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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 REGULAR MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022

Regular Meeting: 6 p.m.

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

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum – 6pm

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Convene into Executive Session – 6pm

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
- 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

Discussion and any necessary action as a result of Executive Session

Council member Tye made a motion to adopt a proclamation in support of City Administrator Northrop. Seconded by Council member Eason. Vote 4-1-0, Council member Majors opposed.

Invocation

Pastor Heath Van Zandt led 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

Mayor Pro Tem McCabe 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.*

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.

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

- Lisa Ann Wilson – 240 W First Street*
- Deborah BeCraft- 360 W Second Street*

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

- April 15, 2022 – City offices closed for Good Friday*
- April 25, 2022 – First day of Early Voting*
- April 28, 2022 – Council Meeting*

Monthly Staff Reports

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

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

Public Hearing

- F. Public Hearing regarding request to Re-Plat/Final Plat property currently described as being Legal Acres: 0.321, Lot: 1 & 2 Blk: 2, Subd: BC Rhome Addition; also described as located at 290 Aurora Street, Rhome, TX 76078*

Public Hearing opened at 7:08pm. No public comments made, two written in favor submissions. Public hearing closed at 7:09 pm.

Regular Agenda – Old Business

- G. Discussion and any necessary action regarding updates to the Animal Ordinance (**City Administrator**)*

Council expressed changes they would like before passing the updated Animal Ordinance including, limiting chickens to 12, and removing the word fowl, allowing goats on lots less than 2 acres with conditions, most importantly those who currently have goats in ByWell. Owners have 60 days from the passage of the ordinance to provide pictures and the number of goats currently owned. Council also clarified 2.04.002 E. 5 dogs, and 5 cats. Council member Eason

made a motion to approve with changes. Council member Tye seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda – New Business

H. Discussion and any necessary action regarding request to Re-Plat/Final Plat property currently described as being Legal Acres: 0.321, Lot: 1 & 2 Blk: 2, Subd: BC Rhome Addition; also described as located at 290 Aurora Street, Rhome, TX 76078 **(City Administrator)**

Council member Eason made a motion to accept the final plat for 290 Aurora Street. Council member Majors seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Discussion and update regarding Operation Slow Down **(Chief Debus)**

Mayor Pro Tem McCabe made a motion to allow City Administrator Northrop execute the grant for submission to TXDOT. Council member Eason seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Discussion and any action regarding FD By law changes **(Chief Fitch)**

Mayor Pro Tem McCabe made a motion to accept the bylaw changes as presented. Council member Majors seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

K. Discussion and any necessary action regarding amendment to the Monarch Rhome Service Agreement **(City Administrator/PW Director)**

Council member Majors made a motion to accept the changes to the Monarch Service Agreement, Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

L. Discussion and any necessary action regarding appointment to the Parks Board **(City Secretary)**

Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to appoint Billy Ray Fitch to the Parks & Recreation Board into a term that expires in 2023. Council member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Future Agenda Items

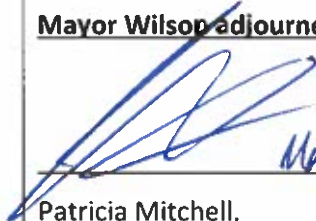
(Agenda items are due by 5 pm on the Wednesday of the week prior to the council meeting)

Majors- Steet lights in ByWell.

Adjourn

Council member Eason made a motion to adjourn, Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe seconded.

Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.



MAYOR PRO TEM

Patricia Mitchell,
Mayor

ATTEST:



Shaina Odom
City Secretary

