



# City of Rowlett

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Tuesday, January 15, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

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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 Gottel, Mayor Pro Tem Phillips, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember Pankratz and Councilmember Kilgore**

**Absent: Councilmember Davis and Councilmember Miller**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no Executive Session items.

**3. WORK SESSION ITEMS**

There were no Work Session items.

**4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**RECEPTION (7:00 P.M.)**

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

Convened into the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

## **INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Mayor Gottel.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Council.

## **TEXAS PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Texas Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Council.

## **5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

- 5A.** Presenting a proclamation to the Rowlett High School Band for their placement at the State Competition. This presentation is made at the request of Mayor Pro Tem Phillips.

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips presented Phil Alvarado, Director of the Marching Band and three band members with a proclamation recognizing their accomplishment.

- 5B.** Presenting a proclamation recognizing January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. This presentation is made at the request of Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops recognized the month of January as being National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

- 5C.** Hear presentation of the Monthly Financial report for the period ending November 30, 2012.

Alan Guard, Director of Financial Services, gave a presentation regarding the Monthly Financial report for the period ending November 30, 2012. Spoke regarding Revenues, Sales Taxes; Property Taxes; Water Fees; Sewer Fees; Expenditures and various Funds.

A member of Council spoke regarding unemployment numbers throughout the State and those in Rowlett.

Mayor Gottel gave a brief update to the Council on the various activities in the City including the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and the

next City Council meetings will be held on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, as well as a Joint Meeting with the Charter Review Commission to be held on February 13<sup>th</sup>; City offices will be closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>; the first day to apply for a place on the 2013 ballot will be January 30<sup>th</sup>; the Rowlett Citizens Police Academy Spring Session will begin Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, please register between February 7<sup>th</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup>; the next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class will be held on Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup> and February 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 8:00 a.m.; a Low Cost Animal Vaccination Clinic will be held at the Animal Shelter on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 p.m.; the Rowlett Library will host a Black History Month Bookmark Contest with a deadline of January 26<sup>th</sup>, the entry deadline for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Artists Contest and Exhibit is Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> for artists in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the Rowlett Community Choir will present "Songs and Spiritual" on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the week of February 11-16 will be Food for Fines Week at the Library; the Spring Lakeside Leisure is now available; the Little Sweetheart Dance will be held on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**5D. Mayor's State of the City Address.**

Mayor Gottel briefly thanked staff for their service, the community for making this City great, and the Councilmembers for their dedication. At this time, a taped State of the City Address was shown. Spoke concerning the President George Bush Turnpike and the DART Light Rail; the Realize Rowlett 2020 Project; citizen engagement and volunteerism; National Night Out events; various construction projects; economic development initiatives; the City's financial stewardship; and public safety initiatives.

**6. CITIZENS' INPUT**

1. Linda Rodgers, 4902 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Court West, Tacoma, Washington – Spoke concerning property located at 6314 Chiesa Road.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

Item 7B was removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered individually.

City Secretary read the items into the record.

- 7A.** Consider approving minutes from the December 10, 2012, City Council Joint Meeting with the Charter Review Commission and the December 18, 2012 City Council Regular Meeting.

**This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

- 7B. Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rowlett, Texas, amending Article II (Alcoholic Beverages) of Chapter 10 (Businesses) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rowlett, Texas, to repeal subpart (a) of Section 10-32 and renumber the remaining subparts in correct sequence; to amend Article II to add a new Section 10-33 providing for the consideration of variances from the distance limitations in Section 10-32(a) and providing standards for the consideration of variance applications in individual cases

This item was read into the record.

A member of Council questioned staff regarding the potential stifling economic development by having businesses appear before the Council to seek distance variances.

Staff stated per the discussion in November, it was decided to move toward a general variance, which allows the City to have a second oversight before issuing a variance.

A member of Council stated the extra step will add an additional layer of protection versus convenience.

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Phillips, seconded by Councilmember Pankratz, to approve the item as read. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was adopted as ORD-001-13.**

- 7C. Consider a resolution authorizing the final acceptance of the Katy Railroad Park Project Improvements and release of the retainage in the amount of \$77,673.04 plus accrued interest on the retainage as per Public Works Contract to Parkscape Construction for a total project amount of \$776,730.36 plus the accrued interest on the retainage.

**This item was approved as RES-001-13 on the Consent Agenda.**

- 7D. Consider action to approve a resolution awarding the annual bid for screening wall repair and maintenance to Ratliff Hardscape LTD in the unit amounts bid and in an estimated annual amount of \$50,000 and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Standard Public Works Construction Contract for said service.

**This item was approved as RES-002-13 on the Consent Agenda.**

#### **Passed The Consent Agenda**

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

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

There were no items for individual consideration.

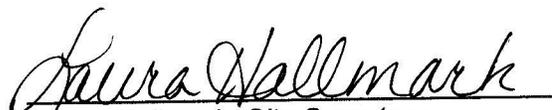
TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

There were no Executive Session items to discuss.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gottel adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

  
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Todd Gottel, Mayor

  
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Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: February 5, 2013