

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 14, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

MAYOR HERMAN EARWOOD  
MAYOR PRO TEM STEVE HOLLAND  
COUNCIL MEMBER DAN CHISHOLM  
COUNCIL MEMBER JOANN BUTLER  
COUNCIL MEMBER JOE ASHTON  
COUNCIL MEMBER BRUCE SCOTT

**STAFF PRESENT:**

CITY SECRETARY MARVIN GREGORY  
ASST CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK  
POLICE CHIEF CHRIS SPIELDENNER  
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK  
FIRE CHIEF JAMES BROWN  
CITY ATTORNEY BETSY ELAM  
COMMUNITY CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY WHEAT

**ABSENT:**

NONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Herman Earwood called the Regular Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at the River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Holland delivered the Invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG

Mayor Pro Tem Holland led the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and the Texas Flags.

4. READING OF PROCLAMATION(S) AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BY MAYOR

NONE

5. **CONSENT AGENDA** ALL ITEMS UNDER THIS SECTION ARE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL FOR THE "CONSENT AGENDA". THESE ITEMS ARE OF A ROUTINE NATURE AND REQUIRE ONLY BRIEF DELIBERATION BY COUNCIL. **COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REMOVE ANY ITEM ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR FURTHER DELIBERATION**

A. APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

B. APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 31, 2018 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

C. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 7, 2018 TOWN HALL MEETING

D. APPROVE BILLS PAYABLE FOR PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 14, 2018 (FY 2018)

E. APPROVE EDC 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT (APRIL 1-JUNE 30, 2018)

F. APPROVE CCPD 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT (APRIL 1-JUNE 30, 2018)

- G. APPROVE 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT (APRIL 1-JUNE 30, 2018)
- H. APPROVE RESIGNATION OF SHEILA MOORE AS POLICE DISPATCHER
- I. APPROVE EDC RESOLUTION #2018-01 AMENDING BYLAWS CHANGING THE MEETING DATE & TIME

**CM Ashton moved, seconded by CM Butler to approve the Consent Agenda Items #A-I. All voted "Aye".**

6. DISCUSSION OR ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DELIBERATION.

**NONE**

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL/ACTION:**

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH, LIFE, DENTAL, VISION & MEDICAL INSURANCE RATES FOR PLAN YEAR OCTOBER 2018-SEPTEMBER 2019---PRESENTED BY DAWN BRINSON, BRINSON BENEFITS.

Dawn Brinson was present. Mutual of Omaha, Guardian, Cobra and My Tela-medicine rates remain the same. There are two choices from Blue Cross Blue Shield. The first choice is for the plan and premiums to remain the same. The second choice is for a \$44,900 (11.73%) savings in the city's premiums. But the office copay, specialist copay and ER copay increases; the out of pocket max decreases; the prescription plan changes depending on the prescription. As the advisor, Dawn recommends the second choice.

**CM Chisholm moved, seconded by CM Ashton to approve the Life, Dental, Vision and Medical plans as presented with choosing the second choice (plan 3A) as the new medical plan under Blue Cross Blue Shield. All voted "Aye".**

8. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON CITY'S CURB-SIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM.

The city received a letter from Evergreen last week stating they are unable to take our recycling. Most of the material that was being taken to the recycle plant was contaminated and ended up in the landfills. As of today Mayor Earwood has stopped the program. All residents signed up on this program will be notified and notice will be put on the website and also on the water bills.

**CM Ashton moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to approve the recommendation from the Mayor and City Staff to close the recycling program and to continue looking for a solution. All voted "Aye".**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS; ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

9. PUBLIC HEARING: FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON 2018 TAX RATE PROPOSAL OF \$0.749400/\$100 OF PROPERTY VALUE.

At 7:45 pm, Mayor Earwood opened the Public Hearing.

The 2017 Tax Rate is 0.780000 per \$100. The 2018 Proposed Tax Rate is 0.749400 per \$100. At a 98 1/2% collection rate, it will bring in \$2,261,015 in revenue.

At 7:48 pm, Mayor Earwood closed the Public Hearing.

10. ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARING: SCHEDULE THE DATE TO VOTE ON THE 2018 TAX RATE.

**CM Ashton moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to schedule the vote for the 2018 Tax Rate on September 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm. All voted "Aye".**

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL/ACTION:**

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #1196-2018 AMENDING ARTICLE 12.04 "SPEED" SPECIFICALLY IN SECTION 12.04.003 "SPECIAL NEED ZONES" ESTABLISHING THE PRIMA FACIE MAXIMUM SAFE AND PRUDENT SPEED OF 25 M.P.H. IN THE 1700-1800 BLOCKS OF INSPIRATION LANE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE POLICE CHIEF.

The Home Owners Association has approached Chief Spieldenner since several children live in the 1700-1800 block of Inspiration Lane, the speed limit be reduced by 5 miles to 25 m.p.h. as well as a "Children at Play" sign.

**CM Scott moved, seconded by CM Butler to approve Ordinance #1196-2018. All voted "Aye".**

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #1197-2018 AMENDING THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR WATER FUND BUDGET DUE TO AN UNPLANNED EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE INVOLVING THE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF THE CAUSTIC SODA CHEMICAL TANK AT THE WATER PLANT.

The tank that stores the caustic soda chemical deteriorated; therefore, needs to be replaced.

**CM Ashton moved, seconded by CM Butler to approve Ordinance #1197-2018. All voted "Aye".**

**OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY REQUIRE COUNCIL ACTION:**

13. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING THE KIOSK SIGNAGE PROGRAM AS REQUESTED BY SHIRLEY WHEAT & SHIRLEY BLOOMFIELD DESIGNATING SITE LOCATIONS FOR SIGNS AT NO COST FROM THE CITY.

This will be brought back at a later date.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

14. CITY COUNCIL INVITES CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON ANY TOPIC; HOWEVER, UNLESS THE ITEM IS SPECIFICALLY NOTED ON THIS AGENDA, THE CITY COUNCIL IS REQUIRED UNDER THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO LIMIT ITS RESPONSE WITH A STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC FACTUAL INFORMATION, RECITING THE CITY'S EXISTING POLICY ON THAT ISSUE, OR DIRECTING THE PERSON MAKING THE INQUIRY TO VISIT WITH CITY STAFF ABOUT THE ISSUE. **NO COUNCIL DELIBERATION IS PERMITTED**

Community Center Director Wheat-clothes closet again this Thursday. Johnny Cash & Patsy Cline on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Tickets sold online.

Mayor Pro Tem Holland-this Saturday spaghetti dinner at the Lions Club.

CM Chisholm-EDC approved the entrance sign on the west side of the Blvd.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

15. CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: THE COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSIONS(S) FROM TIME TO TIME ON ANY POSTED AGENDA ITEM TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM ITS ATTORNEY AS PERMITTED BY LAW DURING THIS MEETING. THE COUNCIL MAY CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

- a. Section 551.071 Pending or contemplated litigation or to seek advice from attorney:
- b. Section 551.072 Discussion regarding possible sale, lease or acquisition of real estate:
- c. Section 551.074 Personnel matters – To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline or dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an Officer or Employee.
- d. Section 551.076 Deliberation regarding security devices.

**NONE**

**RECONVENE:**

16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

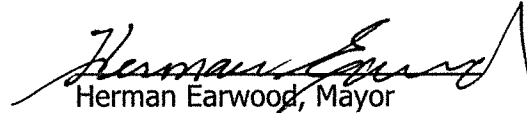
**NONE**

**ADJOURN:**

17. ADJOURN

**At 8:09 p.m. CM Ashton moved, seconded by CM Chisholm, to adjourn the meeting.  
All voted "Aye".**

**APPROVED:**

  
Herman Earwood, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Marvin Gregory, City Secretary