



**City Council Meeting  
Minutes  
Regular Session  
March 11, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.**

RHOME CITY HALL  
105 FIRST STREET  
RHOME, TX 76078

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**Council Present:** Mayor Mark Lorance; Mayor Pro Tem David E. Wilson; Council Members: Chris Moore, Jo Ann Wilson, Shannon Jones and Charles Pennington.

**Staff Present:** Walt Leonard, City Attorney; Ramah Burns, City Secretary; Preston Gilliam, Public Works Director; Robert Pratt Fire Chief; James Rose Police Chief.

David Wilson gave the Invocation.

Mayor Lorance led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items:**

None

**Announcements from Mayor and Council Members:**

Shannon Jones said if anyone knows somebody serving overseas in the military there is a web site [www.communitycoffee.com](http://www.communitycoffee.com) . If you want to send a gift to the troops if you order four (4) bags they will match four (4) bags. Shannon said he invited Sheriff David Walker. He said Sheriff Walker was kind enough to come. Sheriff Walker thanked them for asking him to stop by. He said he wanted to commend the council on hiring Chief Rose. He is doing a good job. He said it is not a sheriff's office atmosphere. He said he goes a lot of places speaking and to conferences. He said its one police department for the whole county and it works well. Chief Rose has had his officer's back us up from the City of Rhome. He said he knows it comes out of our budget and it help immensely. It keeps people safe and it shows that not only does he care about what happens around here in the City of Rhome he cares what happens outside the area. The council show be commended on hiring him and he has a good professional staff. He said his guys and ladies enjoy working with his crew. The only other thing he wanted to mention was their wise eyes program. He said it is a group of emails they send with a ton of information. He said they are really in the next couple of months to try everything from scams to a wanted person they are looking for, if the roads are closed, whatever it maybe they send it out. He said they have a good crew at the sheriff's office and the council has a good crew here in the city. It really benefits everybody.

**1. Consent Agenda:**

**A. Approval of Minutes:**

- 1. February 16, 2010 – Regular Session**
- February 24, 2010 - Special Session**

**B. Acceptance of Report**

**C. Approval of Check Registers: February 9, 2010 through March 8, 2010.**

**D. Staff Reports**

**Motion was made by Chris Moore to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Jo Ann Wilson.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Discussion and necessary action concerning the following agenda items:**

**2. New Business**

- A. First Public Hearing opened at 7:05 p.m. to annex 28.802 acre tract in the M.E.P. & P.R.R. Co Survey, Abstract Number 634, Wise County, Texas also being part of certain called 41.422 acre tract described in instruments recorded in Volume 1111, Page 283, Official Public Records.**

**No one spoke.**

**The Public Hearing closed at 7:06 p.m.**

- B. Second Public Hearing opened at 7:06 p.m. to annex 28.802 acre tract in the M.E.P. & P.R.R. Co Survey, Abstract Number 634, Wise County, Texas also being part of certain called 41.422 acre tract described in instruments recorded in Volume 1111, Page 283, Official Public Records.**

**Dick McKelleb asked where the property was located.**

**Mayor Lorance said on SH 114 East of Kam Kart.**

**No one else spoke.**

**The Public Hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.**

**C. Cost of remodeling the Red Brick Building**

Gerry McBride said the proposed cost estimate is \$5,154.00. He said there is a limited with the electrical service they have.

David Wilson said there is a 150 amp panel and they would have a problem with an electric range. Everything else would be an intermittent load.

Gerry McBride said everything on the list is everything that was talked about in the meetings. They are not held to this. The freezer would only make sense if you are going to cooking there constantly and storing stuff, the dishwasher the same thing.

Robert Pratt said the drive at the front gate can be moved north then they won't have to take such a big swing coming in. With some of the trucks they have to come almost to the steps to get in the gate.

Mayor Lorange said they sent Gerry McBride on a task and he came back with the answer.

Gerry McBride said wanted to thank Rebecca Williams, Janice Wilson, Bill Childress and Sandra McBride for their help and input.

Motion was made by David Wilson to proceed with the remodeling and instruct Gerry McBride to over see the Remodeling project and be the General Contractor, and to move forward and to allow up to \$5,600.00. Motion was seconded by Jo Ann Wilson.

Motion carried unanimously

**D. Bids on Entrance Way Signs**

Mayor Lorange said the Bids were submitted from: Global Services – \$25,995; Lambeth Builders - \$28,950 and Tracon Ventures – \$40,906.62. Mayor Lorange the funds will be paid from the Hotel Motel Tax.

Motion was made by Chris Moore to authorize Mayor Lorange to move forward to accept the bid from Global Services pending a background check and references and start and completion date Motion was seconded by Shannon Jones.

Motion carried 4-1 vote. Jo Ann Wilson voted no

**E. Approval of hiring Police Officer Stacy Gober.**

**Police Chief James Rose said Ryan Sims has given his 2 week notice due to financial reasons and baby sitting issues. He has been an excellent officer for us. Stacy Gober is already a Reserve Officer for us and has 4 to 5 years experience in Arkansas. She challenged the test in Texas and passed it. She is the only one he has that has the experience .**

**Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson to hire Stacy Gober. The motion was seconded by Charles Pennington.**

**Motion carried unanimously**

**F. Resolution 2010-02R in order for residents to purchase Federally subsidized flood insurance.**

**Motion was made by Chris Moore to approve Resolution 2010-02R for residents to purchase Federally subsidized flood insurance.**

**Motion carried unanimously**

**G. Ordinance 2010-03 on Flood Damage Prevention**

**Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson to approve Ordinance 2010-03 on Flood Damage Prevention. The motion was seconded by Chris Moore.**

**Motion carried unanimously**

**H. Resolution 2010-03R on the Oncor CREZ line.**

**Motion was made by Chris Moore to approve Resolution 2010-03 opposing the Oncor CREZ line. The motion was made by Chris Moore.**

**Motion carried unanimously**

**I. Fill position on Parks & Recreation Board.**

**Shannon Jones nominated Missy Brown.  
Chris Moore nominated Debbie Brown**

Voting for Missy Brown – one (1)  
Voting for Debbie Brown – four (4)

Debbie Brown was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board.  
Missy Brown will be an alternate.

J. Interlocal Agreement between the City of Rhome and the County of Wise, Texas for rental of voting machines & equipment and the purchase of voting supplies.

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the County of Wise, Texas for rental of voting machines & equipment and the purchase of voting supplies.

Motion carried unanimously

K. Veterans Park

Evelyn Obenour, Park Board Chair Person said the Park Board was asking the Mayor and City Council to amend the amount available and additional \$20,000 to enable the park to be completed. They need to complete the following:

Tri-Star (Stainless Steel needed for Military Seals	\$ 700
Smith & Sons (Landscaping- Irrigation-Mulch)	7,000
Military Plaques (10)	21,000
Paving Stones	<u>4,000</u>
Total needed expenditures	\$32,700
Less money in bank	<u>-16,164</u>
	\$16,536

She said with the additional money they will be able to pay for small expenditures.

Motion was made by David Wilson to amend the park budget with an increase of \$25,000. Motion was seconded by Charles Pennington.

Motion carried unanimously

**L. Equipment Purchase – Bobcat**

**Preston Gilliam, Public Work Director said the Bobcat they prefer is the Holt Cat that has a joy stick like the backhoe. The quote is \$15,500 They are going to look around at other dealers. This will be on the April 8<sup>th</sup> agenda.**

- 3. Recess to Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.: The Rhome City Council Will Convene into Executive Session in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (Open Meeting Act) Vernon’s Texas Code Annotated, as follows:**

**A. Section 551.074 – Personnel – Jennifer Ruiz**

- 4. Action was taken at 8:15 pm regarding Executive Session on Item 3A.**
- 5. Future Agenda Items:**
- 6. Motion was made by Chris Moore to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jo Ann Wilson.**

**Motion carried unanimously**

**CERTIFICATION:**

**Passed and approved on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.**

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**Mark Lorance  
Mayor**

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**Ramah Burns  
City Secretary**