



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 08, 2020 6:30 PM

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Call to Order: The September 08, 2020 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 Manager Ed Andrews, City Attorney Andrea Grant, and City Clerk Sharleen Ayers.

Approval of All Outstanding Minutes: Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the September 08, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda: Mayor Jordan asked to add D. Amendment to the Mill Street Purchase to extend Closing Date.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Keith Turman to approve the agenda with changes. Motion was seconded by Wayne Braswell. Motion passed 6-0.

Main Street Update – Michael Crump: DDA met and voted to continue 3rd Thursday Downtown Event every month. Intention to keep them small but still draw customers to Downtown Area. Voted to change Halloween to a drive through type option, details to follow. Ideas include the Wellness Park, Depot, and maybe Dills parking lot currently. Planning is started on a few small Holiday Events. Farmer's Market continues Saturdays.

New Business:

- A. **Resolution to Designate Funds for the Purchase of Lot on Mill Street: Mayor Jordan:** Resolution gave Mayor & Clerk authority to sign all official documents of purchase and Finance Officer/Clerk and City Manager authority to amend Budget to appropriate funds for Purchase of the Lot and other

purposes using the MetLife Stock proceeds and all other funds to be from General Fund Unrestricted Fund Balance. Motion made by Lee Strickland to approve the Resolution read by Mayor Jordan. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

- B. Volunteer Fire Fighter Call Pay Increase: Ed Andrews:** Request to increase Call Pay from \$10 per call to \$12.50. Motion made by Keith Turman to approve the increase. Kenneth Roach seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
- C. Employee Dental Insurance Change from Principal to Delta Dental: Ed Andrews:** HR Director Jan Pearson approached the City Manager about changing Dental Insurance providers for the City from Principal Insurance to Delta Dental. Principal is increasing their premiums and Delta Dental through GMA offers better benefits at a lower pricing. The Delta Dental is a PPO, so there are in and out of network coverage differences. GMA believes it would be simple for local dentists to be added to the network if they applied. Motion made by Matt Fields to approve the change in dental insurance providers. Larry Bowen seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
- D. Amendment to the Mill St Purchase Contract to Extend Closing Date: Ed Andrews:** The original purchase contract of \$40,000 allowed for a closing date of September 8, 2020. Due to a delay in the required Survey and consolidation of lots, the closing needs to be extended. Lee Strickland suggested allowing for up to 30 days extension to give ample time for all processes to be completed. Motion made by Lee Strickland to change closing date to up to and including October 8, 2020. Matt Fields seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Other Business – City Manager Update:

1. Ryan is still working on Blighted Properties.
2. Issues with security at the Park are being addressed.
3. Pine Valley project is in progress and moving along well.
4. City has hired another street employee who is working mostly as a Cemetery Caretaker to keep it well maintained and other street duties as his time allows.
5. Amphitheatre update: need to call together the Parks & Recreation Committee to discuss next steps. We can begin working on this once the Pine Valley Project is complete.
6. Mayor asked about monuments for Ty Cobb & Hospital Plaques being place around the City possible at the Library. City Manager agreed to add this project.
7. Keith Turman asked if a donation had been made to the Library for \$5,000. The City Staff was not aware of any donation but will inquire with the Library.

Executive Session: Personnel: Motion was made by Keith Turman at 6:52 to enter Executive Session for Personnel. Motion seconded by Matt Fields. Motion was made by Keith Turman at 6:59 to close Executive Session for Personnel. Motion seconded by Wayne Braswell.

- a. Motion was made by Matt Fields to authorize a \$2,500.00 raise for Ed Andrews in the capacity of City Manager. Motion was seconded by Larry Bowen. Motion passed 6-0.
- b. The Mayor and Council expressed to Mr. Andrews how pleased they were with his performance over the last year and appreciated all his efforts to keep Royston running smoothly.
- c. Keith Turman did have a request of the City Manager to work on Citizen communications perhaps by bring back the Newsletter to the monthly billing once the City changes software.
 1. He mentioned an incident with a “contractor” in Royston who left yard debris and limbs in a citizen’s yard for the Street department to pick up. The City has an ordinance addressing

debris left by a contractor. If a citizen pays someone to do yard work, they are to remove any debris. This contractor did not remove the debris. He was informed by the Street Supervisor if he is paid to do the work then he must remove the debris. City Manager said he was working with the citizen to take care of this incident. Mr. Turman recommended a small ad be placed in the paper to remind citizens of the ordinance in place. Mr. Andrews said he would take care of it.

Adjourn: Keith Turman made a motion to adjourn; Lee Strickland seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk

Mayor David L. Jordan

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