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Mayor  
Patricia Mitchell

City Council

Mayor Pro-Tem,  
Place 1  
Josh McCabe

Place 2  
Michelle Tye

Place 3  
Elaine Priest

Place 4  
Kathy Konegni

Place 5  
Patrick Meehan

Interim City  
Administrator  
Eric Debus

City Attorney  
Carvan Adkins

City Secretary  
Shaina Odom

Interim Fire Chief  
Michelle Di  
Credico

Police Chief  
Eric Debus

Public Works  
Director

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, October 27, 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 pm

### **Invocation – Pastor Jeremy Laux**

Pastor Jeremy Laux 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*

### Public Comments

1. *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](mailto: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 is unable to read their own comment, it should be given to a friend, family member, or associate, that is able to attend in person and read the statement in their stead.*
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.*
  - Lisa Ann Wilson – 240 W First Street
  - JoAnn Wilson – 240 W First Street
  - Deborah BeCraft 360 W Second Street
  - Jeremy Laux – Waypoint Church
  - Tommie Eason – 1107 Mount Lane
  - Kathy Coffee – 1102 Mount Lane
  - Michelle DiCredico – By Joe Hernandez – 202 Cheyenne Trail N
  - Sam Eason – 1107 Mount Lane

### **Announcements from Mayor and Council Members**

- Annual Truck or Treat at Rhome Family Park - October 31, 2022 5 pm to 9 pm

### **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 Regular Session dated September 22, 2022 **(City Secretary)**
- B. Interlocal Agreement for Fire Protection Services with Wise County **(Interim Fire Chief)**
- C. Resolution 2022-16 for Oncor Electric rate increase Denial **(City Secretary)**

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Monthly Staff Reports and Board Minutes**

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

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

Police Chief Eric Debus recognized Officer Marc Stanwyck for saving the City of Rhome approximately half of the budgeted amount to replace the police radios. He programmed and installed them to save the cost of labor as well. Police Chief, Eric Debus, Sargent Richie and Sargent Soultaire, and Officer Stanwyck and Grant participated in the 9/11 stair climb in Dallas, Tx, where they each climbed 110 flights of stairs.

### **Regular Agenda – New Business**

- E. Discussion and any necessary action regarding ADA park swing **(Mayor)**

Council Member Priest made a motion to purchase an ADA swing from Gametime in the amount of \$988.58. Council Member Konegni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a Proclamation designating October 9-15, 2022 as Fire Prevention Week **(Mayor)**

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe read the proclamation for the Rhome Fire Department. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to present the Fire Department with the proclamation designating October 9-15, 2022 as Fire Prevention Week. Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- G. Discussion and any necessary action regarding closing bank accounts **(City Secretary)**

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to allow the City Secretary, Shaina Odom, to close all existing Pinnacle Bank accounts and move all funds to Wells Fargo accounts, existing and new. Council Member Meehan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- H. Clarification and necessary action related to the Texas Dual Office Holding and Incompatibility Law. **(Mayor)**

City Attorney clarified the meaning of the Texas Dual Office Holding and Incompatibility Law refers to someone holding two positions and being paid for both separately. No action was taken

- I. Clarification and necessary action related to the publication of public hearing notices. **(Mayor)**

Mayor Mitchell asked if the Public Hearing from the previous cancelled meeting would need to be noticed again in the newspaper. City Attorney Adkins clarified if you call the meeting to order and recess to a specific time and date, you do not

have to post again. However, if you did not have a meeting for any reason, and the item was noticed for a cancelled scheduled meeting, you would need to post again. No action was taken.

**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:*

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

**Regular Agenda – New Business**

- N. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Executive Session

Mayor and Council cannot come to an agreement. No action was taken as a result of executive session

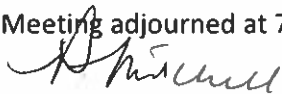
**Future Agenda Items**

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

**Adjourn**

Council Member Priest made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

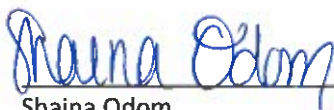
Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Patricia Mitchell,

Mayor

ATTEST:



Shaina Odom  
City Secretary

