



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 8, 2009, 6:30 PM

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Call to Order: The December 8, 2009 Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor William C. Stewart, Jr. at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Mayor William C. Stewart, Jr., Keith Turman, Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Phillips, Kenneth Roach, Wayne Braswell, Angie Pressley, Clark Williams, Mike Green, City Attorney, Greg Scott, City Manager, and Gloria Brown, City Clerk.

Approval of Minutes: Kenneth Roach made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2009 Regular Council Meeting and the November 24, 2009 Called Council Meeting; Jason Phillips seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

1. Assistant Fire Chief Position – Jason Phillips
2. Storm Water Run-off on Grove Street – Keith Turman

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

DDA Update – Bob Adamson: Mr. Adamson reported to Mayor and Council that the Depot Committee expects to have drawings on the depot sometime in January; there have been several board and committee member changes and Linda Buffington is now Chairman, Bob Adamson is now Treasurer, Candy Ross is now Secretary and Angie Pressley is coming off the board; the DDA is working on welcome packets for new businesses and ideas to attract volunteers; the Christmas was very successful with 80 participants. The DDA would like to request some financial assistance from the City for their various events. Discussion held. Keith Turman made a motion to look at the possibility of finance assistance for the various events at the next budget session; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

New Business:

- A. **Land of Spirit Donation for 2010 – Greg Scott:** Greg advised that we have received a letter requesting a \$250.00 donation for the Land of Spirit. Discussion held. Wayne Braswell made a motion to look at budgeting this donation at the next budget session; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- B. **Discuss Storm Drainage at Tanglewood and Timberlake Circle – Chuck Stephens:** Mr. Stephens is concerned that the pipe at Tanglewood is not sufficient to handle heavy rain flow as the water goes over the road on occasion and comes close to his house. Billy Parham advised that he and Greg have looked at the situation and they would like to contact the Franklin County Engineer, John Phillips and have him perform a study and get recommendations for repair and size of pipe to use. Discussion held and comments made. Greg and Billy will continue to work on this.

- C. **Assistant Chief Position at Fire Department – Jason Phillips:** Jason Phillips would like to request having two assistant fire chiefs and split duties and the salary between them; Jason recommends Bob Hollingsworth and Matt Parham for the positions. Discussion held. Kenneth Roach made a motion to approve; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- D. **Storm Water Run-Off on Grove Street – Keith Turman:** Keith Turman advised that there are several issues with flooding on Grove Street from storm water run-off. Greg Scott advised that there might be different problems that would fall under different guidelines in this area and he would like to consult Franklin County engineer, John Phillips, to study and give an opinion exactly what the City can do in this area. Greg also advised he would like to begin gathering plans for areas with this type problem and when monies are available begin to repair them. Keith Turman also requested that the ditches in this area be pulled on a regular schedule.

Old Business:

- A. **Utility Deposits Policy – Greg Scott:** Greg recommends to Mayor and Council that a utility account in good standing for a 2-year period have their deposit/s applied to their account; he would like to do this in 1/3's beginning with January 2010 and continuing in March 2010 and May 2010. Keith Turman made a motion to approve this plan; Angie Pressley seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Executive Session: Keith Turman made a motion to enter into executive to discuss personnel; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Executive session entered at approximately 7:15 pm.

Kenneth Roach made a motion to reopen the meeting at; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Meeting reopened at approximately 9:20 pm.

Greg Scott advised Mayor and Council that based on discussion in executive session tonight and prior things that have been addressed with the police department, that he feels that he has no other option but to recommend to Council to replace the police chief of the City of Royston as the feeling is that the chief no longer has the confidence of the Council or the community and feels the chief will be unable to serve with the integrity the city asked for public perception; Greg also requests 30 days severance pay and any accrued vacation for the chief. Wayne Braswell made a motion to accept the City Manager's recommendations; Keith Turman seconded the motion; motion carried 4-2.

Greg Scott recommends appointing as interim police chief for the City of Royston, Donnie Bolemon, until a search can be made for a new chief. Clark Williams made a motion to approve; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Adjourn: Wayne Braswell made a motion to adjourn; Keith Turman seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Mayor David L. Jordan

Gloria A. Brown, City Clerk/Financial Manager

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