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Michelle Tye

Place 3
Elaine Priest

Place 4
Sam Eason

Place 5
Ashley Majors

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MINUTES OF MEETING FOR THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Thursday, January 13, 2022 – 6:00 PM

RHOME Community Center, 261 North School Road, Rhome, TX 76078

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and announced a quorum of Council Members present.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Jo Ann Wilson	Council Member Elaine Priest
Mayor Pro Tem Josh McCabe	Council Member Sam Eason
Council Member Michelle Tye	Council Member Ashley Majors

City Staff Present:

City Administrator Cynthia Northrop	Fire Chief Darrell Fitch
City Attorney Carvan Adkins	Police Chief Eric Debus
City Secretary Shaina Odom	Public Works Director Sean Densmore

Executive Session

- A. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or to seek advice from attorney
 - Taco Casa
- B. Section 551.072 Deliberation regarding Real Property - purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have detrimental effect on position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person
 - Appraisal for Old School property
- C. Section 551.074 Personnel – discuss appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or hear complaint or charge against officer or employee in executive session unless officer or employee requests a public hearing
- D. Section 551.087 – Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations – to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to locate, stay or expand in or near the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations

Reconvene into Regular Session – 7pm or immediately following the Executive Session

The City Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.

- A. Following Executive Session, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McCabe, Seconded by Council Member Eason to enter into agreement with the lowest bidder for the appraisal of the old school property. Motion Passes Unanimously.

Invocation

City Administrator Cynthia Northrop gave the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag

Mayor Pro Tem McCabe led the Pledges of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

Public Presentations and Input

The Council is not permitted to take action on or discuss any presentations made to the Council at this time concerning an item not listed on the agenda. The Council will hear comments during this designated time.

*If you are attending the meeting via **Live Streaming**, and you would like to make a Public Presentation, you must email the City Secretary at citysecretary@cityofrhome.com prior to **4:00pm on the day of meeting** to be recognized.*

*If you are attending the meeting **in person**, sign up forms will be available at the meeting to fill out and submit to the City Secretary prior to meeting start time.*

The following voiced their comments or asked the City Secretary to read their comments:

- Valarie Smith - 1131 Mount Lane, Rhome, TX
- Lisa Wilson - 240 W 1st, Rhome, TX
- Deborah BeCraft - 360 W. Second Street, Rhome, TX
- Patricia Mitchell – 389 S. Old Mill, Rhome, TX
- Cathy Coffee – 1102 Mount Lane, Rhome, TX

Announcements from Mayor Council Members

City of Rhome Events:

- Monday, January 17, 2022 – City offices closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Saturday, January 22, 2022 – Citizen’s Forum on Facilities, 9 am – 11 am
- Thursday, January 27, 2022 – City Council Meeting

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.

- B. Minutes of City Council Regular Session dated December 9, 2021

Motion was made by Council Member Tye, seconded by Council Member Priest to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Staff Reports and Board Minutes

All items under this section are for informational purposes only; no action will be taken by Council.

- C. Departments: Administration, Building & Development, Fire Rescue, Municipal Court, Police, and Public Works **(Department Heads)**

Regular Agenda – New Business

- D. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Future Dumpster days. **(City Administrator)**

Dumpsters are not being utilized with monthly bulk pickup and quarterly hazardous pickup.

Discussion deciding whether to discontinue or reduce the number of days to one time in the Spring, and one time in the Fall.

Motion made by Council Member Priest, Seconded by Council Member Tye, to reduce number of dumpster days to one day in the Spring and one day in the Fall.

Motion carried Unanimously.

E. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Recycle container in front of the Fire Station.

Recycle dumpster is not being used correctly, therefore it is contaminated and is no longer being recycled. Waste Connections representative was present to verify that recycle is not actually being recycled and has not been for several months.

Motion made by Council Member Eason, Seconded by Council Member Priest, to remove the recycle container in front of the Fire Station since it is no longer being recycled due to contamination.

Motion carried Unanimously

F. Notification regarding increase in solid waste fees as provided for in the contract.

Per the contract with Waste Connections, the cost of service will increase according to the CPI of the previous 12 months, which is 7.5%. WC notified of the increase to 7%, not the full 7.5% possible.

No action needed as the item was information only.

G. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the Carport Ordinance Update. (City Administrator)

Discussion regarding removing the Carport SUP process from Chapter 14 and processing Carport permits similar to Accessory Structures; handling them administratively and keeping the current requirements noted in Chapter 3 the same. Because the SUP process is in Chapter 14 – Zoning Ordinance, it will require a Public Hearing in both P&Z and Council, so that item will come back to the Council for consideration.

Motion made by Council Member Eason, Seconded by Council Member McCabe, to keep the current Chapter 3.03.056 ordinance verbiage the same and move under the Municipal Code from the Zoning code.

Motion carried Unanimously

H. Discussion and any necessary action regarding updating the Sign Ordinance.

Discussion addressing dilapidated signs through the city. Direction to look into how other cities handle their sign ordinance and bring back to the Council at a later date.

I. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Citizen Forum on Facilities Agenda (Council Member Priest)
No Action Taken. Discussion about rules of meeting, advised by City Attorney, Meeting should follow the rules and laws like any other Public Meeting.

J. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the official Newspaper of the City of Rhome for the 2022 calendar year. (City Administrator)

Motion made by Council Member McCabe to accept Wise County Messenger as the Official Newspaper of the City of Rhome. Motion seconded by Council Member Eason. Motion Carried Unanimously

K. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Updating Ordinances referencing the City Secretary (City Administrator)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem McCabe to approve changes as recommended by staff, Motion seconded by Council Member Tye. Motion passes Unanimously

L. Discussion and any necessary action regarding updating finance ordinance to be in compliance with federal law as applicable (City Administrator)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem McCabe to update Finance Ordinance to be in compliance with the law. Seconded by Council Member Eason. Motion carried Unanimously.

M. Discussion and any necessary action on a Code of Conduct Ordinance (Council Member Eason)

Council Member Eason made a motion to create the Ordinance and bring it back to the next Council meeting to review. Motion Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem. Motion Carried 4-1-0, with Council members McCabe, Tye, Priest, and Eason voting for, and council member Majors voting against.

N. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the update of International Building Codes from 2014/2015 to 2017/2018 and COG amendments (Council Member Eason)

Bring back the changes to the February 27, 2022 Council Meeting.

Future Agenda Items

Waste Water Rates

Adjourn

Motion was made by Council Member Majors, seconded by Council Member Priest to adjourn. Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.



Jo Ann Wilson,

Mayor



ATTEST:



Shaina Odom
City Secretary