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Mayor Pro-Tem,
Place 1
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Place 2
Michelle Tye

Place 3
Elaine Priest

Place 4
Kathy Konegni

Place 5
Patrick Meehan

City
Administrator
Cynthia Northrop

City Attorney
Carvan Adkins

City Secretary
Shaina Odom

Fire Chief
Darrell Fitch

Police Chief
Eric Debus

Public Works
Director

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022

Regular Session: 6 pm

Executive Session: Immediately Following Regular Session

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

Regular Session: 6 pm

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum –

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Invocation

City Administrator 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

Police Chief Debus 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. 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.*
- *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.*
- *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.*

- Lisa Ann Wilson – 240 W First Street
- JoAnn Wilson – 240 W First Street
- Deborah BeCraft – 360 W Second Street
- Ashley Majors – 200 Dogwood
- Terry Priest – 216 Cheyenne Trail N
- Tommie Eason – 1107 Mount Lane
- Randall Loftis- 315 W Morris

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

- Chief Fitch Retirement, Thursday, June 30, 2022, 2 pm – 4 pm – City Hall will be closed
- Planning and Zoning Meeting July 11, 2022 at 6 pm
- City Council Meeting July 14, 2022 at 6 pm
- Touch-A-Truck Event – Rhome Family Park, July 18, 2022, 6 pm to 8 pm

Regular Agenda – New Business

- A. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Certificate of Appreciation for outgoing Fire Chief, Darrell Fitch **(Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe)**

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe spoke of Chief Fitch’s accomplishments and professionalism while with the Rhome Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to present Fire Chief Fitch with a Certificate of Appreciation, Council member Konegni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Review, discussion and any necessary action regarding recent Business Focus Advisory Group meeting **(City Administrator)**

City Administrator provided an update: Business Focus Group (BFG), business owners stated they would like to see more code enforcement, public art, and a webpage on the city website to show a list of businesses and events. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to approve the webpage subsection to advertise the local businesses, Council member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Board and Commission Appointments for the Parks and Recreation Board, and Planning and Zoning Board **(City Secretary)**

After City Administrator provided the status of each committee, Council accepted Steven Knight, Kristi King, Christy Nerren Cox to continue to serve, and appointed Randall Loftis to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission position that expires in 2023. There was no motion for Parks & Recreation as there were no interested applicants. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made the motion, Council member Meehan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Resolution authorizing continued participation with the Atmos Cities Steering Committee **(City Administrator)**

City Administrator stated this is an annual membership that the City of Rhome has been a member of for several years. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to continue participation with Atmos Steering Committee, Council member Tye seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the City Secretary, Shaina Odom, to be added as a signatory for all Wells Fargo and Pinnacle accounts. **(City Administrator)**

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to add Shaina Odom, City Secretary to the signatory for both Wells Fargo and Pinnacle accounts, Council member Meehan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a summer intern **(CM Priest)**

After discussing the need for administrative help at City Hall and City Administrator staff will target Master of Public Administration students, Council member Meehan made a motion to find and negotiate for an intern, and bring back the conditions of the offer for approval, Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Facility Options **(CM Priest/City Administrator)**
City Administrator provided an update/overview of options. Council again discussed facility options; renovating one building at a time with less than \$50,000.00 spent per building with funds to come from this year's projected excess sales tax collections for the first two and to re-evaluate as work proceeds. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to start the process of going for quotes, (City Administrator explained it would be lowest and best as the recommendation as required by law) in priority order; starting with Fire Department, Police Department, and then Public Works. Council Member Konegni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Movies in the Park **(City Administrator)**
City Administrator stated a city-driven event for Movies in the Park may be a low-cost event with minimum staff resources and brought this to Council for their direction. Council Member Priest made a motion to investigate further and bring back options, Council member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Convene into Executive Session –

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:

- I. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or to seek advice from attorney
- J. 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
- K. 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
- L. 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

No executive session conducted.

Future Agenda Items

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

Mayor Mitchell- Boyd's Ordinance on subject of mining operations/banning fracking.

Adjourn

Council member Tye made a motion to adjourn, Council member Meehan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.



Patricia Mitchell,

Mayor

ATTEST:

Shaina Odom

Shaina Odom
City Secretary

