



**City Council Meeting
Minutes
Regular Session
November 10, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.**

Rhome City Hall
105 W. First Street
Rhome, TX

**Council Present: Mayor Mark Lorance; Mayor Pro Tem Gerry McBride;
Council Members: Chris Moore, Jo Ann Wilson, Chris Graves, and Cole L.
Blanche.**

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

Mayor Lorance led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items:

None

Announcement from Mayor and Council Members

**Jo Ann Wilson said the election passed 56 – 7. That was 89% for and 11%
against for Love’s Travel Stops to sell off premise beer and wine.**

**Mayor Lorance said he was at the TML Conference in Houston. He said he
talked with people about our Witches Hat issue, Parks, and Code Enforcement.
He said he had a meeting with Aurora, Newark, Boyd, Rolling V, City of Fort
Worth and Walnut Creek. They started to talk about Regional Water and
applying for a grant to start a study to get water into the area from different
sources – Fort Worth, Eagle Mountain Lake and increase capacity from Walnut
Creek. WE will be applying for a grant next December. We will start the
planning cycle now and see if we want to get involved in that. It was a good
meeting and we started to think about our water situation regionally is a good
step forward. He said FYI when city hall was broken into our camera system
was beat up and we having a new system that’s being installed. During that
installation there was an electrical problem that shorted out a couple of cameras.
We will have the security system up and running soon. We also have the Wise
County Spirit of Christmas that is coming up. We have a few toys in already.
We have been named by a couple of Charities to get their toys. If anyone knows
where we can get more toys for kids in the community.**

1. Consent Agenda: The items will be enacted with one motion. Any Council Member may remove any item from the Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. September 8, 2011 – Regular Session

B. Acceptance of Report

1. Police Department:

2. Fire Department

3. Public Works

4. Administration

5. Parks and Recreation -

C. Approval of Check Registers

1. October 11, 2011 through November 7, 2011

Motion was made by Chris Graves seconded by Chris Moore to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried unanimously

Discussion and necessary action concerning the following agenda items:

2. Old Business

A. Appoint Engineering Firm for Master Plan

Motion was made by Chris Graves, seconded by Jo Ann Wilson to postpone until future needed.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Pioneer Days Report

Cole Blanche said they want to know how much money was made and is it going to be put towards next years Pioneer Days.

Chris Moore said that's where they left it. He said when they talked about it – it was going to go towards another Pioneer Days. They didn't hear anything so they left it on there to get another report.

Jo Ann Wilson said she didn't think they ever pin pointed it down specifically. Basically they said go ahead and do it and the money would go towards the senior's. She said that was her recollection.

Chris Moore said that wasn't what he got out of it. He said he thought the way it was worded was that we were going to help them and the money would go towards Pioneer Days for next year.

Mayor Lorance said from the minutes we were going to try and have someone here from the seniors.

Jo Ann Wilson said she thought there would have been if they had put a line in for Pioneer Days.

Chris Graves said they were going to turn in a report. He said they continue to use city property to benefit their organization – their tax exempt organizations then they need to stick to the agreement they made with the city – or we need to limit their organization use of city buildings.

Jo Ann Wilson said she didn't think they agreed to do it.

Gerry McBride said at one meeting Bill Childress said they would have report at the next meeting.

Jo Ann Wilson said they got that. He turned that in for their last meeting.

Chris Graves said he was under the impression that they agreed to provide the roads, police services, etc and they were going to cover their costs then turn the rest of it over to the city to go towards Pioneer Days next year to continue to help the city to have it. He said that's the last he heard on it.

Mayor Lorance said that would make since. The city has been funding the senior activities.

Jo Ann Wilson said Mark you weren't here for some of the meetings. What got so convoluted is the seniors went and filed and became a non \ profit. They became a non profit organization the city couldn't not help them in many ways.

Mayor Lorance said that is probably going to add to the problem because now if they are their own non-profit organization like the boy Scouts or girl scouts or any other organization around that puts them in a different relationship with the city.

Jo Ann Wilson said that's why we couldn't help them in certain ways. Jo Ann Wilson said she would like to suggest that Cole Blanche would touch base with Bill Childress.

Cole Blanche said he would give Bill Childress a call. He said they didn't set a budget for Pioneer Days because they thought they had the profits from this year. If they don't give us the money we will have our hands tied behind our back.

Jo Ann Wilson said it was her understanding that the seniors don't want to do it again.

Chris Graves said he didn't want to do it again if it's going to be like this.

Mayor Lorance said if they are a 501 C3 they have to have to record the meetings and have minutes. Those minutes are public and they need to have a treasurer's report. He said that information is public information. He said they can wait and get the financials after they have the board meeting.

Jo Ann Wilson said they got some bad information. They were just trying to get it where they could get a checking account for the accountability.

Motion was made Chris Graves, seconded by Cole Blanche to Table this until December 8, 2011 so Cole Blanche will be able to contact Bill Childress.

Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Proposal amending Ordinance 99-20-, Chapter 70 – Traffic Regulations – Parking Residential
- D. Proposal amending Ordinance 99-20, Chapter 71 on Commercial Vehicle-Boat, Trailer RV Parking from the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Traffic Regulation is about Parking Residential

Motion was made by Cole Blanche, seconded by Chris Graves to accept proposal from the Planning & Zoning Commission on Item 2 – C and 2 – D and hold off on 3-E until the Supreme Court makes a decision.

Motion carried unanimously.

Amended motion was made by Cole Blanche, seconded by Chris Graves to authorize Mayor or Staff to take their recommendations and put them in a proper ordinance and authorize the Mayor to sign them.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

Jo Ann Wilson said on Page 15 – (d) of Chapter 70 – Traffic Regulations states “City Secretary” is instructed to place or have placed appropriate signs at reasonable intervals on said restricted streets... She asked is this a job for the City Secretary.

Amended motion was made by Cole Blanche, seconded by Chris Graves to change “City Secretary” to say Mayor or his designee.

Jo Ann Wilson said she has two (2) more things – Page 16, part (b) – says you can’t park a commercial vehicle, boat, boat-trailer. Page 17, A-2, they talk about licensed vehicle dealer or junkyard – do they need to add collision or auto repair shop.

Chris Graves said this would be a separate issue.

Steve Cole said this is for residential districts.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

- E. Proposal amending Ordinance 99-20, Chapter 95.10 on Junk Vehicles or Parts from the Planning & Zoning Commission.**

Motion was made by Chris Graves, seconded by Cole Blanche to postpone until Supreme Court makes a decision.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. Animal Control Contract

Motion was made by Gerry McBride, seconded by Jo Ann Wilson to move this until after Executive Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Bids on structure at 339 No. Main, Old Mill and Morris and behind cabinet shop on Old Mill Road.

Motion was made by Cole Blanche, seconded by Gerry McBride to award bid to Mark Hahn to tear down the concrete wall at Morris Street and Old Mill Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business

A. Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance 2011-15 – Senate Bill 1 / Exemption of goods in transit in order to tax goods-in-transit.

Public Hearing opened at 7:35 pm on proposed Ordinance 2011-15 – Senate Bill 1 / Exemption of goods in transit in order to tax goods-in-transit.

No comments.

Public Hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

B. Proposed Ordinance 2011-15 – Senate Bill 1 / Exemption of goods in transit in order to tax goods-in-transit

Motion was made by Cole Blanche, seconded by Chris Moore to adopt Ordinance 2011-15 – Senate Bill 1 / Exemption of goods in transit in order to tax goods-in-transit

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Eminent Domain Notification.

Motion was made by Gerry McBride, seconded by Jo Ann Wilson to approve Eminent Domain Notification.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Mutual Aid Agreement with Tarrant County Emergency Services District No. One and the City of Rhome.

Motion was made by Chris Graves, seconded by Chris Moore to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with Tarrant County Emergency Services District No. One and the City of Rhome.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Proposed abandonment of alley and Elm Street on property owned by Clyde Warner on the lots at Logan and Main Street.

Motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Gerry McBride to abandonment of alley and Elm Street on property owned by Clyde Warner on the lots at Logan Street and Main Street.

Motion carried 4-1. Chris Graves opposed.

F. Drying Beds/Drying Box

Motion was made by Gerry McBride, seconded by Cole Blanche to purchase the drying box from the City of Decatur.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. 30 x 30 building for Westside Sewer Plant

Motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Gerry McBride to pour a 30 x 30 foot slab and purchase a Mueller Building in the amount of \$8,500.

Motion carried unanimously.

H. Bids from Reynolds Asphalt & Construction on Morris & School Road, Stirling Lane, Ellis Edge repairs by 8 ft and Rhome Family Park.

Motion was made by Gerry McBride, seconded by Chris Moore to Repair in the Spring - Morris & School Road - \$22,910.00, Stirling Road – \$2,489.40 and Ellis Edge Repairs by 8 Ft. - \$13,441.50.

Motion carried unanimously.

I. Original Water Tower.

Preston Gilliam, Public Works Director said he has documented with pictures showing the original water tower is off line.

J. Accept Jason Miller's resignation from Parks & Recreation Board.

Motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Jo Ann Wilson to accept Jason Miller's resignation from Parks & Recreation Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

K. Computer/Accessories – accountability and disposal.

Jo Ann Wilson asked how we dispose of old computer equipment.

Mayor Lorange said he would send out a memo to staff to destroy the hard drive and remove item from inventory.

L. Cast votes Wise County Appraisal Board members.

Motion by Chris Graves, seconded by Cole Blanche to cast 34 votes for the following: Greg Arrington – 7, Ray Cook – 7, Joey Luttrull – 6, Chana Massey – 7, and Randy Moss – 7.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Recess to Executive Session at 8:17 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 551.071 – Potential and threatened litigation on Animal Control Contract

b. Section 551.072 – Real property

F. Mayor Lorange brought back Item F that was moved until after Executive Session.

Motion was made by Gerry McBride, seconded by Chris Graves to Issue a letter to terminate the contract with North Texas Animal Control Authority.

Motion carried unanimously.

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5. **Discuss, Consider and Act Regarding Taking Any Appropriate Action - Executive Session Item 4.a. – 4.b.**

No action was taken in Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

6. **Future agenda items:**

**Pioneer Days
Aqua Texas**

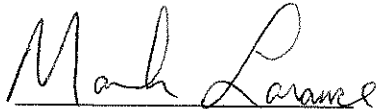
7. **Motion was made by Gerry McBride and seconded by Jo Ann Wilson to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.**

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Passed and approved on this 8th day of December, 2011



**Mark Lorance
Mayor**

**Ramah Burns
City Secretary**