



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 9, 2010 at 6:30

Regular Council Meeting:

Call to Order: The February 9, 2010 Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor David L. Jordan at 6:30 pm.

Attendance: Mayor David L. Jordan, Keith Turman, Larry Bowen, Wayne Braswell, Clark Williams, Matt Fields, City Attorney, Mike Green, City Manager, Greg Scott and City Clerk, Gloria Brown.

Approval of Minutes: Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the January 12, 2010 Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting; Larry Bowen seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

1. Award Announcement – Mayor Jordan
2. Arbor Day Proclamation – Mayor Jordan
3. Fire Department SOG's – Billy Parham
4. Census Announcement – Mayor Jordan
5. Deposit Policy – Greg Scott

Approval of Agenda: Keith Turman made a motion to approve the agenda; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

DDA Update: Candy Ross reported that the DDA Retreat was a positive and informative meeting; the promotions committee confirmed this year's events – Easter Egg Hunt, Fall Festival, Founders Day, and the Christmas Parade; the Welcome Center student will be mailing monthly notices of meetings and upcoming events to businesses; Design Committee working on façade grant requirements; Economic Committee working on identifying building locations, map, and information guide for businesses; Depot Committee now waiting on a cost estimate on renovations to the Depot so that they can begin on a grant application; the Depot Committee spoke to the Rotary regarding the upcoming plans for the Depot; working with the City on sharing a ½ page in the Franklin County Guide; the DDA still has two Board openings and in need of volunteers. A new map and brochure from the Northeast Georgia Travel Association has been provided to Mayor and Council, along with a mock-up of proposed wall advertisement at the Georgia Welcome Center – this would cost each City \$600.00 and have more than 20 pictures within the space.

New Business:

- A. **Nomination of 2010-2011 GMA District 2 Officers – Mayor Jordan:** Mayor Jordan asked if there were any nominations; no nominations were made, therefore the City of Royston will not submit any nominations this year.
- B. **Woodard and Curran Cost Estimate Upgrade for WWTP – Butch Watson:** Mr. Watson turned the presentation over to Bill King of Woodard and Curran. Mr. King advised Mayor and Council this

proposal cost estimate was for an upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant based on verbal information from the EPD that permit allocations will be changed. Mayor Jordan confirmed with Mr. King that nothing has been officially published by the EPD to date and that there are no new limits at this time. Greg Scott recommended against this proposal to Mayor and Council at this time until we receive something in writing from the EPD showing exact new standards. This item tabled until required. Mayor Jordan confirmed with Mr. King that the City will own the electronic copies of maps that Mr. King is currently marking up showing locations of water and sewer lines.

- C. **Painting of Water Tank Approval – Butch Watson:** Butch Watson requests approval to paint the Bypass Water Tank per Leary Construction’s quote of \$27,900.00 and to use SPLOST funds for this expense. Keith Turman a motion to approve; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

- D. **Amend Zoning Ordinance to Permit Conditional Uses Within R-1 – Mike Green:** Mr. Green advised that there have been problems in the past and currently in certain conditional permitted uses to property in R1 zoning and that he suggests applying for a text amendment to the Planning and Zoning Board to alleviate the problems. Wayne Braswell made a motion to apply for a text amendment for the R1 Zoning to allow permitted conditional uses with the Planning and Zoning Board; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

- E. **Award Announcement – Mayor Jordan:** Mayor Jordan asked Donnie Bolemon to come forward and announced the Donnie had been named “Explorer of the Year” by the N. E. Georgia Council Boy Scouts of America.

- F. **Arbor Day Procedures – Mayor Jordan:** Mayor Jordan read and signed the proclamation. Arbor Day is February 19, 2010 and the City will honor this by a tree planting at the City of Royston Fire Department on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 11:00 am.

- G. **Fire Department SOG's – Billy Parham:** Billy advised that the SOG’s are being presented to Mayor and Council for review and will be presented for approval at the next Regular Council Meeting.

- H. **Census Announcement – Mayor Jordan:** Mayor Jordan announced that the census is now recruiting for job positions in the area and that there is free testing available to be considered for employment. The City Clerk advised that she had placed brochures and a testing schedule at the front desk of the Police Department.

- I. **Deposit Policy – Greg Scott:** Greg advised he is presenting a written deposit policy for Council approval per their request at the January 2010 meeting. Mayor Jordan is concerned that the business gas deposits are not sufficient. Greg reminded them that he had asked for approval several months ago to determine, based on City utility history, that the deposits be determined by light, medium, and heavy usage (\$140.00-light usage, \$500-medium usage, and \$1,000 for heavy usage). Greg was asked to add this to the written policy. This item tabled until the next Regular meeting.

Old Business:

No old business.

Adjourn: Keith Turman made a motion to adjourn; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Mayor David L. Jordan

Gloria A. Brown, City Clerk/Financial Manager

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