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City Council

**Mayor Pro-Tem,
Place 1**
Josh McCabe

Place 2
Michelle Tye

Place 3
Elaine Priest

Place 4
Sam Eason

Place 5
Ashley Majors

**City
Administrator**
Cynthia Northrop

City Attorney
Carvan Adkins

City Secretary
Shaina Odom

Fire Chief
Darrell Fitch

Police Chief
Eric Debus

**Public Works
Director**
Sean Densmore

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022

Executive Session: 6pm

Regular Session: 7pm

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

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum – 6pm

Mayor called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Convene into Executive Session – 6pm

Mayor recessed into executive session to order at 6:02 pm

Pursuant to the following designated section of the Texas Government Code, Annotated, Chapter 551 (Texas Open Meetings Act), the Council may convene into executive session to discuss the following:

- A. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or to seek advice from attorney
- 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 of 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

Mayor closed executive session at 6:15 pm

Reconvene into Regular Session – 7pm

Discussion and any necessary action as a result of Executive Session

No action was taken on executive session.

Invocation

Officer Syd Grant delivered 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

Council Member Eason led the pledges.

Public Comments

The Council is not permitted to take action on or discuss any comments made to the Council at this time concerning an item not listed on the agenda. However, a Council Member or Mayor may make a statement of fact regarding the item, make a statement concerning the policy regarding the item and/or may propose that the item be placed on a future agenda or direct the City Administrator to contact the individual to address.

1. *If you are attending the meeting via **Live Streaming**, and you would like to make a Public Comment, you must email the City Secretary at citysecretary@cityofrhome.com prior to **4 pm on the day of meeting** and must identify each subject you plan to present to be recognized.*
2. *If the writer of a Public Comment wants someone to read the letter, it will only be read by the City Secretary and must be emailed prior (email above) to 4 pm on the day of the meeting.*
3. *Public Comments made in person require the speaker to submit the sign-up form to the City Secretary prior to the meeting, and the form must identify each subject the speaker plans to present.*
4. *A statement of no more than 3 minutes may be made. There will be no yielding of time to another person. Comments should be directed to the entire Council, not individual members. Engaging in verbal attacks, or comments intended to insult, abuse, malign, or slander any individuals shall be cause for termination of time privileges and removal from Council Chambers.*
 - *Joseph Hromanik – 109 Troxell*
 - *Lisa Ann Wilson – 240 W First Street – Read*
 - *Deborah BeCraft – 360 W Second Street*
 - *David Bradley – 1211 Alliance Blvd*
 - *Steve Knight – 1313 Prairie Point*
 - *Roy Deaver – Church of Christ*

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

- *Coffee With a Cop – March 12, 2022: 8:30 am – 10:30 am at McDonald’s.*

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.

- E. **Minutes of City Council Regular Session dated February 24, 2022 (City Secretary)**
- F. **Appointment of Daniel Roberson as Rhome Reserve Police Officer (Chief Debus)**

Council Member Tye made a motion to accept as presented, Council Member Priest seconded. Vote passed unanimously. Immediately following, Chief Debus swore in Daniel Roberson as the new Rhome Reserve Police Officer

Monthly Staff Reports and Board Minutes

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

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

Regular Agenda – Old Business

H. **Discussion and any necessary action regarding City of Rhome Animal Ordinance (Mayor Wilson)**
City administrator explained the changes. Council decided to send the ordinance back to staff to revise the proposed changes. Council expressed their preference to resolve conflicting information on the number of dogs allowable to three instead of five. Staff is bringing back ordinance to a future meeting.

Regular Agenda – New Business

- I. **Discussion and any action regarding Resolution consenting to addition of 230.664 acres of land into RVR Water Control Improvement District (City Administrator)**

City administrator explained the agenda item as formalizing the annexation of RVR property into the RVR Water Control Improvement District, in alignment with the City's Development Agreement. Council member Eason made a motion to allow Rolling V Ranch to add 230.664 acres into their Water Control Improvement District. Council member Tye seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously.

J. Discussion and any necessary action regarding approval of PW vehicle purchase adjustments and financing option
(City Administrator)

City Administrator reviewed the agenda item highlighting that Council had already approved the PW Equipment in the budget and that the item re-ordered the equipment to rising cost and increased delivery times. Mayor Pro Tem McCabe made a motion to approve adding two additional trucks and holding the dump truck till next FY, allowing staff to trade in the three oldest trucks (2008, 2008 & 2013), use Government Capital for financing and authorize City Administrator to execute the contract. Council member Eason seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with council member Majors opposed.

K. Discussion and any necessary action regarding classification of Churches in terms of W/WW Billing **(C. Priest)**
Council discussed classification of churches for utilities. Staff explained that it is standard across cities that Churches are classified as Commercial for the purposes of utility billing. Waste water rate increases were critical for the city to fund water/wastewater infrastructure and that there has not been an increase on waste water for more than 20 years (1999). Churches will remain commercial. Council did not take action to change.

L. Discussion regarding financial checks and balances **(C. Majors)**
Council member Majors asked about bank fees, consolidated cash, and the onboarding of Open Gov. City Administrator Northrop reminded Council that the OpenGov onboarding process will take 9-12 months and that most cities hire or contract out project management for the upgrade project, noting that it is a long and laborious process.

M. Discussion and any action regarding the Comprehensive Development Plan **(C. Majors)**
Council discussion regarding development plan, and cleaning up the town. City administrator Northrop reminded council, of the integration of the Comprehensive Development Plan across all department's operations including the annual budgeting process. No action was taken.

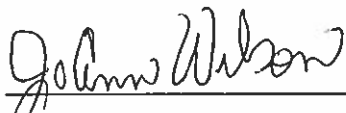
N. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Park Ordinance updates to clarify and reduce perceived conflicts
(Mayor Wilson)
Mayor Wilson wanted to clean up the contradicting language within the ordinance. Council Member Priest made a motion to approve updates as recommended, deleting 1.00.009 and updating 1.00.006. Council member Majors seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Future Agenda Items

- **Newcomer's packet**
- **Open Gov**

Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem McCabe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council member Majors seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 pm.



Jo Ann Wilson,

Mayor

ATTEST:

Shaina Odom

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City Secretary

