



## News Release



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### **City Continues to Follow Policy for City Council Meeting Invocations**

**ROWLETT, TX** – The City of Rowlett has recently received another in a series of demands from the Freedom From Religion Foundation. The City is aware of the US Supreme Court ruling in *Town of Greece v. Galloway*. In that opinion, the US Supreme Court ruled that the policy for council invocations in the Town of Greece was valid and constitutional. The policy followed in the City of Rowlett is almost identical to the policy followed by the Town of Greece, New York. The recent demand from the Freedom From Religion Foundation misinterprets the Supreme Court’s opinion. Rowlett’s policy is valid and the City will continue to allow invocations at its council meetings in accordance with the US Constitution.

“According to the City’s Invocation Policy, the invocation shall be delivered by a member of a religious congregation with an established presence in the local community of the City of Rowlett,” says Mayor Todd Gottel. “We will continue to abide by this policy, which is intended to acknowledge and express the Council’s respect for the diversity of religious denominations and faiths represented and practiced among the citizens of Rowlett, Texas.”

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