



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, November 2, 2021

6:15 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 Grubisich, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sherrill, Councilmember Margolis, Councilmember Laning, Councilmember Bell and Councilmember Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dana-Bashian called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There is no item for this agenda.

3. WORK SESSION (6:15 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate.

City Council may receive public input on the following items:

- 3A.** Discuss the purchase of a 2021 Spartan 75' Ladder Truck and equipment from Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists, Inc. (Metro Fire) in the amount of \$1,121,726, through Sourcwell pricing contract and financed at the City's discretion. [45 minutes]

Neil Howard, Fire Chief, reviewed the Fire Department fleet's needs and a history of the refurbished vehicles. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with this option and look at starting financing and have the first payment in this fiscal year, if possible.

- 3B.** Discuss the acquisition and installation of traffic signal poles for the intersection of Lakeview Parkway and Martin Drive and discuss the future installation of entry features/monuments to Downtown. (30 minutes)

Tom Harris, Director of Engineering, reviewed the multi-year background of this project. Discussion regarding other options for denoting Village of Rowlett Downtown area. It was the consensus of Council to proceed.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

After a short break at 6:54 p.m., Council reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION – Cole Hedgecock, First Baptist Rowlett

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Council

CONVENE REGULAR SESSION (7:30 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

5A. Presentation of Proclamation recognizing November 1-5, 2021 as Municipal Courts Week.

Council's Court Governance Committee, Mayor Pro Tem Grubisich, Councilmember Brown and Councilmember Margolis presented the proclamation to Judge Liston, Judge Kilgore and two Marshals of the Court who were present.

5B. Presentation of Proclamation recognizing November 4th as "Light the World in Teal" in honor of Alzheimer's Awareness Month.

Councilmember Bell presented the proclamation to members of the Senior Advisory Board and Aaron Cleaver, Director of Parks and Recreation. Staff from Iris Memory Care provided additional information.

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

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sherrill made the following announcements:

Rowlett's "Taste of Fall" Farmers Market – Thursday evenings from 6 – 9 through November 11th. Themed evenings with local artists, vendors, produce, flowers and more! Fun for the whole family.

Let the Library help you find a job!

The Rowlett Public Library will be hosting two programs to help facilitate your job search: Saturday, November 6th will be "Resume Assistance" and Saturday, November 20th will be "Interviewing 101." Both sessions begin at 2 p.m.

There is still time to register for Saturday's Neighborhood Summit, held in partnership with the Cities of Plano and Garland. Our Neighborhood Planning Team will be a first-time host of this year's ONLINE summit that will focus on Resilience: Strengthening Neighborhood Livability. It's free to the public and registration is available on the City's website.

Grab your furry BFF and head out to Scentral Bark dog park this Saturday from 6-9pm for Barks, Brews & Brats – a fun evening of live music, playful pups, cold brews, and food trucks. Be sure to bring lawn chairs and your dog's leash (for when your dog is not in Big Bark or Small Bark).

Please join us at Veterans Park on November 11th at 11 a.m. as we honor our local veterans during our Veterans Day ceremony. Show your support and appreciation to those who have made so very many sacrifices for our freedom!

For more information on these and all other City-related events, please visit Rowlett.com or call the Action Center at 972-412-6100.

He also announced that the prescription drug take-back event collected over 200 pounds of prescription medication and a lot of used syringes – saving them from the landfill and the water system.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

1. Steven Horwitz, Rowlett; COVID
2. Debra Shinder, Rowlett; Election Day

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7A. Consider approving the minutes.

Consider action to approve minutes from the following City Council meeting(s): October 19, 2021 Regular Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7B. Consider a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the 2021 State Homeland Security Program.

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the 2021 Rowlett Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT) Cache Enhancement grant award (#4000802) in the amount of \$57,966.90 from the 2021 State Homeland Security Program.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-127-21.

7C. Consider a resolution authorizing a contract renewal for concrete repairs.

Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing a one-year contract renewal (fourth of four, Bid 2018-10) with Austin Raymond Construction for concrete repairs to sidewalks, curbs, gutters and utility cuts in an estimated annual amount of \$462,585.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-128-21.

- 7D. Consider a resolution approving a purchase order for a cellular voice and data service provider.**

Consider action to approve a resolution approving a purchase order estimated at \$49,328, but may exceed \$50,000, to a cellular voice and data service provider for multiple departments throughout the City.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-129-21.

- 7E. Consider a resolution authorizing a Task Authorization for engineering design and utility relocation coordination work.**

Consider action to approve a resolution issuing Task Authorization FY22-NS-01 in the amount of \$158,890 to Neel-Schaffer, Inc. (Neel-Schaffer) for engineering design and utility relocation coordination work associated with the Dalrock Road and State Highway 66 (SH66) Intersection Improvements Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary documents for said services.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-130-21.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Margolis, seconded by Councilmember Laning, including all the preceding item(s) marked as having been approved on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present.

8. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 8A. Conduct a public hearing and take action on an ordinance request by Hely Gonzalez, Viva Preschool, on behalf of property owner Crossroads Baptist Church, regarding a Special Use Permit to allow General Day Care Uses within a portion of a building on an approximately 15.15-acre property zoned Single-Family Residential (SF-10) and Single-Family Residential (SF-8) Districts. The subject property is located approximately 130 feet northeast of the intersection of Willow Wood Street and Chiesa Road, being Lot 1R, Block 1 of Crossroads Church Willow Wood Estates Addition, in the City of Rowlett, Dallas County, Texas.**

Alex Koenig, Planning Manager, presented the information for this item. Applicant, Hely Gonzalez, provided additional information. The public hearing opened and closed with no speakers.


A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Sherrill, to approve the item as presented with Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as ORD-042-21.

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

There was no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.


Tammy Dana-Bashian, Mayor


Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Approved on: November 16, 2021

