



**City Council Meeting
Minutes
Regular Session
April 12, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.**

Rhome City Hall
105 W. First Street
Rhome, TX

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

Absent: Council Member Chris Graves, City Secretary Ramah Burns

Staff Present: Walt Leonard, City Attorney; Dana McMahon,
Administrative Assistant; Preston Gilliam, Public Works Director;
James Rose, Police Chief.

Mayor Lorange led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items:

Shannon Jones gave information regarding NISD High School scholarships.

- 1. Consent Agenda: The items were enacted with one motion. No Council Member removed any item from the Consent Agenda.**

Motion was made by Chris Moore and seconded by Cole Blanche to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

A. Approval of Minutes:

- 1. March 8, 2012 – 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. March 6, 2012 through April 9, 2012

Discussion and necessary action concerning the following agenda items:

2. Old Business

A. Speed limits of 25 mph East of Railroad track and Parks and Children at Play Signs

Jo Ann Wilson asked what it would take to get the signs installed.

Chief Rose spoke up to say he would coordinate with Preston Gilliam the installation of the signs.

3. New Business

A. Public Hearing on a variance request from Brandon Jones, 155 Russell Street on fence requirements on a wrought iron fence.

Hearing began at 7:06 p.m.

Brandon Jones spoke briefly about the fence. Mayor Lorange asked if anyone else wanted to speak. No one did.

Hearing ending at 7:08 p.m.

B. Action on variance request from Brandon Jones, 155 Russell Street on fence requirements on a wrought iron fence.

Council Member Gerry McBride motioned that the variance be granted. Jo Ann Wilson second the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Animal Control Contract between City of Rhome and Preston Gilliam.

Council discussed that the contract was for Preston Gilliam to be allowed to remove feral hogs using his equipment in Bywell Estates.

Council Member Cole Blanche motioned the contract be accepted and Chris Moore seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Speed bumps in Crown Point.

Council Member Jo Ann Wilson began the discussion. She stated that the issue with speeding in Crown Point needs to be addressed.

Chief Rose spoke to say that in his experience he found that speed bumps are costly and other alternative should be looked at first.

Council Member Gerry McBride discussed his research agreed with Chief Rose and suggested that the City use speed limit or stop signs first.

Resident, James Thomson asked the Council to consider alternatives to speed bumps. He suggested that the City establish Park zones so that the police could write tickets to speeders and expressed concerns that speed bumps could cause bigger problems because of the design of the development, such as flooding due to the inability to drain properly.

Resident, Robin Holmes spoke in favor of getting speed bumps in Crown Point. She suggested undulations as an alternative to speed bumps and expressed a great amount of concern regarding the speeding in Crown Point because of the amount of children that play outside.

Resident, Jimmy Johnson expressed that he was against all forms of speed control except speed limit signs.

Mayor Mark Lorange spoke regarding the many alternatives, such as police presence and speed limit signs as being a logical place to begin the attempt to slow traffic.

After much discussion by the Council, it was decided that erecting 25mph speed limit signs was the best place to start.

Motion was made by Chris Moore and seconded by Cole Blanche that Preston Gilliam to oversee the installation of the 25 mph speed limit signs as soon as possible and return a diagram of where the signs are located back to the Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Code Enforcement

Council Member Cole Blanche brought up issues of debris such as a gravel pile and tall grass near the entrances. Mayor Lorange said that he and the Chief of Police had been going through ordinances and giving the ones violating them notice that they are in violation. Gerry McBride asked the Chief Rose to make sure to inform people that it's not the City Council pushing them, but rather that they are in violation of the law.

F. Appoint Bonnie Little as Election Judge.

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Chris Moore to appoint Bonnie Little as Election Judge

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Dates for Spring clean up.

After discussing dates, the Council decided every 2nd and 3rd weekend in May and the last weekend in October and the first weekend in November would be designated as future clean up dates.

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Gerry McBride to establish these time as reoccurring times for the clean up event.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Recess to Executive Session:

The Rhome City Council convened at 7:52pm until 8:20pm into Executive Session in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (Open Meeting Act) Vernon's Texas Code Annotated, As Follow:

a. Section 551.071 – Pending and threatened litigation - McMahon Contracting, L.P.

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

No action taken.

6. Future agenda items:

Preston Gillam suggested that there be a future discussion regarding a frack tank. Chris Moore asked if Preston Gilliam would get some prices.

Motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Cole Blanche to add more discussion for the frack tank to be added to the next agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion was made by Gerry McBride and seconded by Chris Graves to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Passed and approved on this 14th day of June, 2012.

Mark Lorange
Mayor

Ramah Burns
City Secretary