



## MINUTES

**PUBLIC HEARING (Alcohol License-Food Lion)**  
March 09, 2021, 6:15 PM

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
March 09, 2021, 6:30 PM

### PUBLIC HEARING:

**Call to order: Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Turman:** Public Hearing was called to order at 6:15 PM by Mayor Pro Tem Keith Turman. Mayor Jordan arrived after open of hearing.

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

#### Request:

- A. **Request by Food Lion, LLC for Malt Beverage License:** Julia Frazier, Manager attended as a representative of the establishment as requested.

**Invitation of Public Comment:** None made.

**Response by Council:** General Questions about the opening of the Grocery Store were asked and answered.

**Close Public Hearing:** Mayor Jordan closed the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM.

### REGULAR MEETING:

**Call to Order: Mayor Jordan: Meeting called to order 6:30 PM**

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

**Approval of All Outstanding Minutes:** February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes were presented. Keith Turman made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**Additions or Deletions to Agenda:** Item D. Library Week Proclamation.

**Approval of Agenda:** Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the Agenda. Matt Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**Main Street Update – Michael Crump:** Friday Ribbon Cutting is scheduled for 2 PM for Cole Creative Company, a photography studio, in the building next door to the Police Department. Food Lion Grand Opening Tuesday morning. New Podiatrist in the Ridgeway Center is doing a soft opening and then a Grand Opening in June. Royston Egg Hunt scheduled April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM at the VFW. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Downtown Event will be April 21<sup>st</sup>. Work has begun for the Car Show scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**New Business:**

- A. Approval of Alcohol License Application from Food Lion, LLC:** City Attorney Andrea Grant provided a letter of confirming that the application was complete. Motion was made by Matt Fields to approve the Malt Beverage License for Food Lion. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Tree City USA: Patrick O’Brian:** Council was provided with 3 items; Press Release, 2021 Goals, and Master Schedule 2021. The Press Release was provided to the Franklin County Citizen regarding the Arbor Day Planting on March 26, 2021 at 10 AM. Mr. O’Brian gave a short discussion of the Goals and plans referring to the calendar provided. He specifically pointed out the June Tree ID for Kids to be in conjunction with the Royston Library. The Tree Board also hopes to coordinate Field Trips for the Elementary Students beginning in the Fall as possible with COVID restrictions. Mayor expressed appreciation for the clean up and new trail at the Wellness Park.
- C. New Code Enforcement Officer: Ed Andrews:** Jared Hightower has replaced Ryan Parks as Code Enforcement Officer. A new Scope of Duties has been drawn up. Personnel committee met to discuss this transition. Jared moved from the Street Department into this new position. Mayor Jordan replied it was good to see the City promote from within.
- D. Library Week Proclamation: Mayor Jordan:** City proclaims April 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 as National Library Week in the City of Royston and encourages all residents to visit the library to access the resources and services. Wayne Braswell made a motion for a resolution to support the Proclamation. Keith Turman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**Other Business – City Manager Update:**

- a. Gas Update: Red Hill Gas Project has not been forgotten, but other projects have come before the City. We have had capacity questions expressed. The City of Royston will not overcommit itself. System growth is expected. As the City moves forward from planning stages, the Gas Committee and Department will continue to review requests and respond in a way that will uphold the responsibilities the City has to existing and potential customers in our coverage area. It will be a viable process to serve our customers in our way forward. The potential Pilgrims project may provide us with an opportunity to expand into the Red Hill area, but the City cannot be certain of what is coming at this time. Gas Superintendent Travis Quarles assured the Council that any additions to the services would not collapse our gas provisions, the Gas Department will be proactive to accommodate expansions within our system capabilities.
- b. Wellness Park Improvements: contractor has been scheduled to work on the amphitheater.
- c. Code Vehicle is needed. Prior Code Enforcement Officer used the Fire Department Chief vehicle in conjunction as a Code Vehicle. With the separation of these positions, an appropriate vehicle is needed for the Code Enforcement position to fulfill the necessary duties.

**Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Matt Fields. Motion seconded by Wayne Braswell. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned 7:02 PM.**

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**Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk**

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**Mayor David L. Jordan**

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