



CITY OF ROWLETT CITY COUNCIL ACTION 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 20, 2022

5:30 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main St.

Present: Mayor Margolis, Mayor Pro Tem Winget, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Shinder, Councilmember Grubisich, Councilmember Britton and Councilmember Bell

Absent: Councilmember Galuardi

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Margolis called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 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 and to discuss possible agreement with Jackson Walker related to membership with the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). (30 minutes) **THIS ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED AFTER THE REGULAR SESSION.**

In at 7:00 p.m. Out at 7:28 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION (5:30 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate.

City Council may receive public input on the following items:

- 3A.** Annual Presentation from the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce. (20 minutes)
- 3B.** Discuss amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Adopted Budget. (30 minutes)
- 3C.** Discuss a proposal to create a Lakefront Advisory Committee. (30 minutes)
- 3D.** Discuss amending the City's current ordinance regarding Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Ways. (30 minutes)

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Item 7C was pulled for Individual Consideration at the request of Mayor Pro Tem Winget.

Short break at 7:33 p.m.

INVOCATION – Brian Hiatt, Cornerstone Church

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE – Corban Robbins and Aiden Crider with Boy Scout Troop 1188

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

Council reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

5A. Rowlett Veterans Recognition Program – Donald Van Handel, United States Marine Corps.

Councilmember Britton presented a Certificate of Recognition and Chris Kizziar with Veterans Resource and Outreach Center presented a quilt on behalf of Quilts of Valor.

5B. Presentation by the Senior Advisory Board of the 2022 Senior Friendly Business Award.

Kenneth Williams – Chair, along with Councilmember Bell, Kari Pacheco – Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, and the following members of the Senior Advisory Board – Alberta Reese, Virginia Denson and Wathenia Clark, presented the award to Tom Thumb of Rowlett. Randy Webb, Store Director, accepted the award.

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

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Shinder presented the proclamation to the following Rowlett IT staff members: Joey Brock – IT Director, Rob Emminger – Desktop Administrator, Trey Switzer – Network Administrator and Alex Buie – Systems Administrator. IT staff unable to attend: Matt Mayer – Infrastructure Manager, Susie Sun – Applications Manager, Collin Wallick – Desktop Administrator and Lt. Steve Ferrie.

5D. Presentation of Proclamation recognizing October 5th as World Teachers' Day.

Mayor Margolis presented the proclamation.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Winget made the following announcements:

It's Fall, y'all. Taste of Fall Market – Thursdays on the green at the Village of Rowlett Downtown, starting this week through October 27th. Come on down for a taste of fall while you shop all the food trucks and booths and craft vendors. From pumpkin spice cupcakes to decorative fall wreaths, our market will have you ready to experience the Autumn season.

There are still two more Fridays to experience Movies on Main – also downtown. Food trucks, kids' activities and free popcorn before the show begins at dusk.

Also downtown is our annual all-day Harvest Market on Main – Saturday, October 1st from 9 – 4. Spend the day shopping our local food, produce, and craft vendors! You can explore our downtown shops, while walking, shopping, and spending time with friends and family.

October 1st from 9 – 12 is the 6th annual Tri-City Cleanup. Dallas, Garland and Rowlett area volunteers work to clean up litter along Lake Ray Hubbard shoreline and down Rowlett Creek. Free lunch, music, games and prizes at Hella Shrine afterwards. There is still time to register.

Rowlett's National Night Out – Monday, October 3rd – the time to show criminals your neighborhood is united against crime! It's not too late to register with Neighborhood Planning.

October also brings Lunch on the Lawn back to downtown on Mondays. Enjoy a variety of food trucks, live music and games from 11am-2pm.

Beginning September 29th, operating hours at City of Rowlett offices and some facilities will extend. As a service organization, adapting to the needs of our customers is paramount. The longer hours will enhance in-person service opportunities for residents who may experience challenges with the traditional 5pm closing time.

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

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Shinder announced the featured felines from the Animal Shelter:

Tonight's feature from the Animal Shelter is a Kitty Kompilation of 1 – 2-year-old fully vetted and healthy felines.

- 🐾 Carolyn is very friendly. She came into the shelter with her kitten who has already been adopted.
- 🐾 Cleopatra is friendly, but as her name suggests, being the queen she is, she will let you know how she feels all the time.
- 🐾 Misty is very sweet and is a doll. She also came in with her kitten who has already been adopted.
- 🐾 Ash is a super sweet and handsome guy.

All adoptions include spay/neuter, microchip and up-to-date vaccinations. Contact the Animal Shelter to find your family's fabulous feline.

Brian Funderburk, City Manager, introduced Rowlett's new Police Chief, Michael Denning.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

1. Elise Bowers, Rowlett; opposition to de-parking take area behind Chiesa Road
2. Michael Gallops, Rowlett; support for Item 8C
3. Disabled American Veterans Chapter 137 – Group: Hal Ammons and Stacy Maynard for Ken Warnke, Bill Connel, Andre Jackson, Charles McGregor and Kathrine Strimple; program in Rowlett and services available
4. Roy Willis, Rowlett; Chiesa Road project

Council received 3 Public Input Form(s) for this meeting: 1 supporting 3C, 1 supporting 8A and 1 opposing Item 8C; plus two direct emails opposed to Item 8C.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7A. Consider approving the minutes.

Consider action to approve minutes from the following City Council meeting(s): September 6, 2022 Regular Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7B. Consider an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Adopted Budget.

Consider action to adopt an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Adopted Budget.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as ORD-036-22.

7C. Consider action amending the Master Fee Schedule.

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

This item was pulled for Individual Consideration.

A motion was made by Councilmember Britton, seconded by Councilmember Bell, to approve the item as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was approved as RES-102-22.

7D. Consider action approving the Atmos Cities Steering Committee's recommendation.

Consider action to approve a resolution settling Rate Review Mechanism (RRM) filings as recommended by the Atmos Cities Steering Committee.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-103-22.

7E. Consider action approving the City's 2023 Legislative Priorities.

Consider action to approve a resolution approving the 2023 Legislative Priorities for the City of Rowlett.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-104-22.

7F. Consider approving appointments to boards and commissions.

Consider and ratify appointments of members and Councilmember Liaisons to the City's various boards, commissions and Council sub-committees.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

7G. Consider action approving the execution of a Task Authorization for the acquisition of right-of-way and property associated with the Chiesa Road Widening Project.

Consider action to approve a resolution executing Task Authorization FY22PTG04 for an amount not to exceed \$92,000 with Prime Time Group, Inc. for the acquisition of Right-of-Way (ROW) and property associated with the Chiesa Road Widening (Dalrock to Miller) Project (ST2134) and authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary documents for said services.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda as RES-105-22.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Winget, seconded by Councilmember Grubisich, 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 on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023 and take action to postpone the vote to adopt the FY2023 budget to Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilmember Grubisich, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Shinder, to postpone the vote to adopt the FY2023 budget to Wednesday, September 21, 2022. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of those members present.

8B. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2023.

No action taken.

8C. Consider action to approve a resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Jackson Shaw for incentives related to the Lakeview Business District.

A motion was made by Councilmember Grubisich, seconded by Councilmember Britton, to approve the item as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor and 1 opposed (Shinder). This item was approved as RES-106-22.

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

There was no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.