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Jo Ann Wilson

**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**  
Shannon  
Montgomery

**Fire Chief**  
Darrell Fitch

**Interim Police  
Chief**  
Brody Brown

**Public Works  
Director**  
Sean Densmore

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

**Meeting Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021**

**Location: VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

**MEETING START TIME: 6:30 PM**

### Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. City Secretary Montgomery called roll and announced a quorum of Council Members present.

### Council Members Present:

Mayor Jo Ann Wilson

Council Member Michelle Tye

Mayor Pro Tem Josh McCabe

Council Member Sam Eason

Council Member Elaine Priest

Council Member Ashley Majors

### City Staff Present:

City Administrator Cynthia Northrop

Interim Police Chief Brody Brown

City Secretary Shannon Montgomery

Public Works Director Sean Densmore

Fire Chief Darrell Fitch

### 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. Request form, or email, must be submitted to the City Secretary, via email to [citysecretary@cityofrhome.com](mailto:citysecretary@cityofrhome.com), prior to 4:00pm to be recognized.*

The following made Public Presentations to the Council:

- Shirley Mize – Russell Street, Rhome, Texas

### Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Wilson made the following announcements:

- Thursday, May 27, 2021 – Regular Council Meeting
- Monday, May 31, 2021 – City Offices Closed in observance of Memorial Day
- Thanked the Council Members that attended the Wise County Chamber Mayors Dinner
- City is seeking volunteers for P&Z and Parks Board, the deadline to apply is June 18 with Council appointing at the June 24 Council Meeting
- Fire and Police have received AED Training
- Officer Moore has received his Master Peace Certificate
- Thanked Terry & Elaine Priest and Tommie Eason for cleaning up City Hall's flowerbeds
- Rhome Library has new hours of Tuesday thru Friday 11am to 5pm
- Rhome Veterans is seeking volunteers to help place flags at the Aurora Cemetery
- Saturday, May 29, 2021 – Annual Rhome Veterans Celebration at the Rhome Veterans Park
- Rhome Pharmacy still has vaccines available, sign up online

Council Member McCabe congratulated City Administrator Northrop for completing the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute program.

### **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.*

#### **A. Minutes of City Council Special Session dated May 12, 2021 (City Secretary)**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem McCabe, seconded by Council Member Majors to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

City Secretary Montgomery asked for a roll-call vote:

Mayor Pro Tem McCabe: Aye  
Council Member Tye: Aye  
Council Member Priest: Aye  
Council Member Eason: Aye  
Council Member Majors: Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Special Session – New Business**

#### **B. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a Proclamation for National Police Week (May 9 – 15, 2021) (Mayor Pro Tem McCabe)**

Mayor Pro Tem McCabe read the National Police Week Proclamation.

#### **C. Discussion and any necessary action regarding City of Rhome facilities needs and financial options (City Administrator)**

Council Member Eason stated finding a safe place for citizens to go for city business and to allow our employees to have a safe place to work should be a Council priority. Eason stated that all city buildings need to be ADA compliant and Electrical and Fire Code Compliant. He requested this meeting because he believes that to make this work, it needs to be a unanimous decision and he wanted Council to brainstorm. Eason stated Council will need to call a bond election for November by mid-August and the wording and design of said bond needs to be complete by calling the election.

Council discussed what to include in a bond package and general consensus included taking the design for the municipal complex and trim unneeded items and add all ADA and code issues into the package. Council also discussed funding and pricing of project with City Administrator Northrop interjecting when needed, emphasizing that the numbers Council will be using are estimates, only after the bond election being approved and going out for Request for Proposals will Council get actual costs. Northrop also stated that not all of the bond amount needs to be used, if the proposals come in under budget, Council could authorize the repayment of bond proceeds, which would decrease the overall bond debt.

Discussion ensued as to what the next steps would be and what would the impact to the residents be in terms of property taxes. Council member Priest reminded all that whether it be bonds and/or raise taxes, all Council is affected as well and Council has a responsibility in the health and safety of both its residents and employees.

Council Member Eason concluded the discussion by stating everyone has voiced their opinions, they need to find a consensus and come back to the next meeting to see what compromises each Council Member is willing to make.


**Future Agenda Items**

No future agenda items were requested.

**Adjourn**

Mayor Wilson, hearing no objections, adjourned the meeting at 8:03pm.

**Minutes approved the 27th day of May 2021.**

  
Jo Ann Wilson,  
Mayor



  
Shannon Montgomery, TRMC  
City Secretary