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Kristi King

Place 5
Kasey Shumake

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Shaina Odom

Fire Chief
Scott Estes

Police Chief
Eric Debus

Public Works
Director
Jesus Dominguez

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023

Regular Session: 6 p.m.

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

LIVE Streaming: In an effort to be as accessible as possible, we *may*
Live Stream the meeting using GoToMeeting from your computer or phone.

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Session ID: 571-317-3116

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The Rhome City Council *may* conduct this meeting by videoconference call in accordance with Section 551.127 of the Texas Open Meetings Act. A quorum of the City Council will be physically present at the address listed above and the public may attend the meeting at the same location.

Regular Session: 6 p.m.

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Invocation led by Pastor Heath Van Zandt

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 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.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

- City Council Meeting September 28, 2023 @ 6 p.m.

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.

1. Approval of Resolution 2023-18 updating the Personnel Handbook **(City Administrator)**
2. Approval of ORD 2023-05 updating Section 8.05.001 of the Rhome Code of Ordinances regarding carrying weapons in the city limits **(City Administrator)**

Monthly Staff Reports and Board Minutes

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

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

Public Hearing

1. Rhome City Council to conduct a Public Hearing to hear citizen input regarding the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024
2. Rhome City Council to conduct a Public Hearing to hear citizen input regarding the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

Regular Agenda

Discussion and any necessary action for the following:

1. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Ordinance No. 2023-06 adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024, Record Vote Required **(City Administrator)**

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$500,000 which is a 42.50% increase, and of that amount \$3,960.11 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

2. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Ordinance No. 2023-07 ratifying ad valorem property tax revenue reflected in the adopted Fiscal Year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 Annual Budget Record Vote Required **(City Administrator)**

THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE BY 42.50 PERCENT AND WILL INCREASE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$66.37 PER YEAR

3. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Review – (Council Member Loftis)
4. Wise County Appraisal District Nominations (City Administrator)

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:

1. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or to seek advice from attorney.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 (Resume)

1. Action to be taken from Executive Session discussions

Future Agenda Items

(Agenda items are due by 5 p.m. on the Wednesday of the week prior to the Council meeting)

Adjourn

A quorum of Planning & Zoning Commissioners may be present at this meeting and its members may participate in the discussions of the items on the agenda over which they have responsibilities or authority.


A quorum of Parks & Recreation Board Members may be present at this meeting and its members may participate in the discussions of the items on the agenda over which they have responsibilities or authority.

**Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Council may convene into executive session at any time during the meeting if a need rises for the City Council to seek advice from the City Attorney concerning any item on this agenda, to discuss pending and contemplated litigation, or a settlement offer, or to discuss a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Board of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551.*

The Council may vote and / or act upon each of the items listed in this Agenda. Except for Public Presentation and Input and items in the agenda designated as public hearing or otherwise designated for public input, there will be no public input during the course of this meeting without express authorization from the presiding officer.

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact City Hall at 817-636-2462 for further information.

CERTIFICATION: I do hereby certify that the above City Council Agenda was posted on the designated bulletin board located at City Hall, 501 South Main Street, Rhome, Texas by 6 pm on September 11, 2023.



Shaina Odom, City Secretary

I certify that the attached notice and agenda of items to be considered by the Rhome City Council was removed by me from the designated bulletin board located at City Hall, 501 South Main Street, Rhome, Texas, on the ____ day of _____, 2023.

_____, Title: _____



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AGENDA ITEM 1



Agenda Commentary
Meeting Date: September 14, 2023

Department: Administration

Contact: Amanda DeGan, City Administrator

Agenda Item: Update to the Personnel Manual regarding the take-home of city vehicles.

Type of Item: ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution ☐ Contract/Agreement ☐ Public Hearing
☐ Plat ☐ Discussion & Direction ☐ Other

Summary:

- Per Council direction, the City Administrator has drafted a proposed revision to the personnel manual outlining the use of take-home vehicles for certain staff positions.
- The verbiage was adapted from the new policy that is also being mirrored in the guidelines for the police department.

Funding Expected: ☐ Revenue ☐ Expenditure ☐ N/A

Budgeted Item: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

GL Account: _____ Amount: _____

Legal Review Required: ☐ Yes ☐ No Date Completed: _____

Engineering Review: ☐ FD Review: ☐ PD Review: ☐ PW Review: ☐

History / Details / Recommendation:

The resolution to approve these changes is attached for Council review.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AN
AMENDMENT TO THE PERSONNEL HANDBOOK RELATIVE TO THE
USE OF TAKE-HOME VEHICLES.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rhome finds it to be in the public interest, and necessary to provide for public health and safety; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to update the Personnel Handbook to provide for the use of take-home vehicles for specific positions and use; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to be transparent and clearly communicate with the stakeholders of Rhome.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1: That all matters stated in the Recitals hereinabove are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as if copied in their entirety.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Rhome, Texas, hereby authorizes the update to the Personnel Handbook authorizing the use of take-home vehicles to promote public health and safety for positions that are considered first responders for police and public works.

Section 3: If any portion of this Resolution shall, for any reason, be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof and the Council hereby determines that it would have adopted this Resolution without the invalid provision.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall become effective from and after its date of passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.

Patricia Mitchell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shaina Odom, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carvan E. Adkins, City Attorney

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VEHICLE USAGE/TAKE HOME POLICY

As a public agency, the City of Rhome has a duty to the community to respond as quickly as possible to any event that may involve public health and safety. In this role, public works staff members are emergency responders and as such, are subject to recall 24/7 for emergency water and sewer service. All staff members shall recognize that a take-home vehicle is a privilege granted by the Rhome City Council and may be revoked due to misuse or funding constraints.

- I. Assignment** - The assignment and use of public works trucks to staff members will be approved by the City Administrator. It is mandatory that all city vehicles be operated strictly in accordance with the law and with safety considerations always being a matter of primary concern to the operator. Vehicle abuse or misuse will result in immediate termination of take-home vehicle privileges. Exercising good judgement and care is critical for the success of this program.
- II. Procedures** - The following criteria must be met before an employee is assigned a take-home vehicle.
 1. The issuance of a take-home vehicle is contingent upon availability and departmental needs, as determined by the Public Works Director.
 2. A take-home vehicle is a privilege that **may** be extended to an employee that meets the criteria. It is not a right or entitlement; nor is it the subject for a grievance.

Employees that are issued vehicles will be accountable for the care and maintenance of that vehicle. Any damage that is incurred should be reported immediately to the Public Works Director and/or the City Administrator, along with a written report detailing the circumstances. Failure to take proper care of the vehicle may result in disciplinary action to include the loss of take-home privileges, suspension, or termination.

Employees residing within twenty-five (25) miles of the City of Rhome city limits **may** receive an assigned take-home vehicle. Distance shall be calculated by geodesic distance (“as the crow flies”).

III. Restrictions and Guidelines

1. Employees will not be allowed to transport family members in a city vehicle.
2. Employees shall keep their assigned vehicle clean and in good operating condition. The inside of the vehicle will be kept clean and free of trash and debris.
3. When an employee is on vacation, he/she must leave the assigned vehicle at the public works office. If the employee is on extended sick leave, or light duty, the assigned vehicle will also be left at the public works department.
4. Unattended city vehicles must be locked at all times and all tools should be secured out of sight.

Date: _____

Received and acknowledged by: _____



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AGENDA ITEM 2



Agenda Commentary
Meeting Date: September 14, 2023

Department: Administration

Contact: Amanda DeGan, City Administrator

Agenda Item: Approval of ORD 2023-05 updating Section 8.05.001 of the Rhode Code of Ordinances regarding carrying weapons in the city limits

Type of Item: ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution ☐ Contract/Agreement ☐ Public Hearing
☐ Plat ☒ Discussion & Direction ☐ Other

Summary:

- Currently, the City has an old 1999 ordinance that prohibits the carrying of a weapon within the city limits.
- The proposed update will allow our ordinances to reflect current state law and follow the standards for carrying of a weapon.

Funding Expected: ☐ Revenue ☐ Expenditure ☐ N/A

Budgeted Item: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

GL Account: _____ Amount: _____

Legal Review Required: ☐ Yes ☐ No Date Completed: _____

Engineering Review: ☐ FD Review: ☐ PD Review: ☐ PW Review: ☐

History / Details / Recommendation:

Below, you will find the 1999 language. Please see the attached resolution that was drafted by our city attorney's office for the update.

ARTICLE 8.05 WEAPONS

State law references—Weapons, V.T.C.A., Penal Code, ch. 46; authority of municipality to regulate the discharge of firearms, V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, sec. 217.003.

Sec 8.05.001 Carrying Weapons

It shall be unlawful for a person to intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly carry on or about his person, within the city limits, a handgun, illegal knife, or club, as defined in V.T.C.A., Penal Code, section 46.01, except as follows:

1. In the actual discharge of his official duties as a member of the armed forces or National Guard or a guard employed by a penal institution;

2. On his own premises or premises under his control, unless he is an employee or agent of the owner of the premises and his primary responsibility is to act in the capacity of a private security guard to protect persons or property, in which event he must comply with subsection (5) below;
3. Engaging in lawful hunting, fishing, or other sporting activity, if the weapon is a type commonly used in the activity;
4. A person who is traveling;
5. A person who holds a security officer commission issued by the state private security bureau if:
 1. He is engaged in the performance of his duties as a security officer or traveling to and from his place of assignment;
 2. He is wearing a distinctive uniform; and
 3. The weapon is in plain view;
6. A person who is a licensed peace officer; and/or
7. A person who is licensed to carry a concealed handgun.

(1999 Code, sec. 130.50)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS AMENDING SECTION 8.05.001 “CARRYING WEAPONS” OF ARTICLE 8.05 “WEAPONS” OF CHAPTER 8 “OFFENSES AND NUISANCES” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS BY ADOPTING CHAPTER 46 OF THE TEXAS PENAL CODE AS AMENDED IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Rhome, Texas is a Type A general-law municipality located in Wise County, created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously adopted rules regarding the carrying of weapons in City limits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City to update and adopt Chapter 46 of the Texas Penal Code as amended in order to comply with current State law;

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and wellness of the citizens of Rhome to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. Section 8.05.001 “Carrying Weapons” of Article 8.05 “Weapons” of Chapter 8 “Offenses and Nuisances” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rhome, Texas is hereby revised to read as follows:

“8.05 Weapons”; Sec. 8.05.001 Carrying Weapons

Chapter 46 of the Texas Penal Code is hereby adopted as the official guideline for the carrying of weapons within the City of Rhome, Texas. The material contained in Chapter 46 of the Texas Penal Code shall not be included in the formal municipal codification of ordinances.

SECTION 2. The City may from time to time determine that additional local modifications to the code adopted herein are necessary and appropriate to meet the unique needs of the City. To effectuate modifications, the City Council may enact individual ordinances amending this Ordinance fully setting forth the changes to be made. Such subsequent amendments shall be consolidated as an exhibit to this Ordinance and shall be maintained as a public record in the office of the city secretary, available for public

inspection and copying during regular business hours.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining, phrase, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 5. Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Ordinance be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for all violations of this Ordinance. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 6. All rights and remedies of the City are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any ordinances of the City which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

SECTION 7. The City Secretary of the City is directed to publish the caption and penalty clause of this Ordinance in the official newspaper of the City as required by Section 52.011 of the Texas Local Government Code.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

PATRICIA MITCHELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHAINA ODOM, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

CARVAN E. ADKINS, CITY ATTORNEY



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MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS AND BOARD MINUTES



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Administration by the Numbers – August 2023

Bank Statement Balances

Account Name	Balances as of August 2022	Balances as of August 2023
2019 Bond Checking	\$0.00	\$0.00
Business Checking	\$2,416,450.68	\$3,911,971.06
Fire Dept Checking	\$64,632.24	CLOSED
Fire Dept Savings	\$61,123.00	\$69,381.46
General Fund Checking	\$352,683.10	CLOSED
General Fund Savings	\$220,246.00	\$221,995.07
Hotel Motel Tax	\$17.27	CLOSED
Interest & Sinking	\$440,399.97	CLOSED
LOGIC	\$332,173.12	\$347,487.58
MC Building Security	\$8.09	CLOSED
MC Technology Fund	\$.21	CLOSED
Meter Deposits	\$121,882.30	\$142,073.66
Parks & Recreation Checking	\$10.29	CLOSED
Payroll ZBA Account	\$0.00	\$0.00
Police Grant Account	\$.55	CLOSED
Police Seizure Funds	\$2.38	CLOSED
Rhome Beautification Fund	\$1140.00	CLOSED
Rolling V	\$0.00	CLOSED
TEXSTAR	CLOSED	CLOSED
Water & Sewer Checking	\$218,480.41	CLOSED
TOTAL	\$4,229,249.61	\$4,692,908.83

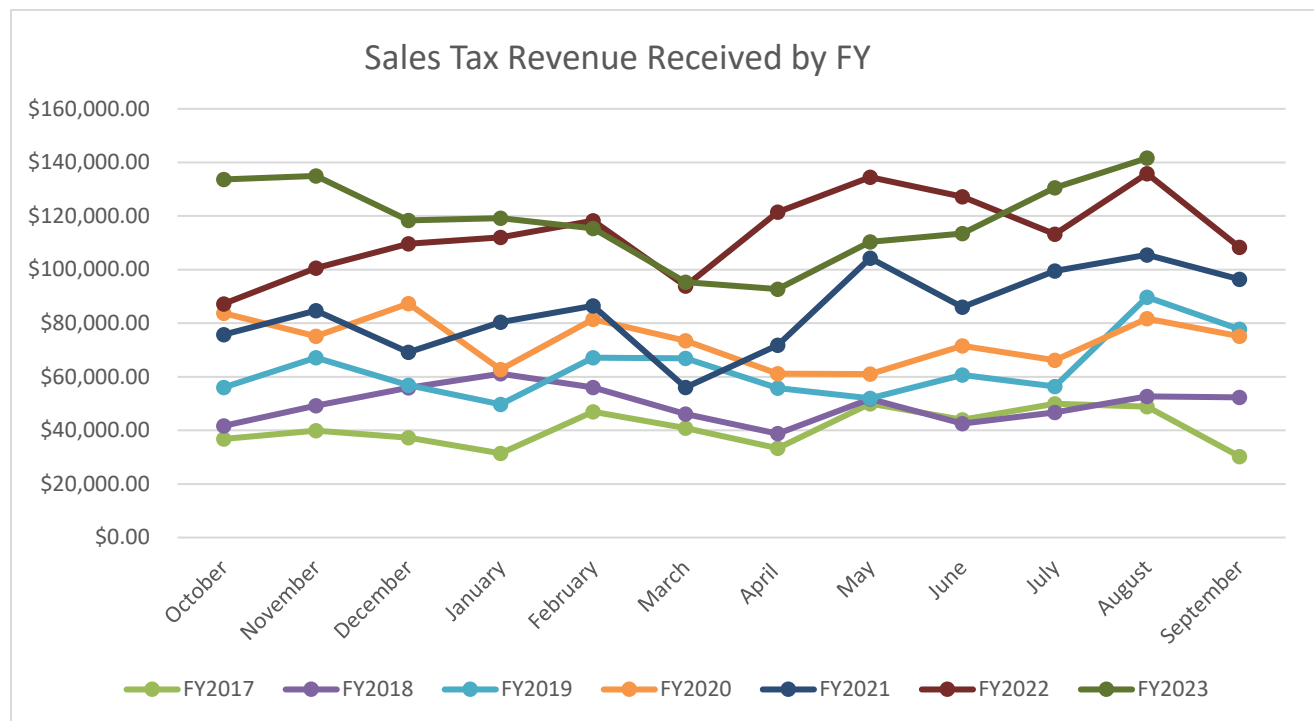
Per Council's previous direction to reduce costs and to streamline processes, Staff worked with OpenGov to implement consolidated cash. Several accounts were closed in December 2022 as a result of reaching the desired goal.

During the month of December 2022 staff closed Fire Department checking, General Fund Checking, Hotel Motel Tax, Interest and Sinking, MC Building Security, MC Technology Fund, Parks & Recreation Checking, Police Grant Account, Police Seizure Funds, Rhome Beautification Fund, and Water & Sewer Checking.

Fiscal Year Sales Tax Revenue Received

August 2023 –

Month Received	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
October	\$36,761.46	\$41,715.19	\$55,994.48	\$83,748.34	\$75,745.64	\$87,240.35	\$133,715.93
November	\$39,909.64	\$49,257.27	\$67,076.39	\$75,077.06	\$84,636.19	\$100,616.96	\$135,029.18
December	\$37,325.73	\$55,857.75	\$56,827.29	\$87,313.44	\$69,183.69	\$109,601.99	\$118,417.56
January	\$31,401.41	\$61,139.42	\$49,719.73	\$62,703.14	\$80,355.58	\$112,070.99	\$119,211.81
February	\$47,000.93	\$56,030.60	\$67,180.35	\$81,459.72	\$86,432.78	\$118,263.75	\$115,348.10
March	\$40,837.42	\$46,156.35	\$66,853.76	\$73,488.63	\$56,025.15	\$93,857.59	\$95,262.56
April	\$33,361.07	\$38,766.96	\$55,814.51	\$61,205.25	\$71,816.35	\$121,488.55	\$92,730.95
May	\$49,987.00	\$51,754.08	\$52,022.35	\$61,014.98	\$104,220.79	\$134,530.78	\$110,396.67
June	\$43,940.94	\$42,538.20	\$60,712.41	\$71,595.88	\$86,028.11	\$127,257.66	\$113,508.88
July	\$49,928.81	\$46,649.99	\$56,382.32	\$66,189.23	\$99,504.10	\$113,283.50	\$130,600.97
August	\$48,878.03	\$52,698.74	\$89,739.58	\$81,658.50	\$105,530.55	\$135,847.46	\$141,617.17
September	\$30,263.17	\$52,300.18	\$77,788.90	\$75,181.40	\$96,366.36	\$108,366.36	
Total	\$489,595.61	\$594,864.73	\$756,112.07	\$880,635.57	\$1,015,847.29	\$1,362,425.94	\$1,305,839.78



Requests for Information:

ORR NUMBER	NAME REQUESTED	DATE REQUESTED	DATE DUE	INFORMATION REQUESTED	TIME TO COMPLETE	RELEASE DATE
2023-089	Carole Bartholomew	8/7	8/21	Please email me the detailed building permits and plats for the blue stem and reunion in Rolling V Ranch in excel along with any permitted residentail or swimming pools with the contractor for the month of July 2023	30	8/17
2023-090	Deborah BeCraft	8/14	8/28	The council voted to spend 12,000 for a CPA/accountant to help prepare for the 2021/2022 audit that by city ordinance was due January 29,2023 and by state statue due by March 29,2023. I am requesting under open records, 1)any and all written correspondence pertaining to this preparation of this audit, including but not limited to: emails, notes, letters, memo's, text messages, between the CPA/accountant and any and all city staff, city official, elected, hired or volunteer, city employee full or part time, the city administrator, city attorney, auditor.		TOASE
2023-091	Deborah BeCraft	8/14	8/28	The council voted to spend 12,000 for a CPA/accountant to help prepare for the 2021/2022 audit that by city ordinance was due January 29,2023 and by state statue due by March 29,2023. I am requesting under open records 2)		TOASE

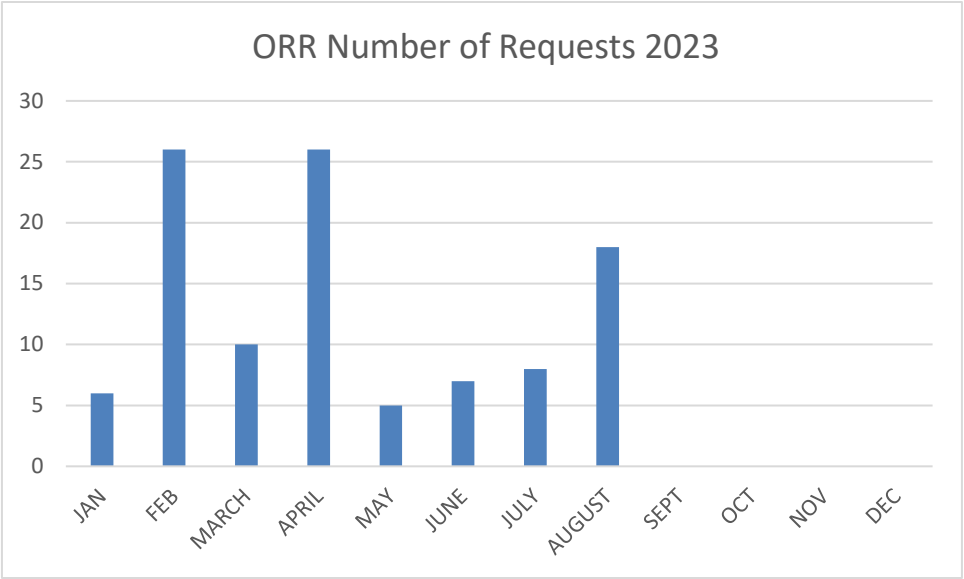
				any and all written correspondence pertaining to this preparation of this audit, including but not limited to: emails, notes, letters, memo's, text messages, between any and all city staff, city official, elected, hired or volunteer, city employee full or part time, the city administrator, city attorney, auditor.		
2023-092	Amy Hunt	8/17	8/31	I am working on behalf of Atmos Energy to obtain a copy of any permits issued for the location of 430 Old Mill Road and a copy of any certificates of liability insurance if required for these permits or contractor registration. Please search between the dates of 7/1/2021- 7/1/2022	20	8/17
2023-093	Louis Godfrey	8/17	8/31	I am requesting copies of the most recent financial statements that the city has on record. that would include every and all recent bank statements, and any other recent financial statements the city recently received.	30	9/11
2023-094	Louis Godfrey	8/17	8/31	I am also requesting copies of every city employees yearly salary.	30	9/11
2023-095	Louis Godfrey	8/17	8/31	I would like copies of every employee and non employee that is a signature on the city bank accounts.	30	9/11
2023-096	Louis Godfrey	8/17	8/31	I would like a copy of the statement(s) that show where the \$50,000 given to the police department for repairs came from; what account did it come from?	30	9/11
2023-097	Louis Godfrey	8/17	8/31	I would like a copy of a receipt statement	30	9/11

				showing the exact cost to remove the popcorn effect from the police chief's office.		
2023-098	James Hunt	8/22	9/5	A. What was the money from the \$350,000 CDBG Grant used for? Is there a breakdown of how the funds were spent and how much is left over?	30	9/11
2023-099	James Hunt	8/22	9/5	B. How much money has been spent of well #6 sense 2020.	30	9/11
2023-100	James Hunt	8/22	9/5	What was the \$500,000 bond 2019-2020 used for? Is there a breakdown of how the funds were spent and how much is left over?	15	9/11
2023-101	James Hunt	8/22	9/5	2021 American Rescue plan What was the total amount received, what was the breakdown of how the funds were spent and how much is left over?	30	9/11
2023-102	Deborah BeCraft	8/23	9/6	1. A copy of the time cards, records or other written documentation showing time off for the city hall employees for the 2023 year to date	60	9/11
2023-103	Deborah BeCraft	8/23	9/6	1. Receipt for the Rolling V (PMB) money that has been paid for the Rhome officer and car by Rolling V (PMB) to the city.	30	9/11
2023-104	Louis Godfrey	8/27	9/12	I understand that the police chief had the popcorn effect on his ceiling in his office removed recently. I am requesting a copy of the signed city check that was given to the contractor to pay for the removal of said effect. I am also requesting a copy of the written estimate, and a copy of the final bill	60	9/11

				showing the cost to do the job.		
2023-105	Louis Godfrey	8/27	9/12	I also understand that the fire chief is living at the fire station. If this is indeed true, I am requesting a copy of the minutes where the council approved such action since our city insurance would not cover any personal accident to him should he get hurt in a non official act or capacity. Thank you for your time.	15	9/11
2023-106	Cathy Coffee	8/17	8/31	Who would I need to talk to to obtain copies of the plats for blue stem and everything planned behind Wells Fargo. I would like to see everything on the west side of 3433. It seems no one seems to have them	30	8/28
2023-107	James Henderson	8/29	9/13	We would like to request Any Maps/Records/ As-Built of existing City of Rhome Utilities that may be in the project area. Attached to this email will be a KMZ and JPEG image of the area in question		

Calendar YTD Requests for Information

Requests Received	107
Pending / Open	0
Sent for Attorney General Opinion (RFO)	2
Complete / Closed	104
Requestor Fees – <i>in an effort to streamline, responses less than 50 pages will be emailed to the requestor to reduce supply costs and staff time</i>	\$12.00
Approximate Staff Time	47.50
Approximate Supply Cost	0
Approximate Staff Cost	\$1185.00





RHODE MUNICIPAL COURT

COURT ACTIVITY	JULY 2023	AUG. 2023	SEPT. 2023	OCT. 2023	NOV. 2023	DEC. 2023
Monthly Violation Activity						
<i>Violations issued:</i>	142	88				
<i>Average speed over posted limit:</i>	19.93	18.39				
<i>Fines/Fees/Costs Assessed (for issued violations):</i>	\$39,516.00	\$25,763.00				
<i>Citations closed:</i>	119	445				
<i>Citations dismissed (best interest/compliance)</i>	56	95				
Private Collections Activity						
<i>Total # of violations paid:</i>	26	35				
<i>Total amount collected:</i>	\$7,227.35	\$10,030.71				
<i>Less 30% owed to Private Collections (commission)</i>	\$1,651.61	\$2,294.81				

COURT ACTIVITY	JULY 2023	AUG. 2023	SEPT. 2023	OCT. 2023	NOV. 2023	DEC. 2023
Court Fines/Fees/Costs Revenue						
<i>Court Citation Revenue:</i>	\$21,813.74	\$24,840.90				
<i>Court Security Fund Revenue:</i>	\$527.94	\$541.44				
<i>Court Technology Fund Revenue:</i>	\$444.56	\$449.19				
<i>Court Jury Fund Revenue:</i>	\$13.34	\$13.07				
<i>Court Truancy Prevention/Diversion Fund Revenue:</i>	\$527.39	\$529.57				
Monthly Court Expenditures						
<i>Contract Labor:</i>						
<i>a. Presiding Judge</i>	\$600.00	\$600.00				
<i>b. DART Courier Service (to transport files to/from prosecutor & judge for dockets)</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00				
<i>Legal Fees (State's Attorney/Prosecutor)</i>	\$1,741.92	(pending invoice)				
<i>GHS – Private Collections Company (30% fee of total collected)</i>	\$1,651.61	\$2,294.81				



RHOME FIRE RESCUE

Duty • Honor • Compassion • Service

261 N. School Road - P.O. Box 228 - Rhome, Texas 76078
817-636-2001 station17@rhomefirerescue.com

August 2023 – Council Fire Report

Calls for Service Monthly:

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2023	78	57	58	48	82	62	79	90				
2022	80	70	81	65	60	74	89	71	59	76	58	70

Calls for Service by type:

	EMS	MVA	Structure Fires	Grass Fires	Vehicle Fires	Fire Invest.	Fire Alarms	Gas Leak	Road Hazard	Lift Assist	Other
July 2023	22	16	6	19	4	4	3	2	1	6	13
Year-To-Date	196	91	34	53	13	29	23	7	4	24	61

Call Locations

	City	County	Auto/Mutual Aid Given	Auto/Mutual Aid Received	Cancelled	Weather Watch
April 2023	30	60	17	11	4	0
Year-To-Date	195	220	37	21	7	2

Numbers above are approximate since the official numbers have not been finalized

Membership

Current Members – 12		
#	Area	
2	City	
2	In District	
10	Out of District	
EMS Certification - 10		
9	EMT Basic	-
3	Paramedics	-

Membership

- We have received several applications for the full-time Firefighter positions. Testing will began on September 16th, 2023.

Events

- No Events

Command Staff

- Chief Estes will be taking State TCFP for Inspector I, II in October.
- Assistant Chief De Credico is off on light duty due to an injury at an MVA August 3rd, 2023.

Equipment

- E- 317 had front brakes a rotor changed out and is now in compliance with NFPA Standards.
- Chief-17 vehicle has lights and siren installed, thanks to the Rhome police department donated the lights and siren to the fire department.

Station

- No new news

Training & Professional Development

- 1 member is currently in college finishing a bachelors in Emergency Administration.
- 1 member has completed TCFP skills testing and will be taking State exam soon.

Prevention/Community Risk Reduction

Community Risk Reduction

- Regular Testing
 - Storm Sirens – completed

Prevention

- Fire Inspections – 1
- Fire Pre-Plan Business –0
- Plans review – 1



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I will be available if you have any questions. (firechief@rhomefirerescue.com)

W Scott Estes

Fire Chief/EMC/Paramedic

Rhome Fire Rescue

RHOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report
July 2023



RHOMÉ PD UPDATES

NEW TAHOES

In August, your Rhome Police Department took delivery of two of our new Chevy Tahoes. With an aging fleet of vehicles and rising maintenance costs, these new vehicles will help us keep costs down as well as ensure our officers are as safe and well equipped as possible.



RHOME PD UPDATES

Making Friends Across the Pond

Not only does your Rhome Police Department strive for local cooperation, but now we're taking it International! We were honored to be visited by French National Police Officer Jo Jacques. Law Enforcement truly is a worldwide brotherhood of which we are all proud to serve. Esprit de Corps



TRAINING

The training within the Rhome Police Department is of utmost importance as it produces well-rounded officers committed to ensuring community safety. Our unwavering dedication to comprehensive and up-to-date training equips officers with essential skills such as conflict resolution, effective communication, and cultural sensitivity. Through continuous development, we build a police force that upholds the law while fostering trust and respect among Rhome's citizens. In August, your Rhome Officers participated in the following training classes:

Eric Debus

FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Class
Executive Leadership
Institute

Daniel Roberson

DPS-TCIC/NCIC Mobile
Operator Training Course

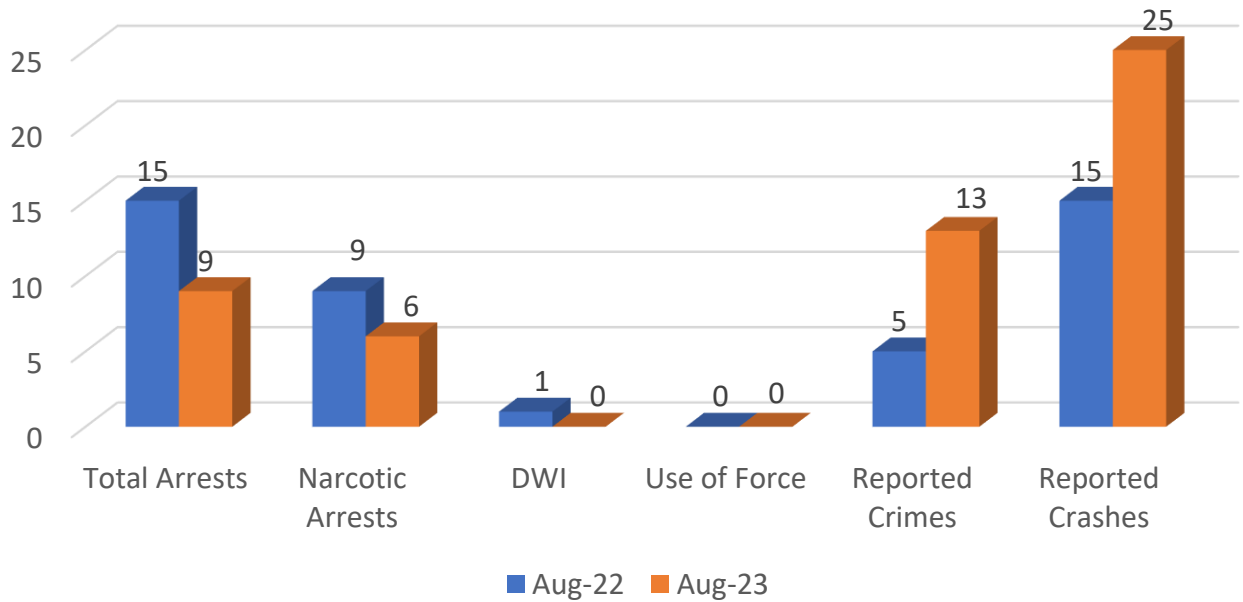
Rachel Barnard

General First Aid, Racial
Profiling, Adult Learning
Theory

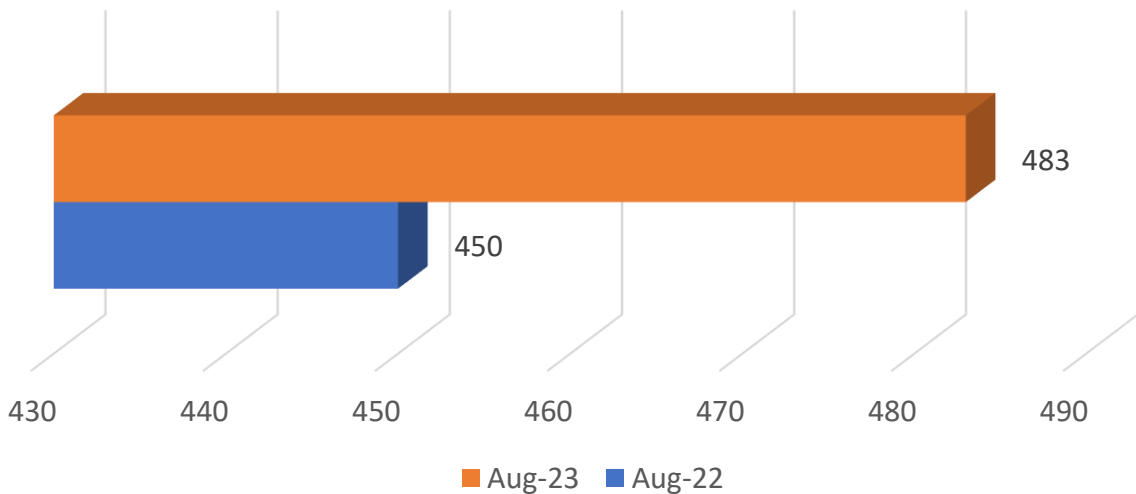


MONTHLY STATISTICS

Monthly Activity

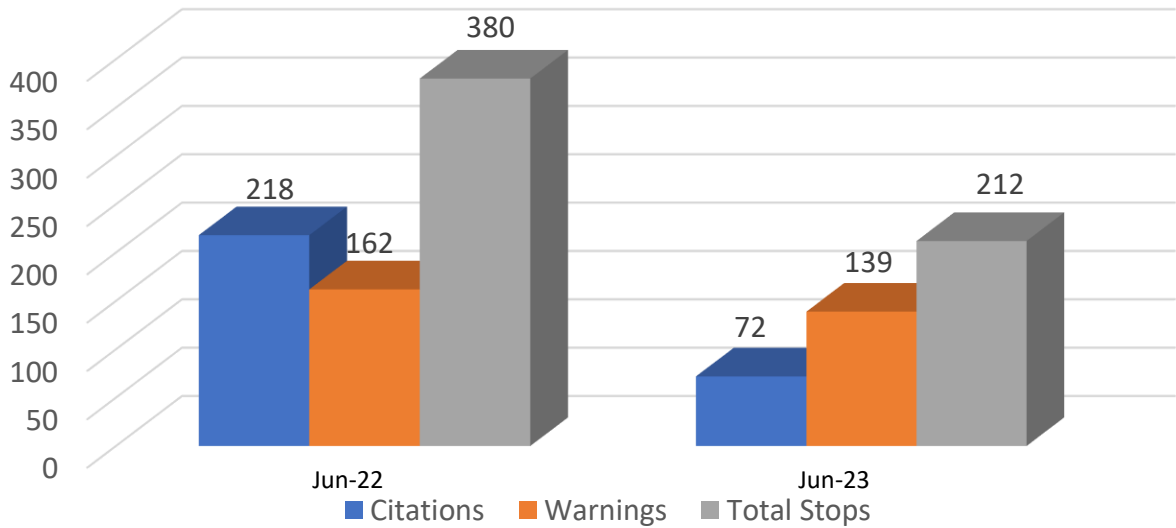


Calls For Service

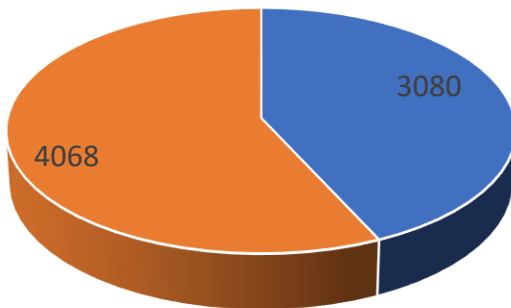


MONTHLY STATISTICS

Traffic Stops

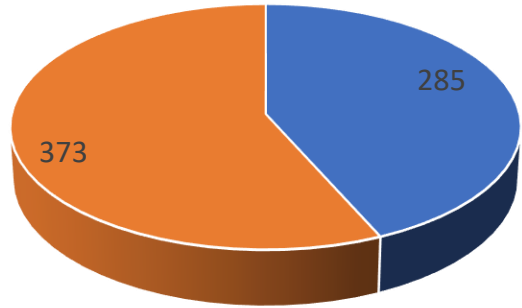


Security Checks



■ Aug-22 ■ Aug-23

Neighborhood Patrols



■ Aug-22 ■ Aug-23



NARCOTICS SEIZED

Methamphetamine

4.9 Grams



FUTURE PLANS / PROJECTS

The Rhome Police Department is committed to constantly improving how we do business to provide the best level of law enforcement customer service to the citizens of Rhome.

- **The initial steps toward certification by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Agency Best Practices Accreditation Program has begun.**
- **The General Orders manual has been rewritten and submitted to legal for review.**
- **Further improvements will be conducted as we begin our journey toward recognition.**

I am always available if you have any further questions.



**Eric Debus
Chief of Police
RHOME POLICE DEPARTMENT**





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Fax: 817-636-2465 - www.cityofrhome.com

To: Amanda DeGan-City Administrator

From: Jesus Dominguez - Director of Public Works

Date: September 8, 2023

Re: August Monthly Report

Reporting:

- 1) Monthly TCEQ Reporting: GW/PWMOR
- 2) Monthly TCEQ Reporting: Wastewater MOR
- 3) Monthly Coliform Test
- 4) Annual Sludge report

Equipment Issues:

- 1) ram 1500 gold truck A.C. malfunctioning
- 2) ram 1500 silver truck is having issues turning over (possible starter)
- 3) Ram 3500 no A.C. and other minor issues.
- 4) Vac truck has a leaking piston. (Waiting for piston repairs)

Maintenance:

- 1) Normal preventative maintenance was performed for the water system.
- 2) Normal preventative maintenance was performed for the wastewater system
- 3) Monthly preventative collection system maintenance to wastewater collection line

Water:

- 1) **Monitoring water levels 24/7 due to water restrictions and drought**
- 2) Well site maintenance-Mowing
- 3) In process of working on new Lead and copper inventory (TCEQ)
- 4) Inspecting water line QT is adding on B.C. Rhome.
- 5) Tank inspections
- 6) Lead and copper samples (10 locations)

Wastewater

(JULY full report closed 8/20/2023) East Plant; Flow- 1.170 million Gallons Total, Average 37,742 GPD, Rain- .5 inches, Temperature: 72 degrees F to 107 degrees F, average Cl2 residual- 2.27 Mg/l.

(JULY full report closed 8/20/2023) West Plant; Flow- 1.153 million Gallons Total, Average- 37,194 GPD, Rain- .25 inches, Temperature- 71 degrees F to 106 degrees F, average Cl2 residual- 2.27 Mg/l. SOFT VIOLATION ON NH3N (ammonia) permit level max for daily average 3.0mg/l, result of ammonia level on 7/1/2023-7/31/23 was 9.7

SOFT VIOLATION ON NH3N (ammonia) permit level max for daily average 3.8lb/d, result of ammonia level on 7/1/2023-7/31/23 was 11.28

1. WWTP site maintenance – Mowing and cleanup site
2. Jetted sewer lines for maintenance
3. West Plant Lift Station

Streets/Parks:

- 1) Normal preventative maintenance –trash pickup, mow, applied ant killer
- 2) Pot hole patching
- 3) closed restrooms
- 4) ordered and spread road base on Iron Horse Ct.

Building Maintenance:

- 1) cleaned around the shop
- 2) change air filters

Administration:

- 1) Daily water production reporting
- 2) Daily chlorine reporting
- 3) Daily wastewater production reporting
- 4) Daily wastewater chlorine reporting
- 5) Daily employee production reporting
- 6) Online Training
- 7) Plan reviews

If you would like to discuss any items noted above, please do not hesitate to contact me;

Jesus Dominguez

Public Works Director



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AGENDA ITEM 1



Agenda Commentary
Meeting Date: September 14, 2023

Department: Administration

Contact: Amanda DeGan, City Administrator

Agenda Item: Approval of the FY 23-24 Budget and Setting the Ad Valorem Tax Rate

Type of Item: ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution ☐ Contract/Agreement ☐ Public Hearing
☐ Plat ☒ Discussion & Direction ☐ Other

Summary:

- Public hearings will be conducted for the proposed budget and tax rate at this meeting prior to the Council approving the budget for the next fiscal year.
 - Staff have presented and discussed the numbers at several meetings over the past few months and will have the final version for Council to review at the meeting.
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Funding Expected: ☐ Revenue ☐ Expenditure ☐ N/A

Budgeted Item: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

GL Account: _____ Amount: _____

Legal Review Required: ☐ Yes ☐ No Date Completed: _____

Engineering Review: ☐ FD Review: ☐ PD Review: ☐ PW Review: ☐

History / Details / Recommendation:

Supporting documents may also be found online at the city's website www.cityofrhome.com

**CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS
ORDINANCE 2023-06**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING THAT EXPENDITURES FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID BUDGET; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the budget officer of the City of Rhome, Texas has heretofore filed with the City Secretary a proposed budget for the city covering the fiscal year October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 and providing that expenditures for said fiscal year shall be made in accordance with said budget, and providing an effective date; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget has been on file with the City Secretary prior to the 30th day before the date the governing body of the municipality makes its tax levy for the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget has been available for inspection by any person upon request, and has been posted on the City's website; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City held a public hearing on the proposed budget after the 15th day after the date the proposed budget was filed with the City Secretary but before the date the governing body made its tax levy; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was duly published not earlier than the 30th or later than the 10th day before the date of the hearing as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has studied the Budget and listened to the comments of the taxpayers at the public hearing held thereon and has determined that the Budget, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein for all purposes, is in the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the public hearing, the governing body of the City took action on the proposed budget by record vote, which vote is duly recorded below:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the Budget attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated herein is approved and adopted for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; and is hereby appropriated from the funds indicated and for such purposes, respectively, such sums of money for such projects, operations, activities, purchases, accounts, and other expenditures as proposed in the attached budget.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to state law, no expenditure of the funds of the City shall hereafter be made except in compliance with the budget and applicable state law; provided, however, that in the case of grave public necessity emergency expenditures to meet unusual and unforeseen conditions, which could not be reasonable, diligent thought and attending have been included in the original budget, may from time to time be authorized by the City Council as amendments to the original Budget.

SECTION 3. A copy of the approved Budget, including the cover page, shall be posted on the City's website, along with the record vote of each member of the City Council, as required by law. In addition, the Mayor shall file or cause to be filed a true and correct copy of this ordinance, along with the approved Budget attached hereto, with the City Secretary, as required by law.

SECTION 4. That the necessity for making and approving the budget for the fiscal year, as required by laws of the State of Texas, creates urgency and an emergency and requires that this Ordinance shall immediately take effect from and after its passage, as the law in such cases provides.

SECTION 5. That the following statements are true and correct:

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$378,373 which is a 42.50% increase, and of that amount \$3,960.11 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

The municipal property tax rate for the preceding fiscal year was \$0.437815 per \$100.

The municipal property tax rates that has been adopted or calculated for the current fiscal year for which this budget is adopted, are as follows:

- (A) the property tax rate is \$0.504186 per \$100;
- (B) the No-New Revenue tax rate is \$0.354000 per \$100;
- (C) the Voter-Approval tax rate, adjusted for sales tax, is \$0.335372 per \$100;
- (D) the De Minimis Rate tax rate is \$.504186 per \$100 taxable property value after exemptions;
- (E) the debt rate is \$0.122925 per \$100 taxable property value; and
- (F) the total amount of municipal debt obligations is \$319,139

SECTION 6. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

DULY PASSED and approved by the City Council of the City of Rhome, Texas, on the 14th day of September 2023 by a record vote of:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
Jimmy Johnson, Council Member, Place 1	_____	_____	_____
Michelle Tye, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place 2	_____	_____	_____
Randall Loftis, Council Member, Place 3	_____	_____	_____
Kristi King, Council Member, Place 4	_____	_____	_____
Kasey Shumake, Council Member, Place 5	_____	_____	_____

Patricia Mitchell,
Mayor

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Shaina Odom,
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carvan E. Adkins,
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF RHOME

2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET SUMMARY

2023 TAX RATE \$0.504186 PER \$100 TAXABLE PROPERTY VALUE AFTER EXEMPTIONS

	Income	Expenses	Net
General Fund			
Administration	\$2,225,296.00	\$1,349,342.00	\$905,954.00
Building & Development	\$127,700.00	\$177,750.00	\$(50,050.00)
Streets/Infrastructure (RESTRICTED)	\$378,323.00	\$378,323.00	\$0
Court	\$453,000.00	\$307,071.00	\$145,929.00
Police	\$172,357.00	\$1,065,035.00	\$(892,678.00)
Net Court/Police	\$625,357.00	\$1,372,106.00	\$(746,749.00)
Fire - EMS	\$658,249.00	\$657,597.00	\$652.00
Parks	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0
Subtotal General Fund	\$4,032,925.00	\$3,953,118.00	\$79,807.00
Water & Sewer	\$1,519,100.00	\$1,517,865.00	\$1,236.00
Total Budget	\$5,582,025.00	\$5,470,983.00	\$111,042.00

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$387,373 which is a 42.50% increase, and of that amount \$3,960.11 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.



*"Planning for Today and
Tomorrow"*
Managing the Impact of Growth



Proposed Annual Operating Budget
Fiscal Year 2023/2024

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Tax Information Page

2023 (FY 23-24) Tax Rate Calculations

Property Tax Rate:	\$.504186
Maintenance & Operations Rate:	\$.381261
Interest & Sinking (Debt) Rate:	\$.122925
No New Revenue Rate:	\$.354000
Voter Approval Rate:	\$.335372
De Minimis Rate:	\$.504186
Adjusted Certified Taxable Value:	\$ 250,854,607
Property Subject to Tax Freeze:	\$ 25,739,693
City Debt secured by Property Taxes:	\$ 347,397

2022 (FY 22-23) Tax Rate Calculations

Property Tax Rate:	\$.437815
Maintenance & Operations Rate:	\$.225182
Interest & Sinking (Debt) Rate:	\$.212633
No New Revenue Rate:	\$.366258/100
Voter Approval Rate:	\$.437816/100
De Minimis Rate:	\$.668390
Adjusted Certified Taxable Value:	\$ 202,546,684
Property Subject to Tax Freeze:	\$ 21,248,901
City Debt secured by Property Taxes:	\$ 446,851

The following notice is required by the Texas Local Government Code Section 102.005:

“This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of \$378,323 which is a 42.50% increase, and of that amount \$3,960.11 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.”

CITY OF RHOME

2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET SUMMARY

2023-2024 Adopted Tax Rate \$.504186 per \$100 taxable property value and is more than FY 2022-2023 of \$.437815 by \$.066371

	Income	Expenses	Net
General Fund			
Administration	\$ 2,255,296	\$ 1,349,342	\$ 905,954
Police	\$ 172,357	\$ 1,065,035	\$ (892,678)
Court	\$ 453,000	\$ 307,071	\$ 145,929
Development / Code Enf.	\$ 127,700	\$ 177,750	\$ (50,050)
Streets/Infrastructure (Restricted)	\$ 378,323	\$ 378,323	\$ -
Sub-total	\$ 3,386,676	\$ 3,277,522	\$ 109,154
Fire Fund			
Fire - EMS	\$ 658,249	\$ 657,597	\$ 652
Parks Fund			
Parks / Rec.	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ -
Sub-total	\$ 676,249	\$ 675,597	\$ 652
Utility Fund - Water/Wastewater			
Water/Wastewater	\$ 1,519,100	\$ 1,517,865	\$ 1,236
Sub-total	\$ 1,519,100	\$ 1,517,865	\$ 1,236
Total Budget	\$ 5,582,025	\$ 5,470,983	\$ 111,042

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Elected Officials

Patricia Mitchell, Mayor - Elected May 2022

Term Expires – May 2024

RhomeMayor@cityofrhome.com

Jimmy Johnson, Place 1 – Elected May 2023

Term Expires – May 2025

RhomeCouncilPlace1@cityofrhome.com

Michelle Tye, Mayor Pro-Tem – Re-elected May 2023

Term Expires – May 2025

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Randall Loftis, Place 3 – Elected May 2023

Term Expires – May 2025

RhomeCouncilPlace3@cityofrhome.com

Kristi King, Place 4 – Appointed April 2023

Term Expires – May 2024

RhomeCouncilPlace4@cityofrhome.com

Kasey Shumake, Place 5 – Elected May 2023

Term Expires – May 2024

RhomeCouncilPlace5@cityofrhome.com

Boards & Commissions

Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Commission

Planning & Zoning Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the elected members of the City Council team. P&Z members are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the current City Council. The Commission is made up of four (4) appointed positions, one (1) chairperson, and two (2) alternate positions. The commission generally meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Rhome Community Center. The meeting schedule will change based on the number of cases or zoning requests that are submitted to the City Administrator each month. P&Z is a great way to serve the community and often serves as an avenue to run for city council at a later date. If you have any interest in serving on this commission, please contact the City Secretary at (817) 636-2462.

Parks & Recreation Board

This Board provides the Council with updates and recommendations related to city parks and recreation facilities. The city owns and operates the following:

- Rhome Family Park
- Veterans Memorial Park
- Civic Pavilion

The Parks Board also has a Parks, Recreation & Open Space plan that was drafted in partnership with the Institute of Urban Studies in June of 2020. The plan included public engagement, a comprehensive inventory, and implementation strategies and recommendations. This will be valuable as Rhome continues to expand the park systems and services for our residents.



DATE: September 14, 2023
TO: Mayor Mitchell and Council Members
FROM: Amanda DeGan, City Administrator
RE: Transmittal Message – Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

As part of the annual process of approving the budget for the City of Rhome, I am pleased to submit the FY 23-24 budget for your review and consideration. Our next fiscal year begins on October 1, 2023, and will close on September 30, 2024. The budget process is a commitment of our City Council Members, city staff and the residents of Rhome. We are a growing community that is truly at “the Crossroads of the Metroplex” and we will continue to see interest in our region over the coming years. Our goal, as stated in our budget theme for the next year, will be to plan for today and tomorrow while managing the impact of growth.

The current year’s budget continues the Council’s commitment to being financially responsible while providing high-quality services to our community and region. The budget focuses on providing the same level of service in most of our departments, with one notable exception – this will be the first fiscal year where we employee three (3) full-time firefighters for our community! The investment in this area will pay dividends for our residents through an enhancement in public safety services. We are fortunate to have both police and fire departments that are committed to keeping the community safe. We also have a tremendous staff team in public works and administration. I am very proud of their teamwork and service delivery for Rhome!

The proposed budget was reviewed and any reductions in our expenditure line items for each service area were reduced where feasible, and we analyzed the revenue history for the past five (5) years to ensure we are correctly forecasting the required funds for operations and debt service. Further, we employed the services of a pre-audit team to complete a thorough analysis of our financial statements, general ledger account code alignment, review of our software system entries and internal processes, provide training to staff members, and prepare the audit work papers for our independent audit firm. All these steps will continue to enhance our ability to manage the financial responsibilities of the city.

Capital Improvements – Water/Sewer Infrastructure

Staff also presented the Council with options to replace or upgrade our existing West Wastewater Treatment Plant (W-WWTP). This topic has been discussed for the past several years at both the Council and community level. We are pursuing several options that would allow us to upgrade

the W-WWTP through a replacement or rehab of the system. Our goal is to address the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) issues that have been brought to our attention and to provide for future capacity. Staff spoke with the original installer of the plant who relayed that the original facility was sized to handle 200 homes when it was built in 1998. We have exceeded these original numbers and will be working with Council to evaluate what funding options exist to upgrade the plant.

Public Safety Investment

Fire-EMS Services: The Council provided staff direction to hire two (2) additional firefighters at the end of the last fiscal year. This was in response to the higher demand and incident level for the department that is associated not only with our base population rate but also the daytime population that travels through our city/region each day. Rhome also hired our first full-time fire chief in FY 22-23 who has reorganized the department and analyzed the readiness level of our apparatus.

Police Services: Also, at the end of the last fiscal year, the Council approved moving a part-time administrative position to full-time. This will allow us to have additional staff coverage in the police department during normal business hours.

The coming budget year should be our first full year of service delivery enhancements for these public safety areas. We look forward to bringing Council information on call loads and progress for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Pay Scale and Compensation System

In the 2022-2023 fiscal year, Council approved a list of benchmark cities as a starting point to review our pay scales and performance as we continue to develop as a city that is quickly being drawn into the Metroplex. Staff completed an analysis of the minimum, mid-point, and maximum salary levels for corresponding positions in our benchmark cities and presented this information to Council as part of this budget cycle. The recommendation would be to adopt Option #1, which would help us move closer to the minimum pay range for our peer cities.

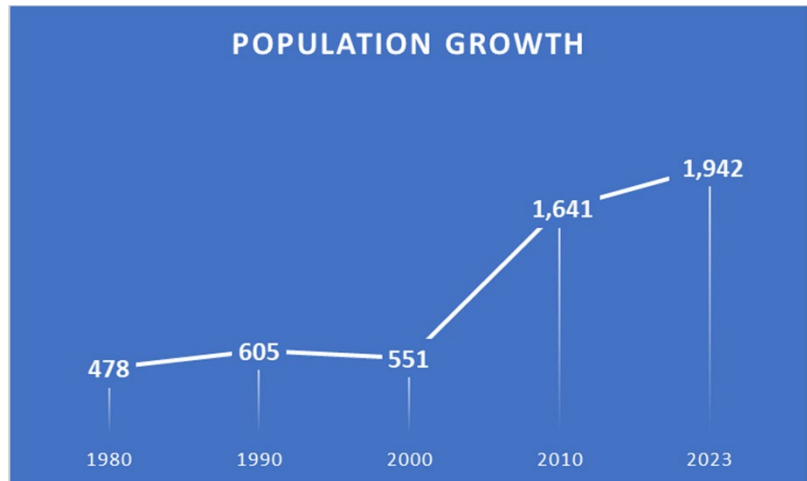
Technology - Security Upgrades

The Council also reviewed our current state of technology infrastructure for the organization. Fulcrum Group, our technology vendor, spoke with Council about the need to put security measures in place to help secure our system from malware. In July of 2023, Council approved the renewal of the server warranty to help ensure continuity and service should our server fail, eliminated the generic email accounts for the organization, and authorized Fulcrum to upgrade our firewalls to be CJIS (Criminal Justice Information System) compliant. We also discussed the age and usability of the current computer systems and reviewed recommendations for replacement of outdated technology in a phased budget approach.

I have also created information and several charts pulled from various data resources to help explain operations, provide a financial overview, and show how the city has grown over the past several years.

Growth Rate

The City of Rhome has grown exponentially in not only permanent population (nighttime population) but also in daytime population (those who pass through our city each day). We have all felt the slow downs in traffic and mobility based on the number of vehicles in and around our city, which can be both frustrating and a sign of new businesses and growth for the community.



Rhome has had an annual growth rate of approximately 6% year over year on average. However, when you go a little further back in our history, you will see that the city has really expanded from 1980 (approximately 478 residents) to 2023's estimate (approximately 1,942 residents). This is a change of over 300% from 1980 to 2023 and if you just look from 2010 to 2023 that is an increase of 18%. Over the next few years, our area will continue to expand and welcome new residents in our ETJ through the continued development of the Rolling V Ranch and the Bluestem and Reunion neighborhoods.

Economic Development

Rhome also continues to be an attractive destination for additional residential and business opportunities for southern Wise County. As our logo aptly says Rhome is the "Crossroads to the Metroplex" as it sits at the intersection of both Hwy 287 and Hwy 114 which is the gateway to all things Wise County.

Commercial: As our residents and Council Members can see each day, the QuikTrip continues to make quick progress in completing the store. This location will attract those who pass through Rhome and be another venue for our residents to enjoy snacks and fuel should they need these items. When the store opens, we will receive additional sales and use tax revenue from their retail sales; however, the City is required to share this equally with QT for the first five (5) years of operations.

There are also plans to open an urgent care center off FM 3433 and we anticipate that construction will begin in 2024. This type of project will be of great benefit to our community as a closer option for emergency-related services and for medical needs.

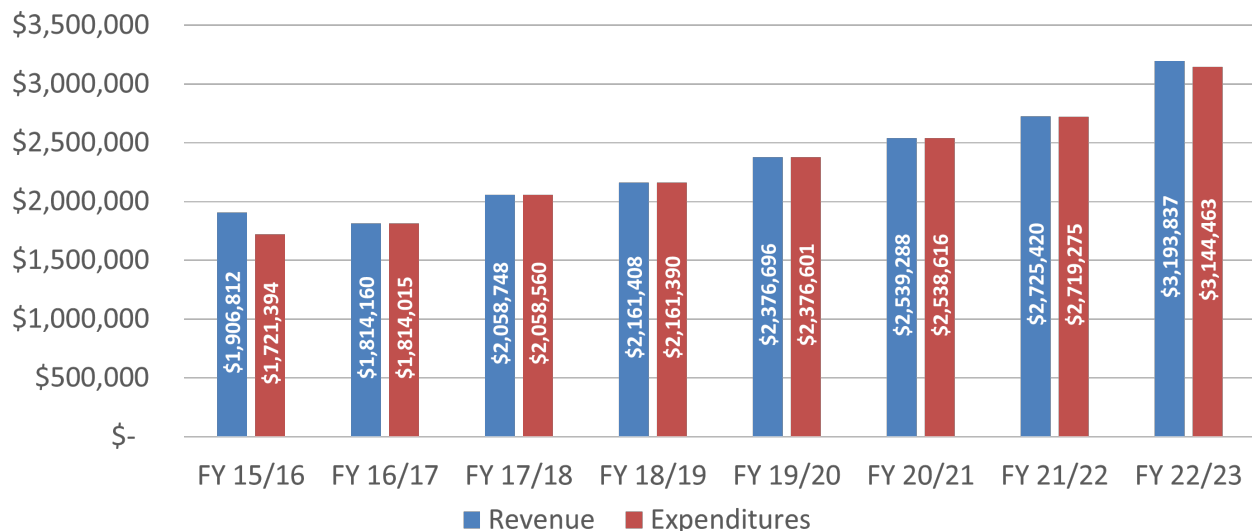
Residential: As mentioned above, the Bluestem and Reunion developments are moving quickly with the dirt work for Bluestem Phase 2 already underway. I have also spoken with developers about the Prairie Point subdivision and about a variety of smaller home projects in other parts of the city. I will update Council as plans become available.

I continue to receive phone calls and inquiries about our city from at least one to two new developers each week and while many of these do not make their way to the Planning & Zoning

Committee, it is a good indication that Rhome is becoming known to those outside of our immediate area.

Revenue and Expenditures

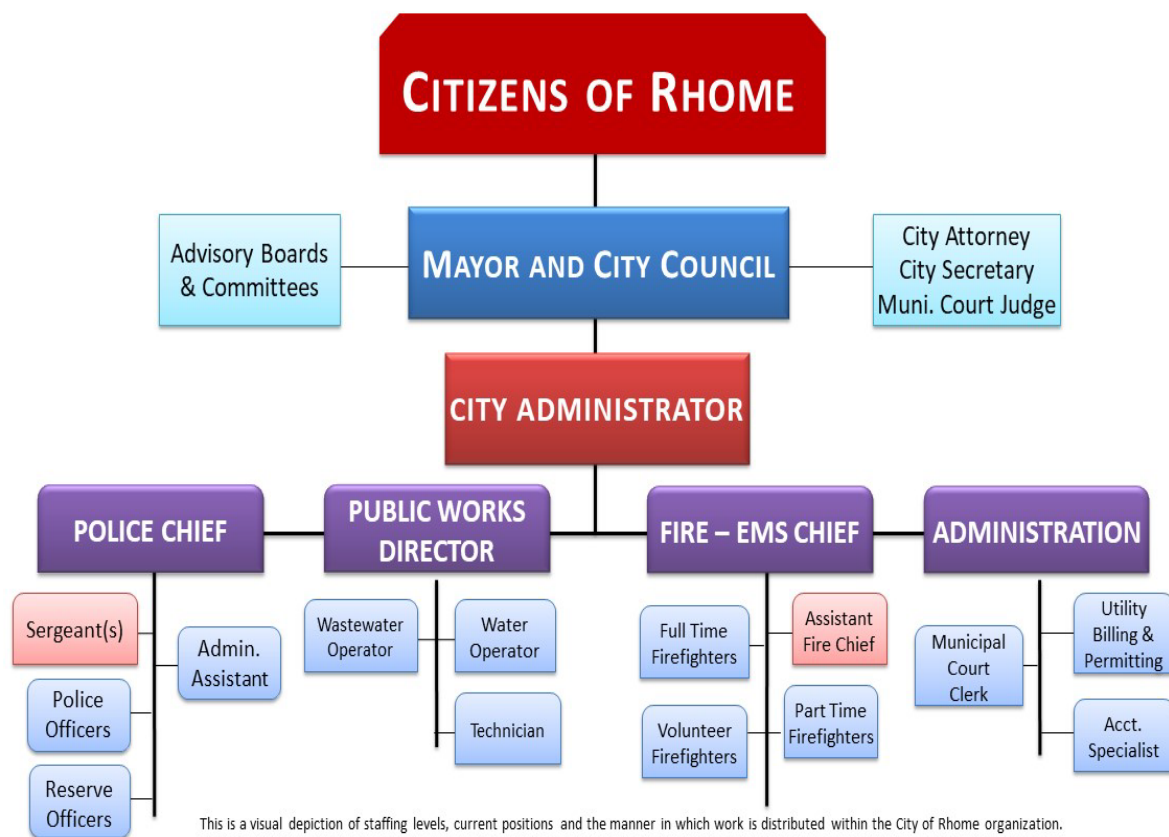
Below, you will see the information for General Fund that was presented during many of the recent budget discussions. The city has worked hard to ensure that revenues and expenditures were balanced based on each year's base budget. As we continue to evaluate and report on our financial numbers, Council will be able to prioritize reinvesting in the community and the organization based on available funding.



Staff will continue to keep Council informed about the financial position of the city as any of the funds that are entrusted to us are public funds and should be accessible and understandable for the general public. My goal is to begin a monthly review of the financial statements with department heads and to provide Council with a quarterly progress report on both expenditures and revenue for the organization. These steps will help us address the feedback that has been received from the community about increasing transparency in our day-to-day operations and will lead to a greater level of trust within Rhome.

In closing, I would like to thank Council for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of Rhome and the amazing team of staff members and elected/appointed officials that work tirelessly on behalf of the city. From public safety to public works to administration, we have a talented and committed staff team who work hard to provide city services each day. It is an honor to work alongside them and be a part of this team. As I have said before, there are many great things coming to our area and the potential of the city and the organization is endless!

CITY OF RHOME ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



This is a visual depiction of staffing levels, current positions and the manner in which work is distributed within the City of Rhome organization. It is also meant to be a tool to help improve transparency with our community members.

Staff Team Members

Administration – City Hall

Shaina Odom, City Secretary	sodom@cityofrhome.com
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Rex Richie, Patrol Sergeant	rrichie@cityofrhome.com
Syd Grant, CID Sergeant	sgrant@cityofrhome.com
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Fire Chief – Scott Estes	firechief@rhomefirerescue.com
Asst. Fire Chief – Michelle DiCredico	
Firefighter(s) – Thomas Cannon	

Public Works – Water and Wastewater / Parks / Streets

Jesus Dominguez, PW's Director	jdominguez@cityofrhome.com
Chris Hulsey, Water Operator	chulsey@cityofrhome.com
Kraig Middleton, Wastewater Operator	
Jesus Gomez, Technician	

GENERAL FUND					
Position(s)	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24
Administration					
City Administrator	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
City Secretary	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Utility Billing/Permit	-	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2
Municipal Court Clerk	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Accounting Specialist	-	-	-	1.0	1.0
Full-time Office Clerk	1.0	0.5	-	-	-
Part-time Office/Permitting Clerk	0.5	0.5	-	-	-
Code Enforcement Officer	0.5	1.0	1.00	-	-
Sub-total Administration	5.0	5.5	4.2	4.2	4.2
Police					
Police Chief	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Patrol Sergeant	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
CID/Administration Sergeant	-	1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0
CID Detective	1.0	1.0	0.5	-	-
Patrol Officers	4.0	4.0	-	5.0	5.0
Reserve Police Officers	3.0	8.0	6.0	3.0	4.0
Part-time Residential Traffic	0.5	0.5	-	-	-
Part-time Administration Assistant	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0
Sub-total Police	11.0	17.0	9.5	12.0	13.0
GENERAL FUND - TOTAL STAFFING	16.0	22.5	13.7	16.2	17.2
Fire-EMS					
Fire Chief	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0
Firefighter	-	-	-	3.0	3.0
Part-time Firefighter(s)	-	-	-	8.0	8.00
Volunteer Firefighter(s)	-	-	-	5.0	5.00
FIRE FUND - TOTAL STAFFING	1.5	1.5	1.0	6.0	6.0
UTILITY FUND					
Posiiton(s)	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24
Public Works					
Public Works Director	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Wastewater Operator	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Water Operator	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Public Works Technician	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Administrative Assistant	-	0.5	-	-	-
Utility Billing	-	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.8
UTILITY FUND - TOTAL STAFFING	3.5	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.8
ALL FUNDS - TOTAL STAFFING LEVELS	19.5	27.5	18.2	27.0	28.0

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Definitions & Terms

Ad Valorem Property Tax – otherwise known as ‘property tax’ is one of the main sources of revenue through which Rhome pays for the day-to-day operations of city services. The revenue is often paid through a resident’s monthly mortgage payment or is paid through an escrow account for individuals who do not have an outstanding mortgage payment. The amount paid is based on the assessed value of your home/business and the tax rate that is set each year by the city council.

Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) – is a designated buffer zone that is allowable through the Texas Local Government Code to denote potential growth and future service delivery areas. One city’s ETJ area cannot overlap another municipality and property owners cannot select which ETJ to belong to unless both municipalities agree to any change.

Franchise Fees – are fees that a local government may collect from utility companies for the use of rights-of-way within the city. In Rhome, the municipality collects a franchise fee from Oncor Electric and Atmos Energy for the use of the rights-of-way in the community.

General Fund – is the primary fund (account) used by the city of Rhome to track the majority of our revenues and expenditures, other than special-purpose or restricted funds, each month.

Homestead Exemptions – is an exemption that residents may claim in certain circumstances to help lower the overall value of your home, which in turn helps lower your tax levy (bill) each year. Residents should review the Texas Comptroller’s [website](#) for more information.

Sales and Use Tax (Sales Tax) – is a tax imposed on all retail sales, leases and rentals or most goods, as well as taxable services. The State of Texas has a base sales tax of 6.25% and local taxing jurisdictions like cities, counties, special purpose districts, and transit authorities, may elect to assess up to 2% additional sales tax for a maximum rate of 8.25%. Rhome has elected to use the full 2% as follows:

- 1 percent to the general operating fund for the city
- ½ a percent is sent to the county for property tax reduction
- ½ a percent is sent back to the residents/businesses for property tax reduction

Utility Fund – is the primary fund (account) used to track the revenues and expenditures for the water/wastewater system.

Common Questions

What is the Maintenance & Operations (M&O) portion of the tax rate?

Maintenance and operations costs are those that the City incurs in the daily running of the municipality. This might include payroll, supplies, professional services, printing costs, utilities, etc. You might compare this to the same type of costs in your family that you have to pay for immediately, such as: utility bills, doctor visits, groceries, fuel, vacations, etc. The M&O portion of the tax rate will fund those costs that the City needs to operate on your behalf each day.

What is the Interest & Sinking (I&S) portion of the tax rate?

Interest and sinking costs are those that the City uses to repay the debt that has been issued for community improvements. This generally includes facilities, street projects, or other tax supported debt. I&S debt is similar to your own home mortgage payment, which would be considered a major investment for your family and would last for many years.

What is a General Obligation (GO) bond?

A GO bond is a debt instrument issued by the municipality that allows the city to raise funds for capital projects and other needs by borrowing from investors. Governmental entities such as the federal government, states, cities, school districts, and many other types of government institutions routinely sell bonds in order to attain funding to complete a project. This type of debt instrument also allows the city to pay back the money (with interest) over an extended period of time (maximum of 40 years).

Also requires voter approval. Considered to be a stable investment choice for investors and backed by the full-faith-and-credit of the state or local government.

What is a Certificate of Obligation (CO) bond?

A CO bond may provide an additional option to fund public infrastructure, provide funds to rebuild after a natural disaster, purchase rights-of-way, acquire equipment/machinery, supplies and buildings, etc. This type of debt may be used by cities, counties and health/hospital districts.

Does not require voter approval; however, may be subject to an election if 5% of the qualified voters within the jurisdiction petition the City for an election. Also, considered to be a stable investment choice for investors and are backed by the full-faith-and-credit of the state or local government.

What is a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)?

This is another debt tool that may be used by local and state governments to raise money for public projects. TAN's are usually repaid over a shorter time period (maximum period of seven (7) years) than a CO or GO debt instrument. These generally have a low interest rate, are a tax-exempt investment for the purchasers, and are also considered to be a stable choice for investors.

What is a Revenue Bond?

Are authorized through the Texas Government Code and may be used for capital improvements or repairs to enterprise systems that the City operates. For Rhome, this would be the Utility Fund, where the City accounts for water and sewer service costs.

Do businesses in Rhome pay property taxes to the City?

Yes, businesses also pay the same property tax rate based on the valuation of their buildings and associated property.

Do residents in Rhome pay property taxes to any other agency?

Yes, residents who live within the city limits of Rhome also pay an assessment each year to Wise County and to the school district in which they live.

How does the City use grant money?

The City of Rhome has often applied for and received grants to help improve infrastructure and other projects that directly benefit the residents/business owners. This is a common practice for smaller cities and one that we will continue to use to help offset costs for our community.

Debt Information

What is the City of Rhome's Bond rating and why is it important?

As of the spring of 2023, the City had an A+ bond rating! This allows us to finance projects at a lower interest rate and also shows that we have been good stewards of the funds that we have already borrowed. You may compare our bond rating as a tool that is similar to your own personal credit rating. It helps lenders evaluate the likelihood of the City repaying the loans on time. City's bond ratings are determined using a variety of financial factors, such as: debt management per capita, overall financial performance, economic outlook based on tax base, income, population, employment numbers, etc.

Why would Rhome borrow money or issue bonds?

Rhome may issue bonds to pay for capital projects such as: road construction, city related facilities, water lines, sewer needs, and other infrastructure projects. Bond debt is generally spread out over several years (also known as intergenerational equity), thus – reducing the burden for repayment across the life of the repayment schedule. You may compare this to a family who takes out a mortgage on a home or property in order to pay it back over time. It also allows you to pay in installments rather than emptying your savings account to pay for the building/house/land all up front.

The City may also take out short-term loans to allow for a repayment over a few years rather than expending a large amount of General Fund at one time. This would usually apply to large equipment, vehicles, backhoes, skid steers, etc. It is an effective way to manage tax payer entrusted funds and yet still provide the services the community needs.

The use of longer-term bond debt also means that the repayment of the asset is done over the useful life of the project – such as a wastewater treatment plant, roadway replacement/building/maintenance, and facility construction or land purchase. This helps ensure that the residents who live in Rhome as of today (and are paying taxes to the City), do not pay for the entire cost of the project or asset which will then be used for many years. The future residents of Rhome (as the community continues to expand) will also help repay the debt over the next 20, 30 or 40 years. This provides a higher level of equity for all residents.

General Fund Debt

The General Fund currently has two (2) notes outstanding and both are scheduled to be paid in full within the next two fiscal years.

2016 General Obligation Refunding Bond – The city refunded previous debt, from 1991 and 2000, to take advantage of the lower interest rates. This is a common tool used by municipalities to help save taxpayer money.

The original bonds were used to pay for improvements to the water supply and collection system, general water system improvements, and to rehab a portion of the wastewater collection system in 1991 and 2000. The original principal was approximately \$2.6 million and there is an outstanding principal balance of \$577,000. The debt has an interest rate of 2.53% and is scheduled to be fully paid in September of 2025.

2017 Tax Note – Covered a variety of projects that would benefit the city. The City was able to issue the debt at a very low interest rate (1.74%) and repay that over seven (7) years. The final payment is scheduled to be made in the fall of 2024.

As of January 2023, the following information was provided by our financial advisor:

Series	Original Amt	Outstanding	Purpose (as in legal documents)
1991 GO Bonds	\$325,000	\$ -	Water system improvements
2000 Combo CO's	\$2,285,000	\$ -	Water supply & collection system improvements; rehab wastewater collection system
2005 Combo CO's	\$1,550,000	\$ -	Water, sewer and street improvements
2007 Tax Notes	\$435,000	\$ -	Complete construction of elevated water storage tank
2007 GO Refunding	\$2,085,000	\$ -	Refunded 1991 (\$120,000) and 2000 CO (\$1,745,000)
2010 Tax Notes	\$580,000	\$ -	Improvements to waterworks and sanitary sewer system
2016 GO Refunding	\$1,617,000	\$577,000	Refunded 2007 GO Refunding
2017 Tax Notes	\$699,000	\$146,000	City Hall renovations, purchase of automatic meter readers, purchase warning sirens, improvements to water and wastewater system, remove asbestos and remove interior/replace roof of existing municipal building.

During the 23-24 fiscal year, we will pay the 2017 Tax Note in full and should pay the 2016 General Obligation Refunding Bond in full no later than the 24-25 fiscal year. This will leave the General Fund with no outstanding loan obligations.

Utility Fund Debt

The Utility Fund is the account that is used to monitor and record the financial information for the water and wastewater system. This includes operating costs for the water system, both sewer treatment plants, waste collection services (trash pick-up), and the purchase price for water from Walnut Creek Special Utility District (WCSUD). The Utility Fund is considered an Enterprise Fund – meaning, it should generate enough income to cover expenses. The Utility Fund has one (1) outstanding debt payment.

2019 GO Bond for water and sewer improvements at the East Waste Water Treatment Plant (E-WWTP)

Council authorized the issuance of debt in the Fall of 2018 to repair and meet the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) compliance orders at the E-WWTP. The plant was well above its processing capacity and had exceeded the state requirements for discharge at this facility. The City received information from the City's engineering firm in 2018, that stated the *"current permitted capacity at the Eastside WWTP is not sufficient"* and recommended that Council *"immediately commence financial planning for the expansion of the Eastside WWTP"* (excerpted from the Master Plan and Design for the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant report).

The bond was issued in 2019 in the amount of \$2,620,000 and is scheduled to be paid off in 2044.

**GENERAL FUND
PROGRAM SUMMARY
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

	Actual FY 21-22	Adopted FY 22-23	Budget FY 23-24	FY 23-24 vs Adopted FY 22-23	
Revenue & Other Sources					
Ad Valorem	\$ 816,915	\$ 890,344	\$ 843,917	\$ (46,427)	-5%
General Sales Tax	\$ 1,362,657	\$ 1,230,379	\$ 1,330,379	\$ 100,000	8%
Hotel Motel Tax	\$ 18,630	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ -	0%
Total Taxes	\$ 2,198,202	\$ 2,138,723	\$ 2,192,296	\$ 53,573	3%
Franchise Fees	\$ 73,035	\$ 77,000	\$ 75,000	\$ (2,000)	-3%
Licenses & Permits	\$ 85,957	\$ 109,200	\$ 109,700	\$ 500	0%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 456,766	\$ 453,000	\$ 453,000	\$ -	0%
Misc. Income	\$ 352,782	\$ 14,700	\$ 6,500	\$ (8,200)	-56%
Contract Revenue	\$ -	\$ 155,457	\$ 167,957	\$ 12,500	8%
Donations/Grants	\$ 4,490	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900	\$ -	0%
Total Revenue	\$ 3,171,232	\$ 2,951,980	\$ 3,008,353	\$ 56,373	2%
Expenditures					
Salaries	\$ 235,316	\$ 273,695	\$ 300,106	\$ 26,411	10%
Wages	\$ 474,404	\$ 589,381	\$ 691,593	\$ 102,212	17%
Insurance	\$ 110,997	\$ 139,599	\$ 164,281	\$ 24,682	18%
Taxes	\$ 52,639	\$ 63,278	\$ 70,388	\$ 7,110	11%
Retirement	\$ 47,799	\$ 57,827	\$ 65,428	\$ 7,601	13%
Other	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0%
Total Payroll	\$ 921,155	\$ 1,129,780	\$ 1,297,796	\$ 168,016	15%
Supplies & Materials	\$ 23,106	\$ 39,600	\$ 31,000	\$ (8,600)	-22%
Dues/Training	\$ 25,529	\$ 67,300	\$ 76,300	\$ 9,000	13%
Lease/Mtce. Buildings	\$ 48,334	\$ 80,738	\$ 39,770	\$ (40,968)	-51%
Mtce. and Equipment	\$ 93,283	\$ 41,500	\$ 45,500	\$ 4,000	10%
Utilities	\$ 35,140	\$ 34,750	\$ 35,050	\$ 300	1%
Contractual Svcs.	\$ 414,274	\$ 538,600	\$ 427,100	\$ (111,500)	-21%
Technology	\$ 16,076	\$ 18,200	\$ 16,500	\$ (1,700)	-9%
Telephone/Internet	\$ 13,996	\$ 16,500	\$ 17,000	\$ 500	3%
Legal	\$ 157,718	\$ 126,500	\$ 128,500	\$ 2,000	2%
Notes & Debt Payments	\$ 361,621	\$ 399,815	\$ 316,083	\$ (83,732)	-21%
Total Operating & Mtce.	\$ 1,165,971	\$ 1,363,503	\$ 1,132,803	\$ 230,700	-17%
Other Uses					
Transfers Out	\$ 195,801	\$ 185,105	\$ 468,600	\$ 283,495	153%
Other Uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Total Other Uses	\$ 195,801	\$ 185,105	\$ 468,600	\$ 283,495	153%
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	\$ 2,282,927	\$ 2,678,388	\$ 2,899,199	\$ 682,211	8%

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Administration

DEPARTMENT: CITY ADMINISTRATION

ACCOUNT: GF - 10

Administration Services encompasses many different functions within the City of Rhome: City Management, City Secretary, Utility Billing and Permits, and the Municipal Court. Each area provides a unique service to our residents and is integral in the overall quality of life for community.

City Management/Administration is handled through the position of the **City Administrator**. The Manager/Administrator is appointed by and reports directly to Council (elected officials), has an extensive background in local government administration, and provides for the overall leadership and development of the staff teams. All department head positions – Public Works, Chief of Police, and the Chief of Fire and Emergency Services report to the Administrator. The City Administrator also serves in a variety of other roles - Finance Director, Economic and Community Development Director, Communications Officer, Planning & Zoning oversight and works very closely with the City Secretary on all human resources issues for the staff.

As we continue to develop and grow as a city, goals and objectives will be established for the city and the organization.

MISSION / PURPOSE STATEMENT

Vision Statement for the City:

Working together as a community, developing our city in such a way that it will be a modern, inviting, and safe place for people to live, work, and raise families while maintaining hometown appeal.

Mission Statement for the City:

To provide quality of life through essential infrastructure, public safety, recreation; welcoming growth within the constraints of fiscally responsible government.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OVERVIEW

The **City Administrator/Finance Director** position usually performs the following tasks:

- Analysis of revenue and expenditures for financial stewardship of public funds
- Reviews accounts payable documents and approves payment processing

- Works with departments to ensure invoices are coded and budgeted correctly
- Prepares the annual budget for Council review
- Works with the Wise County Appraisal District to determine annual tax rate calculations
- Oversees the automated financial system and provides reports to staff and Council
- Works with the financial advisors/attorneys to monitor City related debt and repayment schedules
- Manages the work efforts of the Finance Specialist position
- Prepares Capital Improvement Plan with department head leadership team
- Works with the City Secretary to oversee bank and investment accounts for the City

There are many other tasks and processes involved in the oversight of the financial position for the City of Rhome. Public funds are entrusted to the local government to provide the services our residents need and enjoy and thus, the management of the funds is an important process.

City Administrator/Economic and Community Development involves working with developers to negotiate residential and commercial opportunities within the city. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Support for existing businesses
- Analysis of economic development agreements and impact to service delivery needs
- Monitoring the implementation of economic development agreements to ensure compliance
- Continuing work with developers as projects progress
- Discussions with in-coming or interested developers – residential and commercial
- Reporting of agreements to the state as necessary

City Administrator/Communications and Social Media relates to the role of increasing transparency for our city and keeping our residents informed about events, meetings, and topics that will impact them or the city. The city of Rhome has an official Facebook page that is routinely updated, and fields multiple open records (public information act) requests each month that help in this area. Administration has also explored ways to enhance our public safety options and would like to introduce an electronic newsletter for the community over the next several months.

The **Human Resources** function includes the following type tasks:

- Recruitment and retention of all city employees
- Processing of payroll
- Working through the on-boarding process for new employees
- Handling worker compensation claims
- Overseeing vacation and sick leave for staff
- Managing the benefits program

This is in addition to the day-to-day roles associated with a typical human resources department for any other organization. It is important to provide our staff teams with a comprehensive and competitive employment package in order to minimize the constant turnover of staff often associated with small cities. Each employee loss impacts not only on our financial position, but also the services delivered to the community.

The City Secretary is an appointed position and is responsible for many of the essential tasks the city of Rhome performs. Such as,

- Agenda and minute preparation for both the city council and planning & zoning commission
- Serves as elections administrator each year for general and special elections
- Assists the residents who would like to run for office
- Takes meeting minutes and prepares for Council review
- Serves as the treasurer and records management officer of the city
- Coordinates the appointment of residents to boards and commissions
- Receives and fills open records requests
- Prepares proclamations/ordinances/resolutions/legal and public notices, etc.
- Posts legal notices both at city hall and in the official newspaper
- Serves as primary point of contact for payroll/human resources needs for staff
- Assist the City Administrator in multiple tasks
- Certifies all city documents when needed

Other responsibilities include grant management and reporting, updating our online city codes, administering oaths and statements of office for those elected or appointed to serve, and interacting with department heads and the city administrator as part of the administrative leadership team.

Utility Billing/Inspections/Permitting: Under the direction of the City Administrator, the Utility Billing/Permitting Manager handles the day-to-day tasks associated with these services. Such as, processing water payments, setting up new accounts, accepting permit applications, providing the relevant guidance on processes, and a variety of other tasks associated with this forward-facing position for Rhome. Utility related services also involve trash collection, Eye on Water to ensure water use transparency, setting meters and working together with the public works department team.

Municipal Court Services: Working directly with the City Administrator, this service area processes all Class C Misdemeanor cases for traffic and other violations, as well as any ordinance violation that occurs within the Rhome city limits. The court is considered a 'trial' court and must follow all the rules as a larger court would for the state. The municipal judge is appointed by Council and issues the standing orders, presides over cases, and directs the work of the clerk. This department also has a large interaction with the general public and our Rhome citizens.

Finance Related: Accounts Payable/Receivable are handled through the position of **Accounting Specialist** who also works directly with the City Administrator. The position operates financial accounting software, handles bank reconciliations, issue checks, enters journal entries, and processes bank drafts.

** All of the above information is meant to be representative of an overview of the job duties/responsibilities and is not all inclusive of the positions.*

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Short Term Objectives (less than 2 years):

1. Continue to review water and wastewater infrastructure needs with public works team to ensure we are prepared to provide services.
2. Evaluate public facilities for both resident and staffing needs.
3. Develop staff team through leadership and training opportunities which will help us provide better services.
4. Further develop budget documents to increase knowledge about how city finances are utilized.
5. Begin to develop a strategic plan with the Council and staff team.
6. Further educate and implement the concepts found in the comprehensive planning document.
7. Complete the scanning of the city's paper records into the electronic system.
8. Help to develop Wise County City Secretary group to foster collaboration.
9. Develop team building/recognition program for all staff.
10. Continue to work with a certified public accountant (CPA) service.
11. Increase training opportunity for accounting specialist position.

Long Range Goals (2 to 5 years):

1. Work with staff teams to implement replacement programs for vehicles, equipment, tools, pumps, and motors.
2. Work to secure long range water source solutions for the city through regional partnerships and/or identifying additional water resources.
3. Support city secretary in obtaining human resource professional designation.
4. Complete the review and update of existing city ordinances.
5. Continue to review software support programs to enhance service delivery and improve internal work processes.

BUDGET FY 2023-2024

FUND 10 (GENERAL FUND) DEPARTMENT 10 (ADMINISTRATION)		Adopted Budget 2023	Revisions FY 22-23	Estimated Totals FY 22-23	Budget FY 23-24
REVENUE					
13-10000-00	Rhome Beautification Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
10-40100-10	Franchise Fees	\$ 77,000	\$ (3,000)	\$ 72,000	\$ 75,000
10-40240-10	Property Tax M & O	\$ 457,932	\$ 45,000	\$ 503,075	\$ 534,592
11-40250-00	Property Tax I&S Debt Service	\$ 432,412	\$ 35,000	\$ 467,820	\$ 309,325
10-40600-10	Sales Tax	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 1,275,000	\$ 1,250,000
11-40650-00	Sales Tax I&S Debt Service	\$ 80,379	\$ -	\$ 80,379	\$ 80,379
10-40700-10	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 2,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 5,000
10-70100-10	Interest Revenue	\$ 200	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,000
10-70300-10	Other Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,199,923	\$ 213,000	\$ 2,411,874	\$ 2,255,296
EXPENDITURES					
10-65610-10	Salary	\$ 187,700	\$ -	\$ 189,700	\$ 201,212
10-65630-10	Wages	\$ 56,784	\$ -	\$ 56,784	\$ 61,419
10-65640-10	Overtime	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
10-60530-10	Vehicle Allowance	\$ 6,000	\$ (1,000)	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000
10-60350-10	Education/Training	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 8,000
10-60890-10	Council - Education/Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
10-61600-10	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 39,000	\$ (5,000)	\$ 34,000	\$ 39,000
10-60600-10	Office Supplies	\$ 2,900	\$ -	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,900
10-60800-10	Postage	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200
10-65600-10	Hiring/Testing Expenses	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250
10-66030-10	Banquet/Service Awards	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500
10-63400-10	Telephone & Internet	\$ 8,000	\$ (3,000)	\$ 5,000	\$ 8,000
10-66020-10	Technology	\$ 8,500	\$ 12,000	\$ 20,500	\$ 8,500
10-60300-10	Contract Labor	\$ 122,000	\$ -	\$ 122,000	\$ 15,000
10-60000-10	Accounting Services	\$ 18,500	\$ -	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500
10-62750-10	Legal Notices	\$ 5,300	\$ (3,000)	\$ 2,300	\$ 5,300
10-62800-10	Legal Fees	\$ 99,000	\$ -	\$ 99,000	\$ 99,000
10-63430-10	City Elections	\$ 4,000	\$ (400)	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,000
10-60950-10	Ad Valorem Property Tax Services - Wise County	\$ 29,000	\$ (7,000)	\$ 22,000	\$ 29,000
10-61200-10	Credit Card Fees	\$ 500	\$ 350	\$ 850	\$ 500
10-60080-10	Bank Fees	\$ 3,000	\$ (2,700)	\$ 300	\$ 2,000
10-60510-10	Note Payments	\$ 3,349	\$ -	\$ 3,349	\$ 3,349
10-66100-10	Library Support	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 600

BUDGET FY 2023-2024

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PROPOSED BUDGET FY 23-24

FUND 10 (GENERAL FUND) FUND 41 & 42 (SECURITY & TECHNOLOGY) DEPARTMENT 40 (MUNICIPAL COURT)		Adopted Budget 2023	Revisions FY 22-23	Estimated Totals FY 22-23	Budget FY 23-24
	REVENUE				
10-40160-40	Court Fines Revenue	\$ 430,000	\$ (30,000)	\$ 400,000	\$ 430,000
10-40170-40	Credit Card Convenience Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
41-40180-00	Building & Security Revenue	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000
42-40185-00	Court Technology Revenue	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 453,000	\$ (30,000)	\$ 423,000	\$ 453,000
	EXPENDITURES				
10-65630-40	Wages	\$ 51,251	\$ -	\$ 51,251	\$ 56,377
10-65640-40	Overtime	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
10-60890-40	Education/Training	\$ 2,000	\$ (400)	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,000
10-61600-40	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 300	\$ (150)	\$ 150	\$ 300
10-60600-40	Office Supplies	\$ 1,200	\$ 800	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,800
10-60800-40	Postage	\$ 1,400	\$ 100	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
10-65600-40	Hiring/Testing Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10-60300-40	Contract Labor (Legal)	\$ 12,200	\$ (500)	\$ 11,700	\$ 12,200
41-60005-10	Building Security	\$ 16,000	\$ (6,000)	\$ 10,000	\$ 6,000
42-60480-10	Court Technology	\$ 8,200	\$ (6,500)	\$ 1,700	\$ 6,500
10-60870-40	State Taxes	\$ 127,500	\$ 30,000	\$ 157,500	\$ 145,000
10-62800-40	Legal Fees	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 13,500	\$ 12,000
10-60008-40	Collection Agency Fees	\$ 40,000	\$ (10,000)	\$ 30,000	\$ 40,000
10-61200-40	Credit Card Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10-61820-40	Insurance - Med/Dental (ER)	\$ 13,068	\$ (2,000)	\$ 11,068	\$ 14,375
10-61830-40	TMRS - Retirement (ER)	\$ 3,732	\$ (150)	\$ 3,582	\$ 3,919
10-65680-40	State Unemployment (ER)	\$ 90	\$ -	\$ 90	\$ 90
10-65700-40	Medicare Expense (ER)	\$ 760	\$ -	\$ 760	\$ 760
10-65710-40	Social Security Expense (ER)	\$ 3,251	\$ -	\$ 3,251	\$ 3,251
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 290,952	\$ 8,700	\$ 299,652	\$ 307,071
		REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	DIFFERENCE	
	REV./EXPEND FY 2022-2023	\$ 423,000	\$ 299,652	\$ 123,348	
	NET REV./EXPEND. - FY 2023-2024				\$ 145,929

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 23-24

FUND 10 (GENERAL FUND) DEPARTMENT 20 (DEVELOPMENT & CODE)		Adopted Budget 2023	Revisions FY 22-23	Estimated Totals FY 22-23	Budget FY 23-24
REVENUE					
10-40025-20	Code Revenue	\$ -	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,500
10-40200-20	Health Permit Revenue	\$ 8,000	\$ (1,900)	\$ 6,100	\$ 8,000
10-40360-20	Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue	\$ 18,000	\$ (6,700)	\$ 11,300	\$ 18,000
10-40380-20	Animal Registration Revenue	\$ 1,200	\$ (1,170)	\$ 30	\$ 200
10-40400-20	Permits / Plats/ Site Plan	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,350	\$ 101,350	\$ 100,000
10-70300-20	Other Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 127,200	\$ (6,520)	\$ 120,680	\$ 127,700
EXPENDITURES					
10-65630-20	Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10-60300-20	Contract Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10-61600-20	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
10-60600-20	Office Supplies	\$ 300	\$ (100)	\$ 200	\$ 300
10-60800-20	Postage	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250
10-60400-20	Engineering Services	\$ 50,000	\$ (37,500)	\$ 12,500	\$ 30,000
10-60970-20	Street Repairs	\$ 120,000	\$ (105,000)	\$ 15,000	\$ 120,000
10-60500-20	Inspection Fees	\$ 22,000	\$ (2,700)	\$ 19,300	\$ 22,000
10-60060-20	Animal Control	\$ 1,200	\$ (1,100)	\$ 100	\$ 200
10-61820-20	Insurance - Med/Dental (ER)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10-61830-20	TMRS - Retirement (ER)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10-65680-20	State Unemployment (ER)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10-65700-20	Medicare Expense (ER)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10-65710-20	Social Security Expense (ER)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 198,750	\$ (146,400)	\$ 52,350	\$ 177,750
		REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	DIFFERENCE	
	REV./EXPEND FY 2022-2023	\$ 120,680	\$ 52,350	\$ 68,330	
NET REV./EXPEND. - FY 2023-2024					\$ (50,050)

Public Safety - Police

DEPARTMENT: POLICE

ACCOUNT: GF - 50

The State of Texas has over 2,700 police departments that operate within our state borders and over 79,000 licensed peace officers. Each department is governed by not only state law but also works within the local jurisdiction in which they serve the community. Police Officers and the staff associated with the department are part of the Texas criminal justice system and enforce the laws of the State and the specific county or city entity. They also work with residents to address 'quality of life' related concerns.



The Rhode Police Department consists of employees who assist and support the community to help ensure we have a safe environment in which to work and live. The personnel are assigned to routine patrol duties covering the city limit of Rhode, and the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of Wise County in the Rolling V Ranch development district. The city also has an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) to provide limited law enforcement services to our neighbor, the City of Aurora.

The total population they currently serve is approximately 3,500 individuals over a 9 square mile area. They also enforce traffic laws and respond to accidents for the over 45,000 estimated number of vehicles that travel through our area each workday.

Leadership of the department is provided by the Chief of Police who oversees the staff team including the Patrol Sergeant and the Criminal Investigations / Administrative Sergeant. Departmental duties include call response, traffic enforcement, directed patrols, vehicle crash investigations, as well as criminal investigations for both misdemeanor and felony level offenses. Members also participate or host community events, such as Coffee with a Cop, National Night Out, library and school reading events, and community-based education.

<https://www.justice.gov>

MISSION / PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Rhode Police Department is committed to enhancing the quality of life in the community by providing the highest quality public service, protection of life and property, and impartial law enforcement, while always maintaining respect for individual rights and human dignity.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Short Term Objectives (less than 2 years):

1. Resolve the dispatch service provider issue.
2. Reclassify the part-time administrative assistant to a full-time position.

3. Fill the previously approved part-time officer position and reclassify as a part-time property and evidence technician position.
4. On-board and put four (4) new police vehicles in service – in 2022/2023 budget.
5. Research the addition of a police sergeant (potential partnership with Aurora)
6. Purchase patrol rifles for the officers.
7. Add breaching tools (Fat Maxx, Sledgehammer, Halligan Tool) to department.
8. Standardize uniforms for each officer.
9. Secure active shooter response kits (Ballistics, IFAK, etc.)
10. Finish the cleanout of the storage area and convert it to usable space.
11. Research Computer Aided Dispatching system for vehicles
12. Research Radio upgrades/improvements

Long Range Goals (2 to 5 years):

1. Research and integrate Police Records Management System (RMS) to manage investigative files and other policing-based documents.
2. Transition to new camera system.
3. Budget four (4) additional police officers.
4. Research facility locations and make recommendations for alternative department offices.

BUDGET FY 23-24

FUND 10 (GENERAL FUND) DEPARTMENT 50 (POLICE)		Adopted Budget 2023	Revisions FY 22-23	Estimated Totals FY 22-23	Budget FY 23-24
REVENUE					
10-40010-50	Impound Lot Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10-40040-50	Sponsor Revenue - NNO	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 2,725	\$ 3,000
10-40270-50	Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10-40275-50	Auction Proceeds	\$ 12,000	\$ (2,500)	\$ 9,500	\$ -
10-40700-50	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 500	\$ 8,700	\$ 9,200	\$ 500
14-70500-00	Grant Revenue	\$ 900	\$ 19,426	\$ 20,326	\$ 900
10-70300-50	Other Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10-40540-50	RVR/PMB Contract Revenue	\$ 117,957	\$ -	\$ 117,957	\$ 117,957
10-40530-50	Aurora Contract Revenue	\$ 37,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 39,500	\$ 50,000
	Total Revenue	\$ 171,857	\$ 27,626	\$ 199,208	\$ 172,357
EXPENDITURES					
10-65610-50	Salary	\$ 85,995	\$ -	\$ 85,995	\$ 98,894
10-65630-50	Wages	\$ 440,943	\$ -	\$ 440,943	\$ 532,394
10-65640-50	Overtime	\$ 39,903	\$ -	\$ 39,903	\$ 39,903
10-60300-50	Contract Labor	\$ 900	\$ (400)	\$ 500	\$ 900
10-60890-50	Education/Training	\$ 4,000	\$ (500)	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000
10-61600-50	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 13,000	\$ 65	\$ 13,065	\$ 13,000
10-60600-50	Office Supplies	\$ 2,400	\$ 625	\$ 3,025	\$ 2,400
10-60800-50	Postage	\$ 400	\$ (150)	\$ 250	\$ 400
10-63510-50	Uniforms / Clothing Allowance	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
10-65600-50	Hiring/Testing Expenses	\$ 600	\$ 30	\$ 630	\$ 600
10-63400-50	Telephone & Internet	\$ 8,500	\$ (1,000)	\$ 7,500	\$ 9,000
10-63450-50	Technology	\$ 1,500	\$ (400)	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,500
10-61110-50	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,550	\$ 18,550	\$ 6,000
10-61150-50	Gas & Oil	\$ 28,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 33,000	\$ 34,000
10-60410-50	Equipment Repairs	\$ 1,500	\$ (500)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
10-60430-50	Equipment	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,410	\$ 9,410	\$ 4,000
10-60010-50	National Night Out Expenses	\$ 3,000	\$ (1,200)	\$ 1,800	\$ 3,000
14-80500-10	Grant Purchases	\$ 900	\$ 17,500	\$ 18,400	\$ 900
10-60510-50	Note Payments	\$ 27,328	\$ -	\$ 27,328	\$ 27,328
10-61100-50	New Vehicle Leasing/Purchase	\$ 50,000	\$ (2,000)	\$ 48,000	\$ 50,000
10-61750-50	Impound Lot Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10-63100-50	Building Maintenance	\$ 12,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 62,000	\$ 1,000
10-61800-50	Insurance - Prop/Liability	\$ 27,913	\$ 1,530	\$ 29,443	\$ 29,420

BUDGET FY 23-24

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Public Safety – Fire/EMS

DEPARTMENT: Fire/EMS

ACCOUNT: FIRE -10

The Rhome Fire Rescue Department is staffed by a combination of full-time, part-time employees and volunteers. The department currently has two (2) full-time staff members, a Fire Chief and Firefighter. The firefighter position is funded through an on-going partnership with PMB, the developer of the Reunion and Bluestem subdivisions. Part-time firefighters are staffed by members of other departments in the DFW metroplex. Currently, we also employ eight (8) part-time staff members, with three (3) having EMT-P certifications and five (5) with EMT-B. We are fortunate to have five (5) volunteer members with an additional four (4) members in our candidate program (working toward certifications). One of our volunteers is also appointed as the Assistant Chief by the Fire Chief.

Our department uses the gym of the “Old School” building as a fire station with plans to staff members on shift 24/7/365 beginning in October of 2023. This has been made possible by the Rhome City Council’s commitment to enhance our public safety services by approving two (2) additional full-time firefighters. Staff are in the process of posting the positions on the Texas Commission of Fire Protection (TCFP) website in order to find the best candidates. The two (2) applicants who hold the proper certifications and possess the community commitment and values of the department will be welcomed aboard!

Our coverage area is approximately 54 square miles, with areas that reach into northern Tarrant County and southern Wise County through mutual aid agreements. Tarrant County provides the department with \$8,000.00 per year to help offset our costs and Wise County provides \$60,000.00 per year. Wise County Judge is proposing an increase of \$26,000.00 for the new 23-24 budget year, increasing our yearly funding at \$86,000.00.

Structure fire suppression, motor vehicle accidents and extrications, Grass and wildland fire, EMS calls, hazardous materials response, investigations of any nature. These are just a few of the emergency responses we cover.

On the non-emergency side, we provide services such as public education at businesses (fire extinguisher training, CPR, AED and basic first aid), at schools by overseeing fire drills and October fire prevention classes. We also perform plan reviews on new businesses, and inspections.

We respond to approximately 800-1,000 calls for service each year. See the data below for a comparison of surrounding departments.

2022 YEAR-END CALL DATA

WISE COUNTY ESD #1	1,417
NEWARK	1,050
RHOME	853
HASLET	831
EAST WISE	550

MISSION / PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Rhome Fire Rescue will provide the highest level of customer service while fulfilling our duty to protect life, property, and the environment.

Duty - We are dedicated to carrying out our mission as accountable stewards of the resources entrusted to us, with prompt response and readiness to serve.

Honor – We are trustworthy, have strong character, and adhere to the highest principles.

Compassion – We provide service with empathy and sympathy for the suffering of others.

Service – We provide a rapid, highly skilled response that meets the immediate needs of the customers while striving for continuous improvement within a safe work environment.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Short Term Objectives (less than 2 years):

1. Continue to review staffing needs as the community grows.
2. Research our qualifications for a Safford Grant that would provide three (3) years of funding for firefighters
3. Evaluate the continued use of Engine/Quint E-217 – the engine is past time for retirement due to age and the lack of available parts.
4. Evaluate the use of Brush-17 – 23-year-old equipment and past time for replacement.
5. Price and discuss the purchase of extrication/rescue tools with Council.
6. Replace bunker gear and work boots for staff team.

Long Range Goals (2 to 5 years):

1. Increase staffing levels to four (4) firefighters per shift (with a minimum of three (3) on at all times).
2. Increase technical/skills training for staff members.
3. Research facility improvements.
4. Purchase a ladder truck to meet commercial/multi-story residential needs as these types of units are built in the community.
5. Pursue a lower ISO rating for the community to help lower insurance premiums.

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 23-24

FUND 60 (FIRE FUND)		Adopted Budget 2023	Revisions FY 22-23	Estimated Totals FY 22-23	Budget FY 23-24
	REVENUE				
60-40270-00	Donations	\$ 5,000	\$ (5,000)	\$ -	\$ 5,000
60-40280-00	Fundraisers	\$ 18,000	\$ (9,000)	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
60-40300-00	Transfer from General Fund	\$ 136,505	\$ 66,445	\$ 202,950	\$ 450,000
60-40330-00	Tarrant County Contract	\$ 8,000	\$ 500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,000
60-40550-00	RD - CPR Initiative Sponsored	\$ 2,000	\$ (2,000)	\$ -	\$ 2,000
60-40555-00	RD - CPR Initiative Class Fees	\$ 2,160	\$ (2,160)	\$ -	\$ 2,160
60-40610-00	Wise County Contract	\$ 52,000	\$ 8,200	\$ 60,200	\$ 86,000
60-40630-00	Cost Recovery	\$ 16,650	\$ (6,800)	\$ 9,850	\$ 10,000
60-40540-00	RVRP/PMB Funding for FF Posit	\$ 81,089	\$ -	\$ 81,089	\$ 81,089
14-70600-00	Grant Revenue	\$ 29,000	\$ (28,500)	\$ 500	\$ 5,000
60-40640-00	Proceeds from Sales/Auctions	\$ -	\$ 34,276	\$ 34,276	\$ -
	Total Revenue	\$ 350,404	\$ 55,961	\$ 406,365	\$ 658,249
	EXPENDITURES				
60-65610-10	Salary	\$ 73,000	\$ (20,000)	\$ 53,000	\$ 90,295
60-65630-10	Wages - Full & part-time FF	\$ 50,003	\$ -	\$ 50,003	\$ 231,500
60-60300-10	Contract Labor	\$ 41,500	\$ -	\$ 41,500	\$ -
60-65640-10	Overtime	\$ 4,668	\$ -	\$ 4,668	\$ 14,010
60-60890-10	Education/Training	\$ 4,253	\$ -	\$ 4,253	\$ 5,500
60-61610-10	Dues	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
60-61600-10	Subscriptions	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
60-60600-10	Office Supplies	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
60-63400-10	Telephone & Internet	\$ 4,308	\$ -	\$ 4,308	\$ 4,300
60-63450-10	Technology	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
60-63510-10	Uniforms / Clothing Allowance	\$ 31,500	\$ -	\$ 31,500	\$ 31,500
60-60610-10	Station Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
60-66030-10	Banquet - Service Awards	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
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60-66000-10	EMS Supplies	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
60-60560-10	Support Crew Supplies	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
60-61700-10	Apparatus Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
60-60580-10	Apparatus Repair & Mtce.	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,000
60-61150-10	Gas & Oil	\$ 8,400	\$ -	\$ 8,400	\$ 9,000
60-60430-10	Equipment	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
60-66200-10	Loan Purchases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
60-60470-10	Fire Safety Program	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 23-24

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Parks and Recreation

DEPARTMENT: Parks

ACCOUNT: PARKS-10

The city owns and operates the following:

- Rhome Family Park
- Veterans Memorial Park
- Civic Pavilion

Parks also has a group of volunteers who work at the Board level to help us in this important area. A Parks, Recreation & Open Space plan was drafted in partnership with the Institute of Urban Studies in June of 2020. The plan included public engagement, a comprehensive inventory, and implementation strategies and recommendations. This will be valuable as Rhome continues to expand the park systems and services for our residents.

MISSION / PURPOSE STATEMENT

The mission of the Rhome Parks and Recreation Board is to promote the maintenance and improvement of existing City parks and other City owned recreational facilities, to encourage the establishment of supervised recreation programs, and to make recommendations to the City Council on matters regarding acquisitions and major projects.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Short Term Objectives (less than 2 years):

1. Revitalize the Parks and Recreation Board by recruiting new volunteers.
2. Work to establish updated policies and procedures for park use and fees.
3. Seek additional grants that may be available to enhance our current park offerings.

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 23-24

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Utility Fund - Public Works

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

ACCOUNT: UF - 20

Municipal Public Works departments often handle service provision for water, utilities, and trash collection. These services may be provided in-house through direct service delivery (meaning the city has a water or sewer plant, owns, and operates their own electric department or operates their own trash and recycling program). The traditional model for public works is that governmental units (city, county, or state) provide the services directly to the residents, which are usually funded through taxation.

However, other models exist, which include public/private partnerships to deliver these types of services. The services are delivered on behalf of local government through a contractual arrangement with a private vendor.

In Rhome, the Public Works Department is a combination of physical assets, management practices, policies, and personnel necessary to provide and support the structures and services which are essential to the health and welfare of our citizens. They are responsible for the following:

1. Water System – wells, pumps and booster stations, storage tanks, fire hydrants, water lines, and disinfection
2. Wastewater collection and wastewater treatment – wastewater treatment plants, manholes, sewer lines, lift stations, disinfection
3. Streets / Roadways – street repairs, potholes, streets signs, and entrance signs
4. Parks Maintenance – restrooms, pavilion, mowing, trash, and playground equipment

<https://www.apwa.net>

MISSION / PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Public Works Department is committed to providing the highest quality services in the most cost-effective manner, while ensuring that the maintenance, construction, and operations of the public facilities and programs under its care are adequate, safe, and serviceable to the satisfaction of its customers.

ASSETS / FACILITIES

- Six (6) ground storage water tanks
- One (1) elevated storage water tank
- 8.5+ miles of water line
- Four (4) water wells
- Approximately 90 fire hydrants

- Two (2) wastewater treatment plants
- 5+ miles of sewer mains
- Estimated 550 sewer connections
- 150+ manholes
- Three (3) lift stations
- Mows 10+ acres each summer
- 10+ miles of streets and roadway sign maintenance
- Three (3) wholesale water customer support

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Short Term Objectives (less than 2 years):

1. Sewer line replacement program for Old Town where I/I (inflow infiltration) is the biggest factor for the West Wastewater Treatment Plant (Clay tile sewer lines and brick manhole replacement).
2. West Wastewater Screw press to process sludge based on growth and development projections.
3. Automated bar screen for the West Wastewater Treatment Plant to remove trash, needles, rags, plastic wrappers, and other debris from the system prior to reaching the lift station pumps. This helps preserve the pumps, motors, and other machinery.
4. Begin the process to upgrade West Wastewater Treatment Plant.
5. Ground storage tank repairs or replacement (Well #5 and Well #4).
6. Develop a comprehensive analysis of the streets the City is responsible for maintaining and present a short/long range plan to repair streets.
7. Finish working with WHECO to replace the approximately 20 years old SCADA system that monitors and controls the elevated water tank and other public works assets.
8. Finish the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to rehabilitate Well #6 in Old Town Rhome.
9. Research options to drill wells to reduce dependency on outside water sources.

Long Range Goals (2 to 5 years):

1. Implement the street repairs and replacement program along with drainage and infrastructure upgrades as needed.
2. Replace clay tile sewer lines and brick manholes.
3. Implement replacement program for vehicles, equipment, tools, pumps, and motors.
4. Work to secure long range water source solution for the City through regional partnerships and/or identifying additional water resources.

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 23-24

FUND 20 (WATER/UTILITY FUND)		Adopted Budget 2023	Revisions FY 22-23	Estimated Totals FY 22-23	Proposed Budget FY 23-24
	REVENUE				
20-40170-10	Credit Card Convenience Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
20-40650-10	Meter Deposits (income)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
20-40660-10	Tap Fees	\$ 30,000	\$ (20,000)	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
20-40670-10	Water Revenue	\$ 950,000	\$ (100,000)	\$ 850,000	\$ 900,000
20-40680-10	Water Tower Lease	\$ 12,000	\$ (2,000)	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,000
20-40700-10	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000
20-70100-10	Interest Revenue	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100
20-40670-20	Sewer Revenue	\$ 506,293	\$ (50,000)	\$ 456,293	\$ 480,000
20-40670-30	Garbage Revenue	\$ 107,210	\$ 7,790	\$ 115,000	\$ 112,000
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,610,603	\$ (149,210)	\$ 1,461,393	\$ 1,519,100
	EXPENDITURES				
20-65610-10	Salary	\$ 89,985	\$ (60,000)	\$ 29,985	\$ 96,865
20-65630-10	Wages	\$ 209,394	\$ (4,300)	\$ 205,094	\$ 224,498
20-65640-10	Overtime	\$ 12,986	\$ 2,000	\$ 14,986	\$ 19,000
20-60300-10	Contract Labor	\$ 200	\$ 3,800	\$ 4,000	\$ 500
20-60800-10	Postage	\$ 4,500	\$ -	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,000
20-60890-10	Education/Training	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,000
20-61600-10	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 4,000	\$ (2,000)	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000
20-60600-10	Office Supplies	\$ 7,400	\$ -	\$ 7,400	\$ 7,400
20-60400-10	Engineering Services	\$ 52,000	\$ (40,000)	\$ 12,000	\$ 45,000
20-65600-10	Hiring/Testing Expenses	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 300
20-63400-10	Telephone & Internet	\$ 6,600	\$ (2,000)	\$ 4,600	\$ 5,500
20-66020-10	Technology	\$ 2,300	\$ -	\$ 2,300	\$ 8,600
20-63510-10	Uniforms / Clothing Allowance	\$ 3,975	\$ -	\$ 3,975	\$ 4,975
20-66050-10	Licenses & Permits	\$ 5,000	\$ (500)	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000
20-61110-10	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000
20-61130-10	Maintenance	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
20-61700-10	Equipment Rentals	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,500
20-61150-10	Gas & Oil	\$ 9,500		\$ 9,500	\$ 10,500
20-60210-10	Emergency Repairs	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,000
20-66070-10	Water/Sewer Shop Supplies	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
20-63100-10	Building Maintenance	\$ 1,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 51,000	\$ 1,000
20-64000-10	Utilities - Gas & Electric	\$ 53,043	\$ (13,000)	\$ 40,043	\$ 50,000
20-64100-10	Utilities - Water	\$ 500	\$ 250	\$ 750	\$ 750
20-61800-10	Insurance - Prop/Liability	\$ 26,412	\$ 2,000	\$ 28,412	\$ 28,412

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 23-24

20-60100-10	Bond Interest Expense	\$ 93,776	\$ -	\$ 93,776	\$ 94,500
20-60150-10	Bond Principal	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,500
20-60510-10	Note Payments	\$ 43,363	\$ -	\$ 43,363	\$ 43,363
20-61200-10	Bank Services Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
20-66110-10	Walnut Creek SUD Purchases	\$ 405,000	\$ (25,000)	\$ 380,000	\$ 405,000
20-66030-10	Groundwater Production Fee	\$ 15,358	\$ -	\$ 15,358	\$ 15,358
20-60240-10	Utility Projects	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 10,000
20-66100-10	Water Testing	\$ 9,500	\$ (3,000)	\$ 6,500	\$ 9,500
20-60200-10	Water Chemicals	\$ 7,600	\$ -	\$ 7,600	\$ 8,360
20-66090-10	Water Line Maintenance	\$ 4,500	\$ 750	\$ 5,250	\$ 6,000
20-66150-10	Tap Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Well/Tank/Meter Vault				
20-66400-10	Maintenance	\$ 13,300	\$ -	\$ 13,300	\$ 13,300
20-60220-10	AMR Cell Fee Per Connection	\$ 6,600	\$ -	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600
20-60230-10	Water Meter/Transmitter	\$ 6,600	\$ -	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600
20-60200-20	Sewer Chemicals	\$ 10,000	\$ (2,000)	\$ 8,000	\$ 14,000
20-66090-20	Sewer Line Maintenance	\$ 2,500	\$ (2,000)	\$ 500	\$ 2,500
20-66100-20	Sewer Testing	\$ 12,852	\$ 5,000	\$ 17,852	\$ 20,000
	WWTP/Lift Station				
20-66400-20	Maintenance	\$ 12,000	\$ (5,000)	\$ 7,000	\$ 12,000
20-66040-30	Garbage Service	\$ 107,210	\$ -	\$ 107,210	\$ 107,210
20-61820-10	Insurance - Med/Dental (ER)	\$ 54,639	\$ -	\$ 54,639	\$ 60,103
20-61830-10	TMRS Retirement (ER)	\$ 22,019	\$ -	\$ 22,019	\$ 23,120
20-65710-10	State Unemployment (ER)	\$ 383	\$ -	\$ 383	\$ 383
20-65700-10	Medicare Expense (ER)	\$ 4,486	\$ -	\$ 4,486	\$ 4,486
20-65710-10	Social Security Expense (ER)	\$ 19,181	\$ -	\$ 19,181	\$ 19,181
20-80100-10	Other Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,469,462	\$ (70,000)	\$ 1,399,462	\$ 1,517,863
		REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	DIFFERENCE	
	REV./EXPEND. FY 2022-2023	\$ 1,461,393	\$ 1,349,462	\$ 111,931	
	REV./EXPEND. FY 2023-2024				\$ (1,237)



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AGENDA ITEM 2

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.504186 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Rhome.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.504186 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.354000 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.335372 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.504186 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Rhome from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Rhome may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for City of Rhome exceeds the voter-approval rate for City of Rhome.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for City of Rhome, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for City of Rhome.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Rhome is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 14, 2023 AT 6:00PM AT 261 N SCHOOL ROAD, RHOME TX 76078.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If City of Rhome adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the City of Rhome may petition the City of Rhome to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the City of Rhome will be the voter-approval tax rate of the City of Rhome.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter–approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Rhome last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Rhome this year.

	2022	2023	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.437815	\$0.504186	increase of 0.066371, or 15.16%
Average homestead taxable value	\$232,696	\$256,995	increase of 24,299, or 10.44%
Tax on average homestead	\$1,018.78	\$1,295.73	increase of 276.95, or 27.18%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$890,338	\$1,268,711	increase of 378,373, or 42.50%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Rhome at 817–636–2462 or taxoffice@co.wise.tx.us, or visit [wisecountytx.gov](https://www.wisecountytx.gov) for more information.

**CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS
ORDINANCE 2023-07**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS, AFFIXING AND LEVYING MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AT THE RATE OF \$0.504186 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00), AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL OTHERWISE PROVIDED, ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF RHOME TO PROVIDE REVENUES FOR THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT EXPENSES AND ALL OUTSTANDING DEBTS OF THE CITY; DIRECTING THE ASSESSMENT THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR DUE DATES AND DELINQUENT DATES FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES AND INTEREST THEREON; APPROVING THE TAX ROLLS; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Rhome, Texas is a Type A general-law municipality located in Wise County, created in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Code and operating pursuant to the enabling legislation of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rhome, Texas (hereinafter referred to as the City) hereby finds that the tax for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, levied for current expenses of the City and the general improvements of the City and its property, must be levied to provide the revenue requirement for the budget for the ensuing year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has approved by a separate Ordinance adopted on the 14th day of September 2023 the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City has published all notices required by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 26.05 of the Texas Tax Code, the City Council held a public hearing concerning the proposed tax rate on September 14, 2023 and all statutory and constitutional requirements concerning the levying and assessing of ad valorem taxes have been completed in due and correct time; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has approved separately each of the two components of the tax rate set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS.

SECTION 1. All of the above premises are found to be true and correct and are incorporated into the body of this ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION 2. The real and personal property tax appraisal rolls as certified by the Chief Appraiser of the Wise County Appraisal District to the City Council for the 2023-2024 tax year are hereby accepted.

SECTION 3. There is hereby levied and ordered to be assessed and collected for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, and for each fiscal year thereafter until it be otherwise provided and ordained, on all taxable property, real, personal, and mixed, situated within the corporate limits of the City of Rhome, Texas, and not exempt from taxation by the constitution of the State of Texas and valid state laws, an ad valorem tax rate of **0.504186** on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed value of taxable property, which tax rate is apportioned and distributed as follows:

- A. For the purpose of defraying the current maintenance and operation expenses of the City (General Fund), a tax of **\$0.381261** on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed value of all taxable property.
- B. For the purpose of creating a Debt Service Fund to pay the interest and principle on all outstanding indebtedness, a tax of **\$0.122925** on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed value of all taxable property within the City, which shall be applied to the payment of such interest and maturities of all outstanding bonded indebtedness.

TOTAL tax rate: \$0.504186

SECTION 4. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S RATE.

SECTION 5. THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE BY 42.50 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$66.37 PER YEAR.

SECTION 6. All ad valorem taxes shall become due and payable on October 1, 2023, and all ad valorem taxes for the year shall become delinquent after January 31, 2024. There shall be no discount for payment of taxes prior to January 31, 2024. Payment of such taxes shall be due in one full installment except as otherwise required by law. A delinquent tax shall incur all penalty and interest authorized by State Law, Section 33.01 of the Texas Tax Code.

SECTION 7. Taxes herein levied and uncollected as of January 31, 2024, shall be a first and prior lien against the property, which lien shall be superior and prior to all other liens.

SECTION 8. Taxes are payable at the offices of the County Tax Assessor-Collector. The County shall have available all rights and remedies provided by law for the enforcement of the collection of taxes levied under this ordinance.

SECTION 9. Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 33.07 of the Texas Tax Code, in the event that taxes herein levied become delinquent on or after February 1 but not later than May 31 of the year in which they become delinquent, and in the event such delinquent taxes are referred to an attorney for collection, an additional amount of twenty percent (20%) of the total amount of tax, penalty and interest then due shall be added as collection costs to be paid by the taxpayer, for all taxes delinquent on or after July 1, 2024.

SECTION 10. Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 33.08 of the Texas Tax Code, the City further provides that all 2023 taxes and taxes for all subsequent years that become delinquent on or after June 1 of the year in which they become delinquent shall, in order to defray the costs of collection, incur an additional 20% of the delinquent tax, penalty and interest.

SECTION 11. Any and all ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, policies, or provisions inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed and rescinded to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

SECTION 12. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that if any of the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clauses, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 13. The necessity of fixing and levying municipal ad valorem taxes of the City for the next fiscal year is required by laws of the States of Texas, requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is accordingly so ordained.

SECTION 14. All rights or remedies of the City under previous ordinances are expressly saved as to penalties for liabilities for any delinquencies and penalties for prior years and under prior ordinances of the City, and such delinquencies and penalties owed shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be collected through any remedy available under law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Rhome, Texas, this the 14th day of September 2023 by a record vote of:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
Jimmy Johnson, Council Member, Place 1	_____	_____	_____
Michelle Tye, Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2	_____	_____	_____
Randall Loftis, Council Member, Place 3	_____	_____	_____
Kristi King, Council Member, Place 4	_____	_____	_____
Kasey Shumake, Council Member, Place 5	_____	_____	_____

Patricia Mitchell,
Mayor

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Shaina Odom,
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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AGENDA ITEM 4



Agenda Commentary
Meeting Date: September 14, 2023

Department: Administration

Contact: Amanda DeGan, City Administrator

Agenda Item: Wise County Appraisal District Board of Directors Nominations

Type of Item: ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution ☐ Contract/Agreement ☐ Public Hearing
☐ Plat ☒ Discussion & Direction ☐ Other

Summary:

- Staff received notice that it was time for the taxing units within the Appraisal Districts service area to submit nominations for the 2024 Board of Directors positions.
- As part of this process, Staff have placed this item on the agenda for any nominations Council would like to discuss or submit for this board.

Funding Expected: ☐ Revenue ☐ Expenditure ☐ N/A

Budgeted Item: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

GL Account: _____ Amount: _____

Legal Review Required: ☐ Yes ☐ No Date Completed: _____

Engineering Review: ☐ FD Review: ☐ PD Review: ☐ PW Review: ☐

History / Details / Recommendation:

The City of Rhome may submit up to five (5) candidates for nomination for one of the five (5) seats on the appraisal districts board. The nominations must be submitted prior to October 30, 2023, and must be submitted by resolution. Please see the attached letter for additional information.

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Board of Directors
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Bill Lewis – Vice Chairperson
Noel Ruddick
Karen Schluter
Kenneth Shepherd, Jr.
Monte Shaw

August 16, 2023

TO: Taxing Entities:

Subject: 2024 Board of Director Election

It is time for the taxing units in Wise County to submit name for nominations for the Wise County Appraisal District Board of Directors. These Directors will serve two (2) year terms beginning January 1, 2024.

Each voting unit may nominate by resolution adopted by its governing body one candidate for each position to be filled. Therefore, each voting unit may nominate up to five (5) candidates.

The presiding officer of the governing body of the taxing unit shall submit the name(s) of the unit's nominations to the Chief Appraiser before October 15, 2023. Before October 30, 2023 the Chief Appraiser shall prepare a ballot according to the candidate's surname, and shall deliver a copy to the presiding officer of the governing body of each taxing unit that is entitled to vote.

The governing body of each taxing unit that is entitled to vote shall determine its vote by resolution and submit it to the Chief Appraiser before December 15, 2023. Voting entitlement is determined by Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.03(d). The Chief Appraiser shall count the votes, declare the five candidates who receive the largest cumulative vote totals elected and submit the results before December 31, 2023 to each taxing unit in the district and to the candidates. The Chief Appraiser shall resolve a tie vote by any method of chance.

Please see the attached page showing the number of votes for each taxing unit.

As always if you have any questions or comments do not hesitate to call.

Thank you,



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WISE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
2024 Board of Director Election

TAXING UNIT	2022 LEVY	Total % of Levy	2024 VOTES
Alvord ISD (Wise County)	\$5,810,790	3.3002%	165
Azle ISD (Wise County)	\$843,811	0.4792%	24
Boyd ISD	\$11,170,544	6.3442%	317
Bridgeport ISD	\$18,933,408	10.7531%	538
Chico ISD	\$9,659,429	5.4860%	274
Decatur ISD	\$36,065,203	20.4829%	1024
Jacksboro ISD (Wise County)	\$419,961	0.2385%	12
Krum ISD (Wise County)	\$92,276	0.0524%	3
Northwest ISD (Wise County)	\$21,976,152	12.4812%	624
Paradise ISD	\$9,028,731	5.1278%	256
Poolville ISD (Wise County)	\$1,456,879	0.8274%	41
Springtown ISD (Wise County)	\$3,662,430	2.0800%	104
Slidell ISD (Wise County)	\$3,183,382	1.8080%	90
City of Alvord	\$494,575	0.2809%	14
City of Aurora	\$405,391	0.2302%	12
City of Boyd	\$1,250,226	0.7101%	36
City of Bridgeport	\$3,346,028	1.9003%	95
City of Chico	\$327,688	0.1861%	9
City of Decatur	\$6,653,430	3.7788%	189
City of Ft Worth (Wise County)	\$16,774	0.0095%	0
City of Lake Bridgeport	\$139,359	0.0791%	4
City of Newark	\$394,321	0.2240%	11
City of New Fairview	\$594,429	0.3376%	17
City of Paradise	\$231,991	0.1318%	7
City of Rhome	\$962,019	0.5464%	27
City of Runaway Bay	\$1,141,760	0.6485%	32
Wise County	\$37,074,835	21.0564%	1053
Emergency Services #1	\$373,822	0.2123%	11
Emergency Services #2	\$364,670	0.2071%	10
TOTALS	\$176,074,314	100.0000%	5000