



MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING/PROPOSED FY2011 BUDGET
JUNE 8, 2010, 6:00 PM

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
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PUBLIC HEARING:

Call to Order: The June 8, 2010 Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor David L. Jordan at 6:00 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.

- A. FY2011 Budget – Public Comment:** Mayor Jordan asked for public comments on the FY2011 proposed budget.

Rita Shoemaker, Library Board Chairman, requested that the Royston Library receive an additional \$2,500.00 to assist in operations due to the fact that the library has been forced to compensate their budget with their reserve funds and they are unable to do this for another year. Without the additional funding the library would be forced to close on Saturdays and not be able to remain open evening hours during the week.

Close Public Hearing: Hearing no further public comment Mayor Jordan closed the public hearing at 6:15 pm.

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Approval of Minutes: Keith Turman made a motion to approve the May 10, 2010 Called Council Meeting/Budget Work Session and the May 11, 2010 Regular Council Meeting; Larry Bowen seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

1. Royston Library – Rita Shoemaker
2. Police Department Server System – Larry Bowen
3. Ordinance Reading – Mike Green

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

Mayor Jordan expressed appreciation to Bill King for volunteering to serve on the Zoning Board; Mayor Jordan presented a plaque of appreciation to Rita Shoemaker from the City of Royston for serving as Chairman of the Library Board.

DDA Update – Ryan Swails: Ryan reported that the Spring Fling was very successful; the promotions committee is currently working on the upcoming Fall Festival, which will be on 10/09/10; the second grant for the Depot should be submitted in July; the DDA is considering various events to pursue for the summer such as a carnival, music, etc. and they are also working on promoting tourism. The Georgia Paddlers will be in and around Royston June 18th, 19th, and 20th and the DDA will be taking Royston Flyers and welcome bags to their registration. Shuttle service will be provided to the downtown area for the Ga. Paddlers and to the Ty Cobb Museum for a tour – about 300-350 people are expected to attend this event. The DDA will be designing a local T-shirt to sell in various businesses and the Ty Cobb Museum in hopes of increasing DDA funds.

New Business:

- A. **Adoption by Resolution of the FY2011 Budget – Mayor David L. Jordan:** Mayor Jordan read the resolution. Clark Williams made a motion to approve; Larry Bowen seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- B. **Library Grant – Letter of Conditions – Jeff McLeod of USDA:** Mr. McLeod advised Council that a \$50,000.00 grant for library equipment has been earmarked for funding with ARRA Funds and a resolution must be adopted to obligate the funding. Mayor Jordan read a letter of congratulations on the funding from Senator Jackson. Keith Turman made a motion to approve the grant resolution; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- C. **Church Zoning Downtown – Donnie Bolemon/Sam Donaldson:** Donnie advised Council that the request has been withdrawn and the applicant will be making amendments to submit a new application.
- D. **Royston Library – Rita Shoemaker:** Mayor Jordan asked Council for a decision on the additional \$2,500.00 that the Library has requested. Kenneth Roach made a motion to approve a \$2,500.00 contribution to the Library in July 2010; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- E. **Police Department Server System – Larry Bowen:** Larry advised Council that the server needs to be replaced as soon as possible and asked Chief Bolemon to further explain. Chief Bolemon advised Council that the system is 8 years old and cannot be supported any longer; he has gotten three quotes and recommends going with Athens Technology Partners, who has supported the current system for the past 7 years. The cost of \$6,737.00 includes new software, offsite backup, additional backup onsite; installation, and migrating current data. Larry Bowen made a motion to approve the purchase; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 6-0.
- F. **1st Reading of Ordinance – Mike Green:** Mike Green read a change in the Nuisance Ordinance, section 38-03-B, to change the time for compliance to 14 days from the date a certified letter is mailed to the owner of the property regarding high grass and weeds. A second reading will be necessary at the next regular meeting before a vote.

Old Business: No Old Business.

In Other Business: Kenneth Roach asked Chief Bolemon to update Council on current high grass complaints. Donnie advised that there were 18 cases open last month and that 50% of the cases are now resolved with others being either foreclosures, which the mortgage holder has to be found and asked to comply, or tracking down a

new owner of the property. Chief Bolemon also reported that the Police Department converted to 12-hour shifts last Wednesday, which reduces 30-hour coverage to 24-hour coverage creating more efficiency and the changeover has gone well. Officer Tim Lewis is now over all patrol and Captain Ankerich is assisting in code enforcement. Dispatch will remain on their regular rotation. Greg Scott reported that the City is looking into the future for cemetery planning. The cemetery committee will be looking at alternatives to have the very best cemetery. Mayor Jordan also asked them to look at doing an inventory of cemetery plats. Kenneth Roach commended Greg Scott for his presentation to the Franklin Co. Board of Commissioners for SPLOST allocations.

Adjourn: Keith Turman made a motion to adjourn; Clark Williams 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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