

**City Council  
Minutes  
Special Session  
August 29, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.**

Rhome City Hall  
105 First Street  
Rhome, TX 76078

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

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

**Mayor Pro Tem McBride called the meeting to order and announce a quorum was present:**

- 1. Proposed Ordinance 2011-12, adopting budget for period October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012.**
- 2. Motion was made by Chris Graves and seconded by Jo Ann Wilson to approve Ordinance 2011-12, adopting budget for period October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012.  
Motion carried unanimously**
- 2. Proposed Ordinance 2011-13, adopting tax rate .5622 – I & S .2920 & M & O .2702.**

**Motion was made by Chris Moore and seconded by Chris Graves to adopt Ordinance 2011-13, adopting tax rate .5622 – I & S .2920 & M & O .2702.  
Motion carried unanimously**

**3. Commercial Sewer Rates**

**Motion was made by Chris Graves and seconded by Cole Blanche to raise Commercial Sewer Rates as follows:**

**COMMERCIAL SEWER RATES**

**BASE RATE IS BASED ON WATER METER SIZE.**

<b>Base Fee</b>	<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Amount</b>
\$30	3/4"	\$7.00 per 1,000
75	1"	7.00 per 1,000
100	1.5"	7.00 per 1,000
150	2	7.00 per 1,000

4. **Inter-local Agreement between City of Rhome and NISD – Annual renewal for School Year 2011-2012 School Resource Officer.**

Motion was made by Chris Graves and seconded by Chris Moore to approve the Inter-local Agreement between City of Rhome and NISE – Annual renewal for School Year 2011-2012 School Resource Officer.

Motion carried unanimously

5. **Proposed Resolution 2011-05R, is authorizing signatures on State of Texas documents for Texas Capital Fund, Contract #710112.**

Motion was made by Chris Graves and seconded by Jo Ann Wilson to approve Resolution 2011-05R, authorizing signatures on State of Texas documents for Texas Capital Fund, Contract #710112.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Filling Open Position of Mayor for the City of Rhome.**

Chris Graves said we need to go forward with filling the Mayor's seat. He said we have eight (8) months to go and he would like to have a full governing body to continue moving forward. He said Gerry McBride has put in so much work and time on everything and it is greatly appreciated. He said he thinks it would be beneficial to the council and the city to have the Mayor's seat filled. He said he would like to move forward with an appointment. State law says they don't have to have an election unless there are two (2) vacancies. He said they need to appoint someone for the next eight (8) months until the election.

Jo Ann Wilson asked if he didn't want to leave it like it is.

Chris Graves said no he doesn't want an empty chair. He prefers to have a full body.

Gerry McBride said that State Law allows for the council to fill the position of Mayor.

Walt Leonard said they have three (3) options. One is an election which is expensive and in 30 years he has never seen anyone use it. Second they can continue with things the way they are. The Mayor Pro Tem can continue on as Mayor until then until the next election. They can also if they wish appoint a qualified person to be Mayor. Someone that could be Mayor in any case.

**Chris Graves said Gerry has done a great job. That's nothing to do with taking anything away from you whatsoever. I assume you're still going to continue to beat the bushes like you've been doing. He said he thinks Gerry is more valuable as a city council member than you would be as a Mayor for eight (8) months. He said with that being said he has had a discussion with Mark Lorance about filling the seat for eight (8) months and they choose to go that way with it. He said given his past experience here it would be beneficial. That gives them a full council to continue to make choices with and a Mayor to work under that has been cooperative in the past and more in tuned with moving forward with what they are trying to do on the council.**

**Motion was made by Chris Graves and seconded by Cole Blanche that they appoint Mark Lorance as the interim Mayor until the May 2012 election.**

**Jo Ann Wilson asked Mark what he would want to bring back to us. What would he like to see us do?**

**Mark Lorance said he has been out of touch for about a year. He said he worked with us on the budget process over the last couple of weeks. He said he needs to catch up on what's going on for the past year. He said he is glad to see Love's Travel Stops open up. He said they had a council workshop several years ago That gave everyone a vision of what the council members would like to see where the city would go? They listed goals, short and long term then get them accomplished. They need to find out from the council wants to do. But as far as specific things he has to drive the city forward, he would like to see more development all around Love's. He thinks that's going to happen regardless.**

**Mayor Pro Tem McBride said he can think of several people that he would really truly be concerned if they had asked them to be Mayor. Mark is certainly not on that list. But because this council doesn't need to do that, he said he would abstain from this vote. He asked if there were any further nominations. He asked those in favor of Mark Lorance. Mayor Pro Tem McBride told Mark congratulations.**

**Motion carried 4-1. Gerry McBride abstained.**

**Ramah Burns administered the Oath of Office to Mark Lorance.**

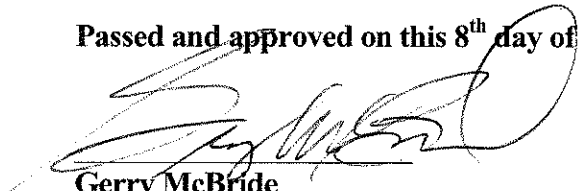
7. Motion was made by Chris Moore and seconded by Chris Graves.

Motion carried unanimously.

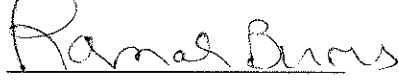
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION:**

Passed and approved on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.



Gerry McBride  
Mayor Pro Tem



Ramah Burns  
City Secretary