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City Council

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Elaine Priest

Place 1  
Josh McCabe

Place 2  
Kenny Crenshaw

Place 4  
Sam Eason

Place 5  
Ashley Majors

City  
Administrator  
Cynthia Northrop

City Attorney  
Carvan Adkins

City Secretary  
Shannon  
Montgomery

Fire Chief  
Darrell Fitch

Police Chief  
Sam Love

Public Works  
Director  
Sean Densmore

## MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020

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, called roll, and announced a quorum of Council Members present.

#### **Council Members Present:**

Mayor Jo Ann Wilson

Council Member Kenny Crenshaw

Mayor Pro Tem Elaine Priest

Council Member Sam Eason

Council Member Josh McCabe

Council Member Ashley Majors

#### **City Staff Present:**

City Administrator Cynthia Northrop

Fire Chief Darrell Fitch

City Attorney Carvan Adkins

Municipal Court Clerk Kristi Adams

City Secretary Shannon Montgomery

Public Works Director Sean Densmore

### 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 individuals made public presentations:

- Michelle Pittman Di Credico – 202 Cheyenne Trail North, Rhome, Texas
- Deborah BeCraft – 360 West Second Street, Rhome, Texas
- Tommie Eason – 1107 Mount Lane, Rhome, Texas
- Shirley Mize – 170 Russel Street, Rhome, Texas

### Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Wilson asked for a Moment of Silence for both John Pettit and Jimmy Smith.

Wilson stated that the new trash collection contract begins on January 2, 2021.

Council Member Eason encouraged everyone to wear a mask and to practice social distancing.

Council Member Majors asked for a list of rules and regulations regarding the trash collection be placed in the next water bill.

City Administrator Northrop stated she is working on one to include in the water bill and to place online.

**B. Presentation of SHINE Award – Utility Billing Clerk Julie Rutherford**

City Administrator Northrop announced Julie Rutherford as the fourth quarter Shine Award recipient.

**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. Approval of contract with Rhome Community Library for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Mayor Wilson removed Agenda Item C and Agenda Item D from the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Priest, seconded by Council Member Majors, to approve Consent Agenda Item E as presented.

Mayor Wilson asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye	Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye	Council Member Majors:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye		

Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Minutes of City Council Regular Session dated November 12, 2020**

Mayor Wilson stated she would like the minutes to reflect the negativity that occurred during the meeting; Wilson will address with City Secretary Montgomery.

Motion made by Council Member Eason to approve the Minutes of City Council Regular Session dated November 12, 2020 as presented; motion dies for a lack of second.

Motion made by Council Member Majors to table this agenda item until the next meeting; motion dies for lack of second.

Mayor Wilson stated the Minutes of City Council Regular Session dated November 12, 2020 will be brought back at the next meeting.

**D. Approval of proposed amendments to Constitution and By-Laws of the Rhome Volunteer Fire Department adopted September 29, 2008**

Mayor Wilson requested that the application include that the volunteers be drug tested.

Motion made by Council Member Majors to amend by including the volunteers be drug tested; motion dies for lack of second.

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to accept the proposed amendments to Constitution and By-Laws of the Rhome Volunteer Fire Department as presented.

Mayor Wilson asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye	Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye	Council Member Majors:	Nay
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye		

Motion carried 4-1-0 with Council Members McCabe, Crenshaw, Priest and Eason voting for and Council Member Majors voting against.

**Monthly Staff Reports**

**F. Departments: Administration, Building & Development, Fire Rescue, Municipal Court, Police, and Public Works**

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to accept Staff Reports as presented.

Mayor Wilson asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye	Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye	Council Member Majors:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye		

Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Boards: No November 2020 Board Meetings**

**Regular Session – Old Business**

**H. Update, discussion and any necessary action regarding latest developments for COVID-19 and mitigation efforts and actions within the City**

Council discussed options to be placed into effect at City Hall to keep both residents and staff safe. Consensus was to continue as is.

**I. Discussion and any necessary action regarding UTA’s Final Parks Master Plan**

Motion made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Eason, to send the Final Parks Master Plan to the Parks & Recreation Board to allow them to review and to bring back recommendations to Council.

Mayor Wilson asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye	Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye	Council Member Majors:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye		

Motion carried unanimously.

**J. Discussion and any necessary action regarding an agreement for Municipal Court software, authorizing City Administrator to execute all necessary documents relating to new software agreement as well as the termination of existing software agreement and linked agreements**

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member McCabe, to accept Staff’s recommendation authorizing City Administrator to execute all necessary documents relating to new software agreement as well as the termination of existing software agreement and linked agreements.

Mayor Wilson asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye	Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye	Council Member Majors:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye		

Motion carried unanimously.

**K. Discussion and any necessary action regarding staffing and facilities, both short- and long- term**

City Administrator Northrop stated Staff is continuing to analyze and gather information and will provide the final report at the January 14, 2021 Council meeting.

Council briefly discussed facility options – remodel 105 West First Street or lease a modular building. Mayor Pro Tem Priest reminded all that Public Works Director Densmore is looking at the current facilities and will be bringing an assessment back at the January 14, 2021 meeting.

No action taken; discussion only.

**Mayor Wilson reordered the following agenda items:**

**Public Hearing and Regular Session – New Business**

**L. Rhome City Council to conduct a Public Hearing to consider a request for a Carport for Legal Property being described as Legal: Acres: 0.145, Lot: 20, Blk: 6, Subd: CROWN POINT PH1, Abst: A-280 EJ TADLOCK also known as 620 Stirling Road, Rhome, Texas 76078**

Mayor Wilson opened the Public Hearing at 8:20pm.

City Secretary Montgomery read Gloria Kane’s comments into the record:

*I own the property at 216 Saint James Court. I appose this request because the addition of a carport is very unsightly (judging by the appearance of an existing one next door). I would like to preserve the neat appearance of the neighborhood. Please don't let I deteriorate into a "trailer park" image!!!*

The following also provided input:

- Deborah BeCraft – 360 West Second Street, Rhome, Texas – IN FAVOR
- Shirley Mize – 170 Russel Street, Rhome, Texas – IN FAVOR
- Cathy Coffee – 1102 Mount Lane, Rhome, Texas – IN FAVOR

Mayor Wilson closed the Public Hearing at 9:24pm

**P. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a request for a Carport for Legal Property being described as Legal: Acres: 0.145, Lot: 20, Blk: 6, Subd: CROWN POINT PH1, Abst: A-280 EJ TADLOCK also known as 620 Stirling Road, Rhome, Texas 76078**

City Administrator Northrop stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request and that Council would need to approve a variance to the side setback.

Motion made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Priest, to approve the request for a Carport for Legal Property being described as Legal: Acres: 0.145, Lot: 20, Blk: 6, Subd: CROWN POINT PH1, Abst: A-280 EJ TADLOCK also known as 620 Stirling Road, Rhome, Texas 76078 with the variance to the side setback.

Mayor Wilson asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye	Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye	Council Member Majors:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye		

Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-21**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RHOME BY GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A CARPORT FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 620 STIRLING ROAD; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGES; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**M. Rhome City Council to conduct a Public Hearing to consider amending Sections 12 (Zoning Districts Established), 22, 23, 26, and 34 (USE CHART) of Chapter 14 “Zoning” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rhome, Texas to revise the Sections for consistency in naming the Zoning Districts**

Mayor Wilson opened the Public Hearing at 8:29pm.

There was no public input.

Mayor Wilson closed the Public Hearing at 9:30pm.

**Q. Discussion and any necessary action regarding amending Sections 12 (Zoning Districts Established), 22, 23, 26, and 34 (USE CHART) of Chapter 14 “Zoning” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rhome, Texas to revise the Sections for consistency in naming the Zoning Districts**

City Administrator stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission have reviewed and this ordinance is a cleanup item.

Motion made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to approve amending Sections 12 (Zoning Districts Established), 22, 23, 26, and 34 (USE CHART) of Chapter 14 “Zoning” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rhome, Texas to revise the Sections for consistency in naming the Zoning Districts as presented.

Mayor Wilson asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye	Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye	Council Member Majors:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye		

Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-22**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS AMENDING SECTIONS 12, 22, 23, 26, AND 34 USE CHART CHAPTER 14 “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS TO REVISE THE SECTIONS TO REFLECT THE CURRENT ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PUBLICATION CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**N. Rhome City Council to conduct a Public Hearing to consider amending Appendix, A-3 – Definitions, Exhibit A of Chapter 14, “Zoning” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rhome, Texas to define Mobile Food Unit; Amending Section 34.5 Retail & Related Uses to, Exhibit A of Chapter 14 “Zoning” adding Mobile Mood Unit to be allowed in the “R” Retail, “C” Commercial, “I” Industrial, and “LI” Light Industrial**

Mayor Wilson opened the Public Hearing at 8:35pm.

The following provided input:

- Michelle Pittman Di Credico – 202 Cheyenne Trail North, Rhome, Texas – IN FAVOR

Mayor Wilson closed the Public Hearing at 9:39pm

**R. Discussion and any necessary action regarding amending Appendix, A-3 – Definitions, Exhibit A of Chapter 14, “Zoning” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rhome, Texas to define Mobile Food Unit; Amending Section 34.5 Retail & Related Uses to, Exhibit A of Chapter 14 “Zoning” adding Mobile Mood Unit to be allowed in the “R” Retail, “C” Commercial, “I” Industrial, and “LI” Light Industrial**

City Administrator Northrop stated that this is not for residential zoning; Planning & Zoning is recommending a Special Use Permit under residential to also to tie zoning to current use of property.

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member McCabe, to approve with provision of an SUP needed for residential use and current use of property.

Mayor Wilson asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye	Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye	Council Member Majors:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye		

Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-23**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A-3 – DEFINITIONS, EXHIBIT A OF CHAPTER 14 “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS TO DEFINE MOBILE FOOD UNIT; AMENDING SECTION 34.5 RETAIL & RELATED USES TO, EXHIBIT A OF CHAPTER 14 “ZONING” ADDING MOBILE FOOD UNIT TO BE ALLOWED IN THE “R” RETAIL, “C” COMMERCIAL, “I” INDUSTRIAL, AND “LI” LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PUBLICATION CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**O. Rhome City Council to conduct a Public Hearing to consider amending Sections 4, 7, and 10 of Exhibit A “Subdivision Ordinance” of Chapter 10 “Subdivision Regulation” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rhome, Texas to require two-year Maintenance Bonds**

Mayor Wilson opened the Public Hearing at 8:48pm.

There was no public input.

Mayor Wilson closed the Public Hearing at 9:49pm.

**S. Discussion and any necessary action regarding amending Sections 4, 7, and 10 of Exhibit A “Subdivision Ordinance” of Chapter 10 “Subdivision Regulation” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rhome, Texas to require two-year Maintenance Bonds**

City Administrator Northrop stated that currently, the Subdivision Regulation Ordinance only requires a one-year maintenance bond. The proposed revision would update current requirement from one-year Maintenance Bond to a two-year Maintenance Bond which is current industry standard. The revision will update references of maintenance bond in Chapter 10 – specifically, Chapter 10, Section 4, “Procedure for approval of plat,” Section 7, “Improvements prior to acceptance,” and Section 10, “Maintenance Bond.”

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to approve amending Sections 4, 7, and 10 of Exhibit A “Subdivision Ordinance” of Chapter 10 “Subdivision Regulation” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rhome, Texas to require two-year Maintenance Bonds as presented.

Mayor Wilson asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye	Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye	Council Member Majors:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye		

Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-24**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 7, AND 10 OF EXHIBIT A "SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE" OF CHAPTER 10 "SUBDIVISION REGULATION" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS TO REQUIRE TWO-YEAR MAINTENANCE BONDS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PUBLICATION CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**T. Discussion and any necessary action regarding amending Chapter 6, "Health and Sanitation" of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rhome, Texas by adding Article 6.07, "Liquid Waste Regulations"**

City Administrator Northrop stated that this Ordinance is to help protect human health and the environment, this Ordinance sets forth uniform requirements for liquid waste generators and liquid waste hauler operating in the City of Rhome. Objectives of this Ordinance include:

- Aid in the prevention of sanitary sewer overflows resulting from blockage and obstructions due to the accumulations of fats, oils and greases from commercial and industrial facilities;
- Promote the proper maintenance of grease traps and grit traps; and,
- Ensure proper handling, disposal, transport and tracking of trap waste and other liquid waste.

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Eason, to approve amending Chapter 6, "Health and Sanitation" of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rhome, Texas by adding Article 6.07, "Liquid Waste Regulations" as presented.

Mayor Wilson asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye	Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye	Council Member Majors:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye		

Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-25**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 "HEALTH AND SANITATION" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS BY ADDING ARTICLE 6.07 LIQUID WASTE REGULATIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PUBLICATION CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**U. Discussion and any necessary action regarding amending Chapter 6, "Health and Sanitation" Article 6.06 "Food Establishment Rules" of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rhome, Texas to add regulations for Food Trucks and Food Truck Operation Sites**

City Administrator Northrop stated that this amendment is to clean up items to provide clarification on mobile food units/food trucks in Chapter 6, Health and Sanitation.

This item provides clarity on the 'how' question needed to allow Staff to better manage the administration and permitting of such use.

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Majors, to approve amending Chapter 6, "Health and Sanitation" Article 6.06 "Food Establishment Rules" of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rhome, Texas to add regulations for Food Trucks and Food Truck Operation Sites as presented.

Mayor Wilson asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye	Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye	Council Member Majors:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye		

Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-26**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 "HEALTH AND SANITATION" ARTICLE 6.06 "FOOD ESTABLISHMENT RULES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS TO ADD REGULATIONS FOR FOOD TRUCKS AND FOOD TRUCK OPERATION SITES; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PUBLICATION CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**V. Discussion and any necessary action regarding amending Chapter 13, "Utilities" of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rhome, Texas by adding Article 13.08, "Rights-of-Way Management"**

City Administrator Northrop stated that this proposed Ordinance establishes guidelines for construction and non-construction activities within the City's infrastructure. The purpose is to ensure public safety and mobility, through permitting. The Right-of-Way Ordinance will ensure that all construction activities are well-coordinated and impacts are mitigated to reduce public inconvenience, guarantee proper street repair and ensure all regulations are enforced appropriately.

Motion made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Priest, to approve amending Chapter 13, "Utilities" of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rhome, Texas by adding Article 13.08, "Rights-of-Way Management" as presented.

Mayor Wilson asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye	Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye	Council Member Majors:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye		

Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-27**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 "UTILITIES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS BY ADDING ARTICLE 13.08 RIGHTS-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PUBLICATION CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**W. Update and Discussion regarding construction status of the East Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Public Works Director Densmore updated the Council stating that the contractor is mobilizing and bringing equipment in. The Contract was given the notice to proceed on November 16, 2020 and the project duration is 270 calendar days. There will be ongoing weekly construction meetings with Rey-Mar, Kimley-Horn and City Staff.

No action taken; discussion only.



**X. Discussion and any necessary action authorizing the City Administrator to negotiate a standard Developers agreement with Sahihi/Holly Parkway development**

City Administrator Northrop stated that the purpose of a Developer Agreement is to reduce the risks and costs associated with development, thereby enhancing the City’s ability to obtain public benefits. Especially instrumental in smaller cities who depend on third party professionals, such as engineers and attorneys.

Additionally, working with a developer who is utilizing a Planned Development, it is critical that the detailed site plan appropriately identifies and includes all the development’s requirements as the PD becomes the ruling Ordinance for the development.

Staff has been working with developer Mr. Sahihi on the Holly Parkway PD. Both P&Z and City Council have approved the conceptual plan. Staff has continued to provide direction to the developer as they prepare to submit a detailed site plan.

Staff has worked with City Attorney Adkins to develop a draft Developers Agreement.

City Attorney Adkins stated the Developers Agreement is to allow the City to recoup engineering and legal fees.

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate a standard Developers agreement with Sahihi/Holly Parkway development.

Mayor Wilson asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye	Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye	Council Member Majors:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye		

Motion carried unanimously.

**Y. Discussion and any necessary action regarding West Wastewater Treatment Plant status and next steps**

City Administrator provided an overview now that Council has completed several planning documents as they relate the City of Rhome’s Water/Wastewater System master planning documents, impact fees and corresponding capital improvements for our water/wastewater system, it is time to move to the next step and address needed improvements. Now that improvements to the East WWTP are underway, Staff is looking at the next steps for necessary improvements to the West WWTP that include flow improvements and TSS (Total Suspended Solids), which is directly related to a filtration issue.

Current flow capacity is 150 K gpd (0.15 mgd) and the flow ranges from 50 – 242 K gpd). The City received a non-compliant/enforcement notice from TCEQ beginning in 2015 and has been working with them to gain compliance, some of which included entering into a Supplemental Environmental Project agreement (2018).

In March 2020 we were granted a 6-month extension and we have applied for another 6-month extension. Staff and TCEQ continue to work together on taking corrective action and gaining compliance.

Staff is recommending moving forward with a funding plan; identifying priorities in the current CIP and seeking alternative funding. The Texas Water Infrastructure Coordination Committee, a one-stop shop for information on funding eligibility and technical assistance, is issuing a call for projects in Jan 2021. Staff is recommending submitting a Project Information Factsheet as well as meeting with the Texas Water Development Board to identify potential funding assistance.

TWDB – offers a wide array of low-cost financing options for new infrastructure or water management strategy projects to help local and regional entities with all phases of their implementation, from planning and design to construction.

SWIFT – In 2013 Texas voters approved a Constitutional amendment creating the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas to finance projects approved by one or more of the state’s 16 regional water planning groups and included in the

State Water Plan (SWP). Original funding goals were to provide \$27 billion in loans over 50 years and initially funded with \$2 billion. As of 2019, the SWIFT balance is \$1.7 billion.

Motion made Mayor Pro Tem Priest, seconded by Council Member McCabe, to authorize Staff to explore funding and bring a recommendation back to Council late March or early April.

Mayor Wilson asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye	Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye	Council Member Majors:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye		

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Z. Discussion and any necessary action regarding City Hall Hours of Operation**

Motion made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Eason, to keep current hours as permanent until further notice.

Mayor Wilson asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye	Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye	Council Member Majors:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye		

Motion carried unanimously.

Current City Hall Hours are:

Lobby – 8am until 2pm with phones being answered 8a until 4pm and Staff works 8am until 5pm Monday thru Friday.

#### **AA. Discussion and any necessary action regarding permanently providing an audio/video recording of every Council meeting**

City Administrator Northrop stated she has been researching audio/video equipment to utilize when we go back to in-person meetings. Currently, she is posting the GoToMeeting recording to the City's YouTube Channel.

Council consensus is to have Staff bring back an ordinance stipulating that every Council Meeting will be recorded and Staff's recommendation of an appropriate retention period for such videos.

No action taken; discussion only.

#### **BB. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Section 1.03.002, "Powers and Duties of Mayor" and Section 1.03.004, "Agenda" of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rhome, Texas**

Council Member McCabe asked that this item be placed on the agenda to ensure that Council Members' agenda item requests are placed on the Agenda.

No action taken; discussion only.

#### **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:

#### **CC. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or to seek advice from attorney**

DD. 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

EE. 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 public

FF. 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

The Council did not convene into Executive Session.

**Reconvene into Regular Session**

GG. Discussion and any necessary action as a result of Executive Session

No action taken; Council did not convene into Executive Session.


**Future Agenda Items**

No future agenda items were requested.

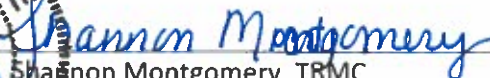
**Adjourn**

Motion made by Council Member Majors, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.

Minutes approved the 14th day of January 2021.

  
Jo Ann Wilson,  
Mayor



  
Shannon Montgomery, TRMC  
City Secretary