



MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 11, 2010, 6:30 PM

Call to Order: The May 11, 2010 Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor David L. Jordan at 6:30 pm.

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

Approval of Minutes: Keith Turman made a motion to approve the April 12, 2010 Called Council Meeting and the April 13, 2010 Regular Council Meeting; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

1. Church Zoning Downtown – Donnie Bolemon/Sam Donaldson
2. Signs in City Park – Kenneth Roach
3. Approval of the FY2011 Budget – Wayne Braswell and Larry Bowen
4. Time limit for High Grass Violation – Larry Bowen
5. Zoning Board Appointment – Donnie Bolemon

Approval of Agenda: Kenneth Roach made a motion to approve; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

DDA Update – Candy Ross: Candy reported that the Spring Fling went very well; the new signs at the I-85 Visitors Center are very attractive; Royston will be host to about 350 rafters that will be staying in Royston and at Emmanuel College. The Museum will remain open later for this event, shuttles will transport them to various places in town and DDA is planning welcoming activities for them; the DDA Board is recommending Ryan Swails of the Fox News Radio Station and Mitch Skelton with WLHR as DDA Board members. Keith Turman made a motion to approve both; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

New Business:

- A. Approval of Rushton & Company Audit Contract for FY2010 – Greg Scott:** Greg advised Mayor and Council that the City has contracted with this firm for a number of years, that they are a reputable firm, and the fee remains the same as last year. Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- B. GMA District 2 Officers for 2010-2011 Approval – Mayor Jordan:** Keith Turman made a motion to accept GMA's nominations; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- C. Voting Delegate for Annual GMA Business Meeting – Mayor Jordan:** Mayor Jordan called for nominations. Kenneth Roach made a motion that Keith Turman be the voting delegate; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- D. Church Zoning Downtown – Donnie Bolemon/Sam Donaldson:** Donnie advised Mayor and

that Mr. Donaldson was not able to attend and requests this item be tabled until the next regular meeting. Clark Williams made a motion to table until the June 8, 2010 Regular Meeting; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

- E. Signs in City Park – Kenneth Roach:** Councilman Roach would like a policy that disallows commercial advertising signs in the City Park and City Hall Property. Greg Scott suggests the following policy be approved:

“Signs on the City Park and City Hall property are limited to use by a governmental agency or community nonprofit entity who run activities that are considered beneficial to the city even though they may generate profit for individuals by running that activity. Examples of such activities are Art Shows, Antique Shows, Community drama productions, Festival activities, etc. Also signs advertising legal activities whose sole purpose is to raise monies for a charitable cause Are permissible. Otherwise commercial signs in the City Park and on City Hall property are prohibited. Signs which meet above criteria are still regulated by a permit issued by the City and must satisfy all other applicable City ordinances.”

Kenneth Roach made a motion to approve the policy; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion Carried 6-0.

- F. Approval of the FY2011 Budget – Wayne Braswell and Larry Bowen:** Councilman Braswell advised that the Budget/Finance committee had met and discussed the budget and that a budget work session was held and makes a motion for approval of the FY2011 proposed budget, advertising the budget; holding a public hearing, and adoption of the FY2011 budget by resolution at the next regular Council meeting. Larry Bowen seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. The budget total is \$6,889,426 and is only about \$30,000 above last year’s budget.

- G. Time Limit for High Grass Violation – Larry Bowen:** Councilman Bowen advised that the time limit of compliance is 30 days per City ordinance and feels this is too long of a time period. Mike Green advised that the ordinance would need to be amended. Larry Bowen made a motion to amend the ordinance so that a violator has 15 days to comply from the time a certified letter is dropped into the mailbox and a letter with regular postage will also be mailed to the violator to avoid not receiving notification by refusal to sign for a certified letter; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

- H. Zoning Board Appointment – Donnie Bolemon:** Donnie advised that Bill King has volunteered to to serve on the Zoning Board and this will fill Connie Finnello’s vacancy. Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Old Business:

- A. 2nd Reading of R-1 Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Mike Green:** Mike Green read the ordinance and advised Mayor and Council that if the vote was successful the amendment would go back to the Planning/Zoning Board to approve and return to them again for a vote. Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve; Clark Williams seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

In Other Business: Mayor Jordan recognized Boy Scout Troop 70 for their attendance at the meeting and thanked them for their volunteer work in our Wellness Park; Mayor Jordan also announced that Representative Powell has completed the legislative process for a 65 and older homestead tax exemption and it is now in the Governor’s office for a signature; a special election will be held during the November general election to vote on this exemption. The Mayor also noted that a thank-you note had been received from Ann Nelson.

Adjourn: Wayne Braswell made a motion to adjourn; Larry Bowen seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:57 p.m.

Mayor David L. Jordan

Gloria A. Brown, City Clerk/Financial Manager

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