



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 08, 2019, 6:30 pm

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Call to Order: The January 08, 2019 Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor David L. Jordan at 6:30 pm.

Attendance: Mayor David L. Jordan, Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Turman, Larry Bowen, Kenneth Roach, Matt Fields, Wayne Braswell, City Attorney Andrea Grant, City Manager Ed Andrews and Sharleen Ayers City Clerk.

Approval of All Outstanding Minutes: Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the December 11, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes; December 14, 2018 Called Meeting Minutes; and the December 18, 2018 Public Hearing & Called Meeting Minutes; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Executive Session: Kenneth Roach made a motion to enter executive session for discussion of Personnel and 2019 Appointments. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; Motion carried 6-0. Executive Session entered at 6:32 p.m.

Wayne Braswell made the motion to reopen the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Keith Turman seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

- E. Naming Patrick O Brian Permanent Street Supervisor
- F. Baker Street Property Quit Claim Deed

Approval of Agenda: Kenneth Roach made a motion to approve agenda; Matt Fields seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Main Street Update – Michael Crump: No DDA Meeting in January. February Meeting will finalize the calendar of events for 2019. Christmas in Royston events were successful but the DDA may look to expanding and revamping some events for 2019. DDA will be meeting with the local farmers to set dates for Farmers Market in 2019 next month. Depot has not had too many inquiries yet, but we will be hosting the GMRC City/County Managers meeting in February.

New Business:

- A. Set Qualifying Fees for 2019 Elections: 3% of salary per O.C.G.A 21-2-131-Mayor Jordan:**
 - a. Set Fee at 144.00 for Councilman Seat. 3 seats up for 2019 Elections. Wayne Braswell made a motion to set the fees at this rate. Kenneth Roach seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

- B. 2019 Appointments- Mayor Jordan:** Matt Fields made a motion made to accept the Consent Agenda listing all Appointments for 2019. Keith Turman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. List given to newspaper.
- C. Proclamation for Arbor Day set as February 15, 2019 – Ed Andrews:** Mayor read the Arbor Day Proclamation claiming February 15, 2019 Arbor Day in the City of Royston. Lee Strickland made a motion to proclaim February 15, 2019 for the City of Royston. Larry Bowen seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. City Manager Ed Andrews relayed to the council that the city will plant in 2 locations for 2019. An evergreen near the Depot to facilitate Christmas Events in the future, and trees in front of the Royston Library need replacing to prevent future damage to the Library.
- D. Approve Alcohol License renewals for 2019 – Ed Andrews:** Renewals for Walgreens, Fred's, Bi-Lo, and El Manzanillo. Keith Turman made a motion to accept the renewals. Larry Bowen seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Larry Bowen asked for clarity on who had been renewed. City Clerk Sharleen Ayers relayed to the council that all 2018 Alcohol Licenses had been renewed for 2019.
- E. Naming of the Permanent Street Superintendent- Ed Andrews:** Ed recommended that the council approve Patrick O Brian as Permanent Street Superintendent. Ed had glowing comments about Mr. O'Brian. Larry Bowen made a motion to accept Patrick O' Brian as Street Superintendent. Matt Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- F. Baker Street Quitclaim Deed – City Attorney Andrea Grant:** Ms. Grant reminded the council had deliberated in a previous meeting whether to proceed with a nuisance action on the Baker Street Property to allow Ms Williams to Quitclaim Deed the property back to the City. Ms. Williams was given a deadline to make a decision on the Quitclaim Deed. Ursula Williams did render a Quitclaim Deed and it was recorded in the county by December 31, 2018. No further action required by the council as the motion was made and carried in a previous meeting.

Unfinished Business: Alcohol Ordinance Update by Andrea Grant. Notebooks were given to the councilman with information of changes that were begun such as hours and distances. City Manager would like to move forward to have a rough draft in place in next 10 days and have a work session. Try to have a first reading at that time and a second reading at the February regular meeting. Ms. Grant wanted the council to know that any changes or recommendations from the council can be made at any time before voting for the revised ordinance.

Other Business – City Manager Update: Cherry Street access for the Royston Elementary traffic issues has signs coming in Thursday and traffic to be released on that road in the coming week. We are having rain delays on all projects. Erosion causing some drainage issues. Issues from prior years are still intact so those have not recurred at this time. Ed wanted to credit the Street department for a job well done on those. We have a few places on downtown streets that are on the list for the coming weeks. Country Ridge Estates has a Hart Co Road issue. We rectified our portion of the water. Hart Co must take care of theirs. Timberlake will need to be addressed on a drainage issues similar to Country Ridge process. New Sanitation truck is working fine. City Manager informed the council the City will list the larger garbage truck on GovDeals to sell with a reserve. Unit can be split if it does not meet the reserve. Mayor asked that the public be made aware we can only do so much with the rain as far as drainage & street issues but the Street Department is working on them. Council Bowen & City Manager inspected the property that borders the recycle center with a drainage issue, and that issue was taken care of at that time. Railroad track needs clean up and grass re-seeded. City Manager says the City of Royston will step in and clean it up since the Railroad is not forthcoming on a date to do so. GEFA has been notified there is a rain delay on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Some progress has been made but

definitely a delay on the project. At this time the contractor has relayed a finish date as the end of May 2019. City Manager believes a more realistic date will be June 2019, barring any more major delays.

Adjourn: Keith Turman made a motion to adjourn. Larry Bowen seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk

Mayor David L. Jordan

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