



# City of Rowlett

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Tuesday, December 9, 2014

6:00 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, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Pankratz, Councilmember van Bloemendaal, Councilmember Dana-Bashian, Councilmember Bobbitt and Councilmember Sheffield

**Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Gallops

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Convened into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

- 2A.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.087 (Economic Development) and §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice from the City Attorney and discuss the Rowlett Public Library transition plan. (60 minutes)

Reconvened into open session at 7:11 p.m.

- 2B.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice from the City Attorney relating to Elgin B. Robertson Park and the Master Lease Agreement with the City of Dallas for the Take

Area. (30 minutes) (THIS ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED FOLLOWING THE REGULAR PORTION OF THE MEETING)

This item followed Item 7B. Convened into Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. Councilmember Dana-Bashian was not present during this discussion.

**3. WORK SESSION (7:00 P.M.)**

**3A. Discuss 2015 Legislative Agenda. (30 minutes)**

This item followed Item 2A.

City Manager Funderburk stated the purpose of this item is to discuss possible legislation that could impact the City during the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session and to determine if the City Council desires to establish legislative priorities for Rowlett. Stated City staff will track the progress of pre-filed bills and will periodically report their progress to the City Council through oral presentations and written reports. Spoke regarding the City's list of priorities and the Rowlett Legislative Days scheduled for February 11-12, 2015. Questioned Council regarding additional items to be placed on the City's priority list for 2015.

A member of Council asked that the North Texas Municipal Water District be added to the City's priority list.

**4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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

Convened into the Council Chambers at 7:38 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Pastor Shane Pruitt, C3 Church Rowlett.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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The Pledges were led by the City Council.

## 5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

### 5A. Hear presentation of the Monthly Financial report for the period ending October 31, 2014.

Alan Guard, Chief Financial Officer, presented the report. Spoke regarding the water fee trend.

A member of Council asked staff about the amount of water used during water line flushing.

Mr. Guard stated the Public Works Department meters the water usage.

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

Mayor Gottel presented the following update: There will be no special work session for the month of December and no Council Meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The next Regular Council meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and a Special Work Session will be held on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The next Community Investment Program Task Force meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The Task Force will seek input from citizens to help prioritize needed community projects on December 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in the City Hall Council Chambers beginning at 6:30 p.m., both days. Read about the newest developments coming to Rowlett in the December Issue of the Mayor's Message. The Stop A Cop Toy Drive has begun. From now through December 20<sup>th</sup>, you may wave down any officer and if they aren't responding to a call, they will be happy to take your donation. Toys may also be dropped off 24 hours a day at any of the four Fire Stations or the lobby of the Police Station. Other collection sites include Rowlett Community Centre, City Hall, Fire Administration and the Chamber of Commerce. Toy donations accepted in the Wal-Mart parking lot on these Saturdays: December 13<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 6pm; and December 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. Twice a month watering resumed on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Check out our web page for Seniors at [www.rowlett.com](http://www.rowlett.com), go to Departments, Parks and Recreation then click on Seniors. There is always something at the Library for Seniors – call 972-412-6161 or come by to see what's going on. The Rowlett Animal Shelters is maintaining a 100% live release rate for FY2015! Remember to have your pet vaccinated. A Low Cost Vaccine Clinic will be held at the Animal Shelter on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 3pm. The Animal Shelter is located at 4402 Industrial Street. The Parks and Recreation Department has several upcoming events: Senior Holiday Luncheon – Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am at the Rowlett Community Centre; and the New Year's Noon Toast for Seniors – Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 11am at the Rowlett Community Centre. Also check out all the Fall & Winter programs, including programs for Seniors, listed in the Lakeside Leisure or at [www.rowlett.com](http://www.rowlett.com) on the Parks Department page. The Rowlett Library has several upcoming events: Trip to the North Pole – Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2pm; Holiday Movie – FROZEN – Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2pm; Winter Reading Club – December 22<sup>nd</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>; and the Arts and Humanities 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Artists Contest & Exhibit, for more information, visit the Arts and Humanities Commission webpage at [www.rowlett.com](http://www.rowlett.com). The Library will have early closings before the Holidays: Closing at 6pm on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>; and closing at 6pm on

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. City offices will be closed the following days for the holidays: Christmas – Wednesday and Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and New Year's – Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Trash and recycling pickup will be delayed one day and Waste Management will not pick up on the following holidays: Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>; and New Year's Day – Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Gottel asked those who would adopt animals for Christmas to consider the Rowlett Animal Shelter.

**6. CITIZENS' INPUT**

No one spoke during Citizens' Input.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**7A. Consider action to approve minutes from the December 2, 2014, City Council Meeting.**

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

**Passed The Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Dana-Bashian, seconded by Councilmember Sheffield, 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.**

**7B. Consider action to approve a resolution supporting use of the Sporting Goods Tax for funding Texas State Parks and the Texas Recreation and Parks Account for local park grants.**

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda to be considered individually.

Angie Smith, Recreation Division Manager, gave a brief history of this item. Stated the Texas Parks and Recreation Society has challenged its member cities and directors to have their cities approve a resolution to move the Sporting Goods Tax back to its intended purpose which is to fund Texas State Parks and Texas Parks and Recreation programs.

A member of Council stated this specific legislature should focus on water, transportation and education. Further stated it would be difficult to support something that does not allocated those three items first.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dana-Bashian, seconded by Councilmember Bobbitt, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a vote of five in favor and one against (Pankratz). This item was approved as RES-124-14.

Following Item 7B, the City Council convened into Executive Session.

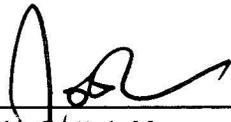
**8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

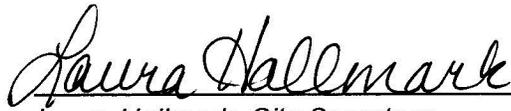
**TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS**

There were no actions following the Executive Session.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Gottel adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

  
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Todd W. Gottel, Mayor

  
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Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: January 6, 2015

