



Holly Gray, Mayor Pro-Tem
Bryan Moyers, Council Member
David Brundage, Council Member

Carl E. Gierisch, Jr., Mayor

Brian Darby, Council Member
Hogan Page, Council Member
David Thompson, Council Member

**MINUTES
ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2024
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
500 S. OAK STREET
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Carl E. "Scooter" Gierisch, Jr.; Mayor Pro Tem Holly Gray; Council Members: Brian Darby, Hogan Page, David Thompson, and Bryan Moyers; City Manager Cody Petree, City Secretary April S. Hill, and City Attorney Jeff Moore.

DEPT. STAFF: Fire Chief Chris Addington, Public Works Director Shawn Wilkinson, Parks and Recreation Director Ray McDonald, Development Services Manager J.R. Hames, and Executive Assistant Jeannie Homer.

ABSENT: Council member David Brundage.

A. CALL CITY COUNCIL TO ORDER

City Council called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Mayor Gierisch.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Cody Petree announced the annual Valentine's Dance was held on February 9th and was a big success.

C. PUBLIC INPUT

No one wished to speak.

D. PRESENTATION

The City of Decatur Chief of Police Delvon Campbell, representing the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation (TPCAF), presented an Accreditation Award to the Roanoke Police Department.



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E. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed below are considered routine and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed and considered separately.

1. Consider approval of the minutes from the regular City Council meeting held on January 23, 2024.
2. Consider approval of the minutes from the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission Joint Workshop held on January 23, 2024.
3. Consider approval of Sedalco Construction final package which completes our Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the new police and courts facility.

Motion made by Holly Gray second by Hogan Page to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 3.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion made by Holly Gray second by David Thompson to approve a joint election agreement and contract for election services with Denton County for the May 4, 2024 General Election.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Holly Gray second by David Thompson to approve a joint election agreement and contract for election services with Tarrant County for the May 4, 2024 General Election.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Overview and discussion of the water and wastewater fund and rates.

Chris Ekrut with NewGen Strategies & Solutions gave an overview of the water and wastewater rate study.

Mayor Gierisch explained the history of the City of Roanoke's relationship with the Trinity River Authority (TRA) and the related rates.

Mayor Pro Tem Holly Gray stated the City of Roanoke pays more than its fair share of the infrastructure.

City Manager Cody Petree explained Fort Worth rates are easier to interpret, as TRA is not, due to a different rate structure.



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Chris Ekrut with NewGen Strategies & Solutions stated the City of Roanoke receives its water from Fort Worth and TRA, and their rates affect the city's rates.

Mayor Gierisch stated the water rates charged by some of the surrounding cities are very high, in comparison to Roanoke's rates. Mayor Gierisch explained, in order to keep up with the increasing rates from Fort Worth and TRA, a gradual increase in rates would be better than a large increase imposed at once.

Mayor Pro Tem Holly Gray asked if the reserves could be utilized more.

City Manager Cody Petree stated that we are required to maintain a certain percentage in the reserves, and there is a water storage project in the near future. Mr. Petree explained that by reducing reserves too much, can have a negative impact on the city's bond rating.

Council member David Thompson stated the city needs to find the balance between using some of the reserves, but without causing a negative impact.

Council member Bryan Moyers stated if TRA raises their rates by a large margin next year, then we will still run the risk of taking the reserves too low.

City Manager Cody Petree explained that last year, due to several factors, it was difficult getting the actual rates.

Council member David Thompson stated it looks as if the rates will level out in 2028 and asked if this would allow the city to put more back into the reserves.

Mayor Pro Tem Holly Gray stated that it would be better to anticipate a rate increase every year or every other year, due to the rate increases imposed by Fort Worth and TRA.

Mayor Gierisch stated the city has been very conservative, but unfortunately costs continue to rise.

Mayor Pro Tem Holly Gray stated that it is basically a "pass through" on the rates. The rates have continued to rise, but we have not increased the city's rates.

City Manager Cody Petree stated moving forward rates will be discussed during the budget process, so Mayor and City Council will have the option to increase rates to keep up with the current costs.

4. Motion made by Holly Gray second by David Thompson to approve Ordinance No. 2024-102 amending Appendix A-Fee Schedule, Article 7.000 – Utilities related fees.

Motion carried unanimously.



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G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will hold a closed Executive Session meeting pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

CITY COUNCIL DID CONVENED INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:38 P.M.

Section 551.087

To deliberate commercial or financial information the City has received from a business prospect, and to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to take any action necessary regarding:

CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 7:51 P.M.

1. **Section 551.087 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE** To deliberate commercial or financial information the City has received from a business prospect, and to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

Motion made by Holly Gray second by Bryan Moyers to approve a Chapter 380 Agreement with NS Development Partners, LLC. on the terms as discussed in executive session.

Motion carried unanimously.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Holly Gray second by Brian Darby to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



April S. Hill, City Secretary



Carl E. "Scooter" Gierisch, Jr., Mayor

