



## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**City Hall Conference Room**  
**4000 Main Street**  
**Rowlett, TX 75088**

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**Present:** Pamela Bell, Susan Bell, Michael Britt, Pauline Dedrick, Jerome Grossie, Della Vickers, Bobbie Jo Kelly  
**Absent:** Jennifer Morales, Fred Cares, Darrell Test  
**Visitors:** Mr. & Mrs. Camack, Mr. & Mrs. Beckham, Linda Mackie  
**Staff:** Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation Department; John Murray, Director of Human Resources; Tammy Dana-Bashian, City Council Liaison; and Brian Funderburk, City Manager.

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1. **The Chair** called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider approving the minutes from July 21, 2014.  
Jerome Grossie motioned to accept the July 21, 2014 minutes. Bobbie Jo Kelly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor to approve minutes by all those members present.
4. Presentation by City Manager's Office – Brian Funderburk
  - a. B. Funderburk provided a copy of Mayor Gottel's newsletter. He discussed the fiscal year 2015 budget as well as summarized information about the 2014 budget such as Rowlett citizens have been paying the same tax rate for the past 9 years and now the City is considering increasing the tax rate. The City was proposing a .05 per \$100 of property value increase but will only propose a .04 increase. City Council will look to adopt the budget in September 2014.
  - b. The streets and alley ways were discussed. The alley ways in the worst shape will be worked on first. Questions asked and answers provided on this topic.
  - c. B. Funderburk shared why the City is considering a bond election in May 2015. A decision on the bond election will be made at City Council meeting held on August 19, 2014.
  - d. B. Funderburk and Tammy Dana-Bashian talked about the senior tax exemption and how it affects senior citizens. For those who are already age 65 and older the freeze locks in the amount that is being paid and not the taxable assessed value. Since the Freeze was adopted in cannot be changed. The proposed changes will occur in fiscal year 2016.
  - e. The reasoning for the water surcharge was explained. The North Texas Municipal Water District determines how cities must comply with water restrictions. T. Dana-Bashian further explained how the water purchase works and how this also affects the cost. The City is expected to lose money with water revenues. This surcharge is temporary in the aspect when the water restrictions are dropped the surcharge will be eliminated. City Council set the policy for this. Presently the Stage 3 water restrictions are to be upheld until October 31, 2014. The city's contract with North Texas Municipal Water District is for 10 years more years.
  - f. Della Vickers asked about any decision made in regards to the Chamber of Commerce building. B. Funderburk responded that no decision has been made. There will be



discussions at City Council meeting on September 2, 2014 if anyone would like to voice their opinion on this topic and T. Dana-Bashian continued to share that Public Hearings are set for August 19, 2014 at 7:30 and on September 2, 2014 for the budget.

- g. Questions and answers.
5. Review ongoing programs – Della Vickers
  - a. D. Vickers stated that the Lakeside Leisure listed the computer classes as covering Word and Facebook but this is not accurate. The classes will be Introduction to Computer, Introduction to Internet and Excel. The computer class on October 7<sup>th</sup> will dismiss a little early so that individuals can attend the Medicare Program.
  - b. D. Vickers showed members the flyer that will be used for the Travel Fair. She will email the flyer so that members can send out the information to contacts. She mentioned the Travel Fair is for all ages, not just the senior population. .
  - c. The Medicare Program will begin at 10:00am on October 7, 2014 and presented by Michelle Dickerson from the Dallas Area on Aging.
  - d. Tax Strategies will be presented by a CPA and to be held November 4, 2014.
  - e. D. Vickers announced that on December 2, 2014 at 10:00am there will be a scam prevention presentation by the Rowlett Police Department.
6. Promote senior activities at the Rowlett Community Centre.
  - a. D. Vickers asked Michael Britt for an update on the committee working on promoting the senior activities.
  - b. M. Britt apologized for the lack of progress regarding this task and he will begin to work on it.
7. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
  - a. Blackland Corridor initiative is in relation of how to relieve congestion due to growth in the area. A portion of this turnpike would affect the City of Rowlett because it extends to north of Rockwall and to the west side of Waterview to the toll way. The projected dates for the turnpike is to begin in 2016 and be completed by 2019. The City of Rowlett has some concerns about the sound walls and requesting more details about this project. Public Werks is the private entity for developing the corridor and they will be presenting at a City Council work session August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.
  - b. M. Britt asked for clarification on the bond election. T. Dana-Bashian explained how it is designated for specific purposes and how the process works.
8. No senior concerns.
9. No comments for public input or questions.
10. Public announcements
  - a. D. Vickers expressed congratulations to the Parks and Recreation Department for their accreditation recommendation. Jermel Stevenson added that the final decision will be announced in October and he thanked the board members for assisting in the process.
  - b. J. Stevenson announced Movies on Main begins September 5<sup>th</sup> and will be held on each Friday in September at approximately 6:30pm. The actual movie will begin at dusk.
  - c. D. Vickers shared information about community workshops on August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> regarding local transportation agencies and about expanding transportation choices and



improving mobility in the area. One workshop will be held in Dallas and the other in Euless.

11. No member of the board requested topics for future meetings.
12. J. Grossie motioned for adjournment at 11:28 a.m. and Pamela Bell seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.

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Della Vickers, Chairman

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Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation