

MINUTES



PUBLIC HEARING
May 14, 2019, 6:15 PM
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
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Call to Order: The May 14, 2019 Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Turman at 6:15 PM

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

- A. FY2020 PROPOSED BUDGET: City Manager Ed Andrews:** Mr. Andrews gave a brief review of the FY2020 Proposed Budget and asked if there were any questions or comments.

Invitation of Public Comment: No members of the public made any comments on the Proposed FY2020 Budget.

Response by Council: No response required.

Close Public Hearing: A Motion was made by Wayne Braswell to close the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM. Matt Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

REGULAR MEETING:

Call to Order: Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Turman

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

Motion was made by Wayne Braswell in accordance with the city charter to clothe Mayor Pro Tem Keith Turman with the rights and privileges of the Mayor to perform the duties of the office until Mayor Jordan returns to the United States. Kenneth Roach seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of All Outstanding Minutes: April 09, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes; April 17, 2019 Called Meeting Minutes; April 30, 2019 Public Hearing Minutes: Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the outstanding minutes from April 9, 17, and 30. Larry Bowen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

- B. Equipment & Vehicles to sell on GovDeals**
C. Appoint Voting Delegate for GMA Annual Meeting

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda with the additions was made by Wayne Braswell. Matt Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Main Street Update – Michael Crump: DDA received their 2019 Accreditation, Memorandum of Understanding has been released; Car Show Saturday 10-4 including a fundraiser for the Fire Department. . New Business has opened Farmhouse Flowers where Hall’s Florist used to be. Artist Studio should be coming to Royston downtown.

Public Comment: Susan Russell: Tree City USA Susan Russell gave an oral presentation emphasizing the importance of trees to quality of life within the city. She handed out information packets and requested the opportunity to return at a later date to give a visual presentation. Canopy Study shows Royston has a 52% canopy coverage which translates to 1182 acres of trees. We have 2,172 of acres in Royston & over half is trees. Trees help with air quality and are sequestering over 230 thousand dollars a year in air pollution, gases, & particulate matter. She emphasized the importance of keeping trees in our city and the benefits it creates for citizens, and the money it saves the city in pollution correction. Susan requested we continue to protect the city through ordinances and look to the future to keep trees in the city. It is not just about beautification but health and environment.

New Business:

- A. **Resolution to Adopt FY2020 Budget:** Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Turman read the resolution to adopt the FY 2020 Budget. Wayne Braswell made a motion to adopt the Budget. Matt Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. **Equipment & Vehicle to sell on GovDeals:** City Manager Ed Andrews presented the Council with a listing of equipment to be sold on GovDeals with the council’s permission. Kenneth Roach made a motion to place the equipment- a Loader for a JD Tractor, a 2006 Ford Crown Vic Patrol Car, and an engine purchased for an old Interceptor Police Car on GovDeals to be sold. Larry Bowen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- C. **Appoint Voting Delegate for GMA Annual Meeting:** Wayne Braswell made a motion to appoint Keith Turman as the Voting Delegate for the GMA Annual Meeting in Savannah. Kenneth Roach seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Unfinished Business: Matt Fields brought up a discussion about Special Event Alcohol licensing that had been tabled when revising the alcohol license

Other Business – City Manager Update: City Manager informed the council that this week is Police Officer Memorial Week and Wednesday May 15th will be Police Officer Memorial Day. City Management and Mayor and Council voiced their appreciation to the Police Chief for all the officers in our city. In observance, the City of Royston will be lowering the flags to half-staff in the morning, and raising them back up in the afternoon. Waste Water Treatment Plant walk through is tentatively planned for prior to next council meeting if all construction continues as planned. If this were to be delayed, it would be rescheduled for prior to the July meeting. Target Date for completion is still July 15, 2019. Discussion of an increase to the Sanitation Fees of 3% proposed by City Manager, and a better description, listing of fees, and update to White Goods. City Manager emphasized we have no city ordinance that references White Goods specifically. Mayor Pro Tem related he thought there was something in the minutes that outlined White Goods processing. Sanitation Supervisor Patrick O’Brian related that White Goods single day free pickup caused a delay of up to a week with the Sanitation Department getting back into the regular pick up routine. Lee Strickland said he thought it was only free at Christmas and a certain fee per item. He thought they had made an ordinance or discussed making an ordinance in the past. City Manager stated the city needed more guidelines about White Goods and that what is being done is not necessarily wrong but needs more information on paper for employees and citizens. Department Supervisor relayed that White Goods pick up in not usually delayed but done as soon as possible. Keith Turman said he thought a schedule was needed to make the process more streamlined. Larry Bowen agreed that a better description of what is meant by White Goods and a better fee schedule to reflect what it actually costs to dispose of certain items. The Sanitation Committee agreed a change and update was needed.

Keith asked if the Committee & City Manager could have something together by the July Meeting. City Manager assured Council that was possible. Council decided to table this discussion until the next meeting after some research was done into the minutes as to what was done in the past and whether an old plan was in place, and to give the City Manager time to gather information and create a proposal. Paving was discussed, DOT paving was still in the works, a completion date has not been given. Other paving has been delayed until DOT is completed. Keith Turman asked about an update on fixing a portion of street near 357 Daniels Street. Patrick O'Brian assured him he would check on the location and be sure it was completed.

Executive Session:

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Kenneth Roach. Wayne Braswell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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