

**TOWN OF ROLESVILLE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TOWN BOARD**

November 21, 2017

MINUTES

PRESENT: Frank Eagles, Mayor
Frank Hodge, Commissioner
Betty Whitaker, Commissioner
Amy Stevens, Finance Officer
Orlando Soto, Police Chief
David York, Town Attorney
Charles Penny, Town Manager

Ronnie Currin, Mayor Pro Tem
Sheilah Sutton, Commissioner
Michelle Young-Medley, Commissioner
J.G. Ferguson, Parks & Recreation Director
David Simons, Police Captain
Danny Johnson, Planning Director
Julie Allred, Recreation Program Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Frank Eagles called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. Rev. Walker from New Bethel Baptist Church gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Eagles called for approval of the November 21, 2017 meeting agenda. Upon a motion by Commissioner Medley and seconded by Commissioner Sutton, the November 21, 2017 agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Eagles recognized Commissioner Hodge and Commissioner Whitaker for their many years of service to the Town. Commissioner Hodge and Commissioner Whitaker both spoke about their time serving the Town, and Commissioners Currin, Sutton, and Medley all took the opportunity to thank them as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Citizen Committee(s) Appreciation

Commissioner Sutton spoke about the importance of citizen engagement as she recognized and thanked several members of the Economic Development Committee and Appearance Commission.

Rose & Associates Contract

Town Manager Penny recommended the Rose & Associates contract for approval. Upon a motion by Commissioner Whitaker and seconded by Commissioner Hodge, the Rose & Associates contract to prepare an economic development strategic plan for the Town was approved by unanimous vote.

Advisory Board Appointments

Commissioner Sutton wanted to know the Town's process for appointing community members to various boards. She stressed the importance of engaging the community, having an open process and questioning how positions are advertised. This brought discussion by Town Manager Penny in starting the process early and keeping it open; Commissioner Currin suggested interested parties talk to the Department Directors directly; Commissioner Hodge discussed the criteria and Commissioner Whitaker suggested the

need for a new policy so expectations are known. Town Manager Penny suggested a Citizen's Academy to educate the community on how we provide services.

A. Planning Board

-Upon a motion by Commissioner Whitaker and seconded by Commissioner Hodge, Frank Pearce and Donnie Lawrence were approved by unanimous vote to stay on the Planning Board.

B. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

-Upon a motion by Commissioner Hodge and seconded by Commissioner Whitaker, Mary Ka Powers was approved by unanimous vote to stay on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Nathan Babcock was approved by unanimous vote to join the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Commissioner Medley to enter in to a closed session; seconded by Whitaker. Motion carried by unanimous vote.