



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING September 14, 2021, 6:30 PM

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Call to Order: The September 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor David Jordan at 6:30 PM.

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

Approval of All Outstanding Minutes: Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the August 17 and August 31 Meeting Minutes. Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion passed 6-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda: Add Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Kenneth Roach to approve the agenda with amendments. Motion was seconded by Matt Fields. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comment: Sohail (Sam) Kherani: Liquor Retail Package request: Mr. Kherani wanted to request that council consider adding Retail Liquor sales to the Alcohol Ordinance as he is looking to open a retail store in Royston that would offer sale of Beer, Wine, Liquor, and Tobacco. Mayor Jordan thanked Mr. Kherani for addressing council with the request.

Main Street Update – Ed Andrews: In the absence of Michael Crump, City Manager Ed Andrews gave the Mainstreet Update. Third Thursday Artisan Walk will be September 16th from 5-7PM. Alice Pulliam is the contact while Michael is out of town this week. Farmer's Market continues to do well Saturdays from 7AM - 12PM. Fall Festival applications have been sent out. Fall Festival will be October 9th. Plan to attend the Community Strategic Planning meeting on Tuesday September 21 at 7PM in the Depot. The open meeting will be October 5th with Kathy Papa from DCA.

New Business:

- A. **Royston Library Update: Maggie West:** Ms. West from the Library presented to Council a report of summer programs at the Library including Outdoor Storytime and the Young Adult program participation of 45 attendees for 8 events. There are plans to continue these programs into the Fall with a theme of Tales & Tails. There will also be a Monthly Book Club and Monthly Take Home Crafts. The library is also looking to starting a Girls Coding program.

B. Ratify Police Department Vehicle purchase: Ed Andrews: Police Committee agreed to a replacement of the Dodge Durango currently used by the Police Chief. It will be replaced with a 2021 Ford F-150 Pursuit Vehicle package which is a 4WD Pick-up Truck for \$40,529.00 and includes the upfitting to a Police Vehicle. Lee Strickland made a motion to ratify the purchase of the truck. Kenneth Roach seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

City Manager Update:

The city will send 2 cadets to the Police Academy starting September 28th. Ribbon Cutting for the Parking Lot planned for the end of the month. Amphitheater pads have been poured and they are laying block today. The Steel Structure is scheduled for delivery September 30th. Service Delivery Strategy update in progress. A meeting was held here at our City Hall with GMRC, Lavonia, Canon, and Franklin Springs City Managers in attendance along with the County Manager. October deadline for the submittal. Paul Crawford asked for an update on the old theater clean up. City Manager informed council there is not a date scheduled at this time, insurance companies are still in discussions.

Executive Session: Potential Litigation: Lee Strickland made a motion to enter executive session for discussion of Potential Litigation; Larry Bowen seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Executive session entered at 6:44 PM. Motion was made by Lee Strickland to re-enter regular session. Motion was seconded by Paul Crawford. Motion carried 6-0. Regular session was re-entered at 7:10 PM. No action was taken on Executive Session.

Adjourn: Lee Strickland made a motion to adjourn; Larry Bowen seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk

Mayor David L. Jordan

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