



MINUTES

CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

June 06, 2022, 5:30 PM

CALLLED MEETING:

Call to Order: The June 06, 2022, Called Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Keith Turman at 5:30 PM.

Attendance: Mayor Keith Turman, Mayor Pro Tem Lee Strickland, Kenneth Roach, Wayne Braswell, David Pressley, Jason Phillips, Interim City Manager Gary Fesperman, and City Clerk Sharleen Ayers. Matt Fields Absent.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: Delete Item F. Closing of Hall Street

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Jason Phillips to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Wayne Braswell. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business:

- A. Presentation of FY2023 Proposed Budget:** Interim City Manger Gary Fesperman presented the FY2023 budget to council advising them if they wanted an in-depth review with their committees for each department to inform the Finance Officer and meetings could be arranged so that any changes could be made before the first public hearing. Two Public Hearings will be held the first of which is next Tuesday before the Regular Meeting, and the second at a called meeting before the end of the month. Mr. Fesperman pointed out there was no budget for the Amphitheater since the Council had not yet decided on the purpose. He also emphasized the Capital Improvement Projects budget had some items for Water and Sewer as well as Streets.
- B. Rushton LLC Engagement Letter FY2022 Audit:** Finance Officer Sharleen Ayers presented the engagement letter from the auditors to City Council. The fee had a small increase from \$38,000 to \$39,000. There will not be a single audit required as Royston's Grant revenues did not exceed the threshold during Fiscal Year 2022. Jason Phillips made a motion to accept the Engagement with Rushton LLC for the FY2022 Audit at a cost of \$39,000. Kenneth Roach seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- C. New Application Forms for Planning and Zoning:** Interim City Manager Gary Fesperman presented council with new application forms for Annexation, Re-Zoning, Variance, and Conditional Use. These forms were compiled by Jerry Weitz for use with the current code of ordinances. Mr. Crump presented the Applications to the Planning & Zoning Commission who approved them. Mr. Fesperman informed council if any changes were made to the Zoning Ordinances, these forms could be updated at that time. Jason Phillips made a motion to accept the new Zoning Applications as presented. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- D. Declaration of Surplus Property:** Interim City Manger presented council with a list of surplus property from the Water and Street Departments to be listed on Gov Deals. The amounts were decided upon by the Department Heads using what they thought was reasonable value. The City

will list with a reserve dollar amount. Wayne Braswell made a motion to list the property on Gov Deals as recommended by Mr. Fesperman. Jason Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- E. Paladin Wireless Lease:** The renewal lease for Paladin Wireless was presented to council. The lease had some changes in a lease charge increase from \$450 to \$525 monthly with a 2,5% yearly escalator for future years. The Deposit will also increase to \$525. Mr. Fortmann already agreed to the increase on the lease. Mr. Pressley inquired if this was the going rate for a tower space lease. Mayor Turman answered that the prior amount was \$450, and this was an increase of \$75. He also pointed out that in the event of a sale the buyer would have 90 days to remove the equipment. Mr. Fesperman pointed out the lease is for rail space and the amount of space used by Paladin was small compared to other larger providers and he believed it was a reasonable amount. Mr. Strickland pointed out that the lease was for space on two towers, and he thought there was an additional charge, but Mayor Turman stated he did remember a price change. Council requested the clerk to review the past leases but agreed to the current lease as presented. Wayne Braswell made a motion to accept the lease as presented. Jason Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Executive Session: Personnel: Wayne Braswell made a motion to enter executive session. Jason Phillips seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0. Executive session entered at 5:46 PM. Motion was made by Jason Phillips to re-enter regular session. Motion was seconded by Kenneth Roach. Motion carried 5-0. Regular session was re-entered at 5:53 PM.

Motion was made by Lee Strickland to appoint Doug Ashworth of Gordon Law Firm as Interim City Attorney pursuant of the Request for Proposal for City Attorney. Jason Phillips as seconded by Wayne Braswell. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion was made by Kenneth Roach to re-enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Executive Session Re-Entered at 5:54 PM.

Motion was made by Kenneth Roach to re-enter Regular Session. Jason Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Executive Session re-entered at 6:45 PM.

Motion was made by Kenneth Roach to name Sharleen Ayers City Clerk as the only candidate to be considered for City Manager. Jason Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. A vote will be taken at a called meeting following a 14-day waiting period.

Adjourn: Kenneth Roach made a motion to adjourn; Jason Phillips seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk

Mayor Keith Turman

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