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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022

Special Meeting: 9 am – 11 am

Meeting Location: Rhome Community Center, 261 North School Road, Rhome, TX 76078

LIVE Streaming: In an effort to be as accessible as possible, we will be
Live Streaming the meeting using GoToMeeting.

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Call to Order and Establish a Quorum – 9am

Meeting started at 9am

Invocation

Rachel Barnard did the Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, One state under God, One and indivisible

Sam Eason led the pledges

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

*If you are attending the meeting via **Live Streaming**, and you would like to submit written comments for any agenda item not on the agenda or for Agenda item A., you must email the City Secretary at citysecretary@cityofrhome.com prior to noon, Friday, January 21, 2022, 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:

A. Discussion and input regarding the City of Rhome Facilities and the Future of Rhome

- Louis Godfrey – 300 South Main Street – submitted to the Mayor: Read
- Lisa Ann Wilson – 240 West First Street – submitted to the Mayor: Read
- Ramah Burns – 300 South Main Street – submitted to the Mayor: Read
- Randall Loftis – 315 West Morris Street – in person
- Tim Robison – 1110 Sunrise Avenue – in person
- Shirly Mize – 170 Russell Street – in person
- Gerry Lobdell – 709 Troxell Boulevard – in person

- Deborah BeCraft – 360 West Second Street – in person
- Cathy Coffee – 1102 Mount Lane – in person
- Tommie Eason – 1107 Mount Lane – in person
- Patricia Mitchell – 389 South Old Mill Road – in person
- Donna DeGarmo – 104 Kensington Court – in person
- Joe Henderson – 105 School Road – in person
- Candance Fitch – 155 North School Road – in person
- *Lisa Ann Wilson – 240 West Front Street – online, additional comments*


Regular Agenda – Citizen Forum on Facilities and the Future of Rhome

Each Council Member took turns providing general feedback on comments received. Some of the comments included:

- Discussion about facilities to be renovated and what other options are available.
- Wastewater and infrastructure has been ignored for several years, and we have to raise the rates. We still need money to renovate or build.
- Someone mentioned a Certificate of Obligation, but with CO, taxes would go up without a vote.
- Private ownership for facilities was mentioned, so the property still generates taxes.
- Renovations for the school, many surveys took place while masterplan was developed, a lot of residents voiced wanting to keep the old school building, but when voting it has been shot down. We tried twice to follow the Citizen request, and bonds failed. City Council is wanting to hear again from the Citizens for direction on how to move forward.
- Plans and drawings are available to view at City Hall.
- The city is required to get the grant money before we can go out for competitive bids.
- Money was spent to reach requirements for state law.
- Revitalization depended on how we wanted to look.
- What other alternative money could be used other than tax payers' money, researching, community facility grant program, according to 2010 census the income exceeded 90% of the income of the State of Texas, which disqualified us from using this. The 2020 Census is still showing 90%, discussing to find out if we will qualify for this. Grants are far and few between for city facilities. Texas Community Block Grant Program, would have been the next step if the bond passed.
- Senior building is no longer safe, and we need to come up with another idea.
- Earmarking dollars for particular funds, is done within the Budget.
- Dilapidated signs are being addressed.
- W Morris at highway 287 is to be looked at by TxDOT.

Adjourn

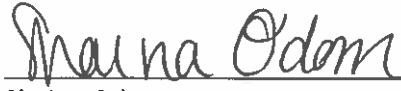
Meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am



 Jo Ann Wilson,

Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shaina Odom". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Shaina Odom
City Secretary