



CITY OF ROWLETT CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Our Vision: A well-planned lakeside community of quality neighborhoods, distinctive amenities, diverse employment, and cultural charm. Rowlett: THE place to live, work and play.

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

5:45 P.M.

Municipal Building

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

Present: Mayor Dana-Bashian, Mayor Pro Tem Brown, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, Councilmember Margolis, Councilmember Sherrill, Councilmember Laning, Councilmember Laning and Councilmember Bell

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dana-Bashian called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION (5:45 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate.

- 2A.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), to seek legal advice from the City Attorney regarding a petition for disannexation for territory along Vinson Road, Elm Grove Road, Stonewall Road and Dorothy Lane. (30 minutes)

In Executive Session at 5:46 p.m. Out at 6:25 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION (6:15 P.M.)*

- 3A.** Presentation regarding the possible implementation of an Environmental Advisory Board. (30 minutes)

Kenneth Williams, Jeffrey Sheldon and Val Richardson’s presentation included recommendations for and purpose of the board, composition of the board (number of members and relevant skills of members, etc.), short and long-term projects and possible ways the board could assist the City in providing research.

Discussion regarding the best fit for this type of group. It was the consensus of Council that these functions might be better served by a non-profit organization – either establishing one or working in partnership with an existing group such as Keep Rowlett Beautiful.

3B. Discuss amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Adopted Budget. (30 minutes)

Vlad Steere, Budget Officer, presented the items on the proposed amendment. This is an item on this meeting's Consent Agenda.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was requested that item 7B be pulled for Individual Consideration.

Council adjourned the Work Session at 7:25 p.m.

CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:30 P.M.)*

INVOCATION – Ann Dotson, First Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by the City Council
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Council reconvened in the Regular Session at 7:35 p.m.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

5A. Presentation of Proclamation in recognition of National IT Professionals Day.

Councilmember Sherrill presented the proclamation to IT Director Joey Brock and his staff: Trey Switzer, Matt Mayer, Susie Sun, Phil Barot (Library Services), Ella Li and Sara Liang. (Not present were Alex Buie and Travis Young.)

5B. Update from the City Council and Management: Financial Position, Major Projects, Operational Issues, Upcoming Dates of Interest and Items of Community Interest.

Municipal Judge Pam Liston announced Constitution Day – the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787.

Mayor Dana-Bashian recognized one of Rowlett's Vets – James Adams. Chris Kizziar with VROC outlined highlights of Mr. Adams' service. Mr. Adams was presented with a quilt from the Quilts of Valor organization. Mr. Adams then introduced his family members who were present.

Councilmember Bell made the following announcements:

PARKS AND RECREATION

- **MOVIES ON MAIN – EVERY FRIDAY, FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, THERE WILL BE A MOVIE SHOWN AT THE VILLAGE OF ROWLETT DOWNTOWN FROM 7PM – 9PM. THERE WILL BE KID'S ACTIVITIES, FOOD TRUCKS, AND MORE!**
- **WINTER YOUTH BASKETBALL - REGISTRATION IS CURRENTLY OPEN NOW FOR WINTER YOUTH BASKETBALL! REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS**

DECEMBER 1ST AND LEAGUE PLAY WILL START IN JANUARY AFTER THE HOLIDAY BREAK!

- FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS, VISIT THE DEPARTMENT'S PAGE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE.

ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION

- NEXT LOW COST VACCINATION CLINIC WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 2 – 5PM LOCATED AT 8502 LIBERTY GROVE RD. @ LIBERTY GROVE ANIMAL HOSPITAL. THESE CLINICS ARE HELD THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH (EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS).
- ANIMAL SHELTER IS OPEN MONDAY – SATURDAY, 10AM – 5PM AND LOCATED AT 4402 INDUSTRIAL STREET.
- TONIGHT WE ARE FEATURING SEVERAL OF THE KITTENS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION.

CPR CLASS OFFERED

- CPR CLASSES WILL BE HELD QUARTERLY NOW; NEXT CLASS IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 19TH AT 8:30AM AT THE RCC. COST IS \$30 AND OPEN TO ANYONE 16 YEARS OLD AND UP. CALL 972.412.6230 TO REGISTER

LIBRARY

- VISIT YOUR ROWLETT PUBLIC LIBRARY AT 3900 MAIN STREET! A MAP SHOWING DOWNTOWN PARKING IS ON THE LIBRARY'S WEB PAGE.
- ENJOY AN AFTERNOON MOVIE EVERY FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER. FRIDAY FLICKS BEGIN AT 3:30 PM .
- THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT YOUR ROWLETT PUBLIC LIBRARY! LIKE THE SENIOR BOOK CLUB OR SATURDAY FAMILY FUN.
- FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALL THE PROGRAMMING AVAILABLE, VISIT THE LIBRARY AT 3900 MAIN STREET OR CALL 972.412-6161. YOU CAN EVEN LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE PUBLIC BULLETIN BOARD OF THE CITY'S WEBSITE.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

IF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, PLEASE CONTACT OFFICER DANA REEVES AT 972-412-6242 OR EMAIL DREEVES@ROWLETT.COM.

TRI-CITY CLEANUP WITH DALLAS AND GARLAND ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, FROM 8:00AM TO 1:00PM AT HELLA SHRINE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.TRICITYCLEANUP.ORG.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING AND DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH FROM 9:00AM – 1:00PM AT ROWLETT HIGH SCHOOL. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.KEEPROWLETTBEAUTIFUL.ORG.

TO FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROWLETT – CHECK OUT THE *FRIDAY @ 5*, A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM CITY HALL. IT'S FULL OF INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CITY AND IS AVAILABLE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE EVERY FRIDAY AFTER 5PM. OR YOU CAN CHOOSE TO HAVE IT SENT DIRECTLY TO YOUR EMAIL. STAY UP-TO-DATE AND KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!

REMINDER – EMAIL YOUR QUESTIONS ON ANY CITY-RELATED TOPIC TO ASKTHEMAYOR@ROWLETT.COM AND IT COULD BE ANSWERED ON THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY PROGRAM “SPOTLIGHT ON ROWLETT”

AND FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY CITY PROGRAMS OR SERVICES, VISIT ROWLETT.COM OR CALL THE ACTION CENTER.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

There were no speakers.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7A. Approving minutes.

Consider action to approve minutes from the August 27, 2019 Special Council Work Session and the September 3, 2019 City Council meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7B. Approving an agreement for design of Rowlett Fire Station #2.

Consider action to approve a resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with EIKON Consulting Group, LLC (EIKON) for architectural and engineering services associated with the design of Rowlett Fire Station #2, in an amount not to exceed \$529,650.

Neil Howard, Fire Chief, presented the information for this item. Jerry Fitzpatrick, Project Manager and Brad Isbell, with EIKON, were available for additional information.

A motion was made by Councilmember Margolis, seconded by Councilmember Sherrill, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as RES-106-19.

7C. Approving negotiated settlement regarding Atmos' 2019 Rate Review Mechanism filing.

Consider action to approve a resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) and Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division (Atmos Mid-Tex) regarding the company's 2019 Rate Review Mechanism (RRM) filings.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as ORD-021-19.

7D. Approving contract with Tri-Con Services, Inc. for alley reconstruction.

Consider action to approve a resolution accepting the bid of and awarding a contract to Tri Con Services, Inc. in the amount of \$507,957.50 and a ten percent (10%) contingency amount of \$50,795.75 and up to \$10,000 for an early completion bonus, resulting in a total project budget of \$568,753.25 for the Alley Reconstruction for Amber Avenue/Jennifer Lane and Jennifer Lane/Andrea Lane, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary documents for said services.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-107-19.

7E. Amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Capital and Operating budgets.

Consider action to adopt an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY2019) Capital and Operating budgets.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as ORD-022-19.

7F. Amending the Master Fee Schedule – Solid Waste and Utility.

Consider action approving a resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule for rate and fee changes to the Solid Waste and Utility sections.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-108-19.

7G. Amending the Master Fee Schedule – Parks and Recreation.

Consider action approving a resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule for rate and fee changes to the Parks and Recreation Fees.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-109-19.

7H. Approving an Interlocal Agreement

Consider action to approve a resolution entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Ellis County, which will allow both cities to cooperatively purchase goods and services under each other's competitively bid contracts.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-110-19.

7I. Approving abandoning a water line easement.

Consider an action to approve an ordinance to abandon a water line easement on property owned by Homestead Liberty Grove Development 2 LLC. The water line easement is generally located on the southwest side of Princeton Road and an alley (formerly, Princeton Road) in The Homestead at Liberty Grove Phase 2.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as ORD-023-19.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, seconded by Councilmember Bell, including all the preceding items marked as having been approved on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present.

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 8A.** Consider an Ordinance to review, update and approve the annual Bayside Public Improvement District (PID) – North Improvement Area Service and Assessment Plan and Assessment Roll.

Wendy Badgett, Director of Finance, presented the information for this item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Brown, seconded by Councilmember Laning, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as ORD-024-19.

- 8B.** Consider action to approve an ordinance approving and adopting the budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 (FY2020).

Mr. Steere presented the information for this item.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, seconded by Councilmember Margolis, to adopt an ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 Budget as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as ORD-025-19.

- 8C.** Consider action to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the Budget for FY2020.

Mr. Steere presented the information for this item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sherrill, seconded by Councilmember Bell, that the property tax revenue increase reflected in the budget be ratified. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present.

- 8D.** Consider an ordinance approving and adopting the proposed ad valorem tax rate of \$0.757173 per \$100 of taxable value for fiscal year 2020 (FY2020).

Mr. Steere presented the information for this item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Brown, seconded by Councilmember Sherrill, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as ORD-026-19.

- 8E.** Conduct a public hearing and consider taking action on a dis-annexation request on approximately 303.85 acres generally located northeast of Elm Grove Road and east of Vinson Road, in the City of Rowlett, Dallas County, Texas.

Munal Mauladad, Director of Community Development, presented the information for this item. The public hearing opened and closed with one speaker: Steve Sallman, 4040 N. Central Expwy., Dallas.


A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, seconded by Councilmember Margolis, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as RES-111-19.

TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

There was no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.


Tammy Dana-Bashian, Mayor


Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: October 8, 2019