment Company of Midlothian, Tx in the amount of \$242,057.00. Adjust bid, due to an error, is \$246,057.00. Adkins Brothers Equipment Company has a record of satisfactory project completions. Staff recommends acceptance of the bid from Atkins Brothers Equipment Company in the amount of \$246,057.00 and subsequent award for this construction contract.

Council Member Ratterree made a motion to accept the bid of Atkins Brothers Equipment Company and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents related thereto. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Wheatley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

3. Consider and act concerning continuation with the Royse City Herald Banner or possible bid for the Official Newspaper of the City, and any matters related thereto.

Deborah Sorensen stated this an annual requirement by the charter for City Council to declare an official newspaper. Per the current resolution, Royse City Herald Banner is the current official newspaper until another selection is made by council. City Council can either bid the official newspaper or continue with the resolution.

Council Member Crowley asked how much is spent on advertising. Shannon Raymond responded \$20,000 is in the budget for advertising. Council Member Crowley expressed concern that the Royse City Herald Banner doesn't send reporters to the meetings anymore. Is there another option? Jason Day responded no, however; he will look into it. The problem is Royse City Herald Banner is the only paper that circulates in Royse City.

Council Member Crowley made a motion to deny. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Council Member Ratterree made a motion to continue with the Royse City Herald Banner as the official newspaper. Council Member Bradley seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-1**, with Council Member Crowley voting against.

4. Discussion concerning City Manager update: Development, Grand Opening of Fire Station No. 1 on July 31st 10 am – 2 pm, and any matters related thereto.

Carl Alsbrook stated Native Station continues to move forward. Everything seems to be operating well. He, Chief Aldridge, and Shannon will be touring new police building on Thursday. Several are attending the Royse City ISD convocation at 8:30 am tomorrow. He thanked City Council for working with staff.

## **F. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:14 PM**

## **G. EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:14 PM**

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

Section §551.071 - Private consultation with the City Attorney

1. Discussion with City Attorney regarding a Capital Improvement Agreement for Bearpen Creek.

2. Discussion with City Attorney regarding the legalities surrounding platting procedures.

**H. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:48 PM**

**I. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:48 PM**

1. Further discussion and possible action from Executive Session concerning a Capital Improvement Agreement for Bearpen Creek, and any matters related thereto.

No action taken.

**J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

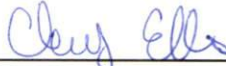
1. Consider and/or action to determine and direct City Staff in scheduling topics for discussion at future City Council Meetings, and any matters related thereto.

None

**K. ADJOURN AT 7:49 PM**

Council Member Crowley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Ratterree 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

