



City of Rowlett

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, February 4, 2014

6:00 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

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 Kilgore, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Bobbitt, Councilmember Dana-Bashian, and Councilmember Pankratz

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION (6:00 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate

- 2A. The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, §551.087 (Economic Development) and §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice from the City Attorney and to discuss and deliberate the request of financial or other partnerships pertaining to an Economic Development Program Agreement with the Rowlett Chamber Foundation on property located at 3840, 3913, 4017 and 4025 Main Street. (45 minutes).

Council immediately convened in Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. Out at 6:36 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION ITEMS (6:45 P.M.)*

- 3A. Discuss an ordinance amending the Master Fee Schedule relative to ambulance service charges in the City of Rowlett. (30 minutes)

Fire Chief Neil Howard presented background information regarding the current ambulance service fees along with Chris Turner with Emergicon, the City's ambulance billing provider.

Council discussion regarding the level of subsidy for this service, amounts reimbursed by

insurance companies, raising rates in line with market versus covering costs. It was the consensus of Council to examine data and fees related to decreasing the level of subsidy to as little as possible and market costs.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Kilgore requested that item 7C on the Consent Agenda be removed for individual consideration.

Break at 7:17 p.m.

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

Reconvene at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION – Shane Pruitt, Connection Community Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 5A.** Receive the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, which includes the independent auditors' report.

Jerry Gaither, Weaver & Tidwell, provided background information on the process of the audit and what items the auditors review. Mr. Funderburk thanked Wendy Badgett, Accounting Manager and her staff for their work with the auditors and was pleased with the third straight year of no findings.

- 5B.** Hear presentation of the Monthly Financial report for the period ending December 31, 2013.

Alan Guard, Director of Financial and Information Services, provided the report. Council discussion regarding property tax revenues, water usage expense, Police seizure funds, and expenditures for the winter ice event.

- 5C.** Presenting a Certificate of Accomplishment/Recognition to Suzan Fulton, Tom Fulton, and Eric Fulton for the completion of the Fulton Building and Main Street Events in Downtown Rowlett.

Councilmembers Pankratz and Bobbitt presented the certificates.

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

Mayor Gottel announced the following: The upcoming City Council meetings are Tuesday, February 18th; Regular Meeting - 5:30pm in City Hall Conference Room, Tuesday, February 11th; Work Session starts at 6:00pm in Annex Conference Room. Planning and Zoning Commission meetings will be Tuesday, February 11th & 25th, 6pm in City Hall Conference Room. Special Joint Council/Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to review the North Shore Master Plan, Thursday, February 6th; 6:30pm in City Hall Conference Room. Last day to register to vote in the May 10th election, Thursday, April 10th. Pick up a form at the City Secretary's Office. Remember, a photo ID is now required to vote in Texas. Pick up a City Council Candidate Guide starting January 29th and have it turned in by 5pm on February 28th. Joint Election will be on Saturday, May 10th. Council Places 1, 3 and 5 are on the ballot. Visit the Elections Page of Rowlett.com for more information or call City Secretary at 972-412-6115. Councilmember Qualifications: Be a qualified voter of the City of Rowlett. Be a resident of the City of Rowlett for no less than one year. Should not be in arrears in the payment of any taxes to the City of Rowlett. Waste Management is back to normal routes – started Monday, February 3rd. Stage 3 Water Restrictions – residents are allowed to water once every two weeks. The Animal Shelter will be providing a low-cost vaccine clinic Saturday, February 15th, 2-4pm. Pet Adoptathon Saturday, February 8th; 10am – 5pm. 4402 Industrial Street. All available pets will only be \$25 to adopt. Fee includes vaccinations, sterilization & micro-chip. Enroll NOW for the 33rd Session of Citizen's Police Academy free 11 week course. Begins Thursday, February 13th through Thursday, May 8th. Designed to help the citizen better understand what a police officer encounters while on duty. To enroll, fill out the application (download online) and submit in person at 4401 Rowlett Road. Contact Officer Caldwell at 972/412-6242 or ccaldwell@rowlett.com. CONNECT ROWLETT - New City to Citizen Notification Service puts residents in control of the information received and – how it's received! The City launched the new Emergency Notification system in January. Allows citizens to create their own account and register several physical addresses, land lines, wireless devices and email addresses to receive the information wanted. The new service, Connect Rowlett, also allows citizens to register any health conditions or special instructions for members of their household. More information and how to sign up is in the monthly newsletter and on the website in the upper left hand corner of the home page. Little Sweethearts Dance; Saturday, February 8th, 7-9pm @ RCC - Theme this year: The Rowlett Roundup – dress up in your finest western wear. \$40 per couple; \$15 for each additional daughter (includes keepsake photo & light refreshments). Special appearance this year – Miss Texas. Spring Athletic League Registration Now Open - Men's Basketball, Flag Football and Co-ed Volleyball, Girl's Spring Youth Volleyball. The Library has Valentine Crafts; Saturday, February 8th, 10:30am, Mad Hatter Tea Party; Saturday, February 8th, 2:00pm. Dress up as your favorite Wonderland character. Meet Alice and other zany occupants of Wonderland. One on One Tech Help every Friday @ the Library - Contact Phil Barott for reservations or information; 972-412-6161 or pbarrot@rowlett.com.

Councilmember Bobbitt reminded voters to double check that the name listed on their voter registration card matches their ID.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

There were no speakers.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- 7A. Consider action to approve minutes from the January 14, 2014, City Council Special Meeting and the January 21, 2014 City Council Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 7B. Consider action to approve a resolution accepting and awarding the bid to Motorola in the amount of \$79,201.50 for the purchase of 19 P25 mobile radios through the interlocal cooperative purchasing agreement with Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC).

This item was approved as RES-007-14 on the Consent Agenda.

- 7C. Consider a resolution accepting a tree mitigation plan and related tree removal permit application for more than three trees associated with Barrett Motors. The subject property is 4.43 acres of land located along the south side of Century Drive, 500± feet west of Rowlett Road.

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Kilgore, this item was removed for individual consideration.

Garrett Langford, Principal Planner, provided a brief overview of the request. Chris Lam, representative for the applicant explained the topography of the lot and the engineering and grading required for this project.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, seconded by Councilmember Dana-Bashian, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was adopted as RES-008-14.

- 7D. Consider approving an Order calling the General Election for Saturday, May 10, 2014 to elect Councilmembers for Place One, Place Three and Place Five and any possible resulting run-off election to be held on Saturday, June 21, 2014.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gallops, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, 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.

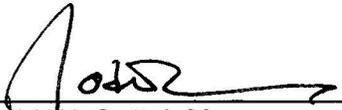
8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

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

No action taken.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: February 18, 2014