



## MINUTES

### CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

August 14, 2020, 11:00 AM

#### CALLED MEETING:

**Call to Order:** The August 14, 2020 Called Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor David L. Jordan at 11:00AM.

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

**Additions or Deletions to Agenda:** B. Amphitheatre Update

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

**Executive Session: Real Estate:** Motion was made by Keith Turman to enter Executive Session to discuss Real Estate. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Executive Session entered at 10:58AM.

Motion made by Larry Bowen to close the Executive Session. Matt Fields seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Executive session exited at 11:15AM.

#### New Business:

- A. Real Estate Purchase: Mayor Jordan:** City would like to thank S&L Farms for the offer of the property to develop a parking lot for the City. It is the City of Royston's intention to move forward to purchase the Lot from S&L Farms, LLC. Lamar & Scoot asked about the easement for business owner parking. Ed Andrews wanted to mention that the close to 4 Ft alleyway that belongs to the Greenway, the City believes – it has never been confirmed, is not currently owned by the City or the Current Business Owner – S&L Farms, LLC. City Attorney suggested a lease for designated parking spaces if the Business Owners wanted specified spaces, but an easement would not be an option due to the Gratuity Clause. Lee Strickland suggesting waiting to see if it was a problem first, and deal with employee parking at that time. City Manager also mentioned we could start this with a first phase and then make further improvements later as funding allowed. City Attorney Andrea Grant outlined the particulars of the transaction including that the City would pay the closing costs, the property tax would be prorated, the survey would be initiated by S&L Farms, LLC but the City would pay for it. Closing is contingent on the recorded survey but should be completed by September 8, 2020. Motion was made by Matt Fields to Authorize the Mayor to sign a Purchase of Property at the price of \$40,000.00 from S&L Farms, LLC using Andrea Grant as Agent. Earnest money of \$10 to be given to S&L Farms, LLC at the close of the meeting. Motion seconded by Kenneth Roach. Mayor Jordan signed the Real Estate

Contract as did James Rice and Lamar Williams. City Manager wanted to meet with the Finance Committee to discuss Funding for the Parking Lot and bring a resolution before council at the next meeting.

**B. Amphitheatre Update: Ed Andrews:** Matt Fields inquired about getting the project started. The City broke ground a while ago and the Council is concerned about the fact that the project has not begun. City Manager stated the renderings that had been submitted by Go Georgia Arts were not what the City was looking for and he would give him the chance to do one more rendering before going in a different direction. Matt Fields mentioned looking at some other city's versions and getting this started. Council all agreed the project needed to be a priority. City Manager Ed Andrews mentioned the Pine Valley project needed to be completed and we were in the middle of our Audit process. Once those were completed he would concentrate on the Amphitheatre.

**Adjourn:** Lee Strickland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Bowen seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned 11:45 AM.

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**Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk**

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**Mayor David L. Jordan**

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