



**City Council Meeting
Minutes
Regular Session
October 11, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.**

Rhome City Hall
105 W. First Street
Rhome, TX

Council Present: Mayor Chris Moore; Mayor Pro Tem Jo Ann Wilson;
Council Members:, Cole L. Blanche, Michelle Pittman and Louis Godfrey

Staff Present: Walt Leonard, City Attorney, Ramah Burns, City Secretary;
James Rose, Police Chief.

Absent: Chris Graves

Mayor Moore led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items:

Robert McCaffee - 110 Front Street - He said he and his wife Lisa moved in with his wife's sister, Tammy in September. They have questions about the safety of the BSNF RR sister Tammy was arrested for crossing the tracks in an area other than the crossing. He asked what is being done concerning safety and signs being placed. He asked if the city can see what can be done.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members.

Louis Godfrey told Charles Pennington that he and the entire Parks Board and everyone involved. He said it takes a long time planning something that caliber and they did it in a very short time. He said they did a fantastic job.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson said the Parks Board did a wonderful job. They made money Pioneer Days. The next event will be "Trick or Treat in the Park on October 31st from 5-9. Next is Veterans appreciation day on Saturday November 10th. We are very excited Congresswomen Kay Granger will be out Keynote Speaker. The program from 11:00 am to noon is the Veterans Ceremony. Then to the Family Park to have hot dogs, drinks, bounce house, and live music at no charge.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson said she would like to remove the Police Department. She asked about the two (2) items on his report.

Chief Rose said he was talking with Ramah about annexations. He said she told him the city can annex ½ mile a year. He said he was thinking over by Troxell, Inc. off CR 4841 they may consider to start the annexation on that. Then we can work our way around back to US 287. He said that will take problem two (2) or three (3) years. By the time you did that you would have all of Lexington, Stephens, and Turner. He said then we will surround them and we could annex them without their consent. Then we should put on a push to annex all of these areas we surround.

Walt Leonard, City Attorney said the rules have changed some. You would have to go through the annexation process. You will have public hearing, pass an ordinance. It takes approximately two (2) months. That would also change the city ETJ. He said at sometime the city will have 5,000 residents. Then you can go Home Rule.

Chief Rose suggested adding a “service fee” on the water bills for individuals that receives City Ordinance Violation Notices. He thinks this would encourage residents to maintain their yards. This would cover the cost – the 1st one \$5 then \$10.

Walt Leonard said if he issue them a ticket and they correct it then they pay a \$20 administration fee.

Louis Godfrey asked how many warning are issued before a ticket is written.

Chief Rose said 99% of them – the minute they get the card they are out there mowing the grass. He has a couple of residents that are out of town he has to send those two (2). Very rarely he has to issue a citation because they are in a nursing home or hospital.

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Michelle Pittman to accept the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Acceptance of Report

1. Police Department:
2. Fire Department
3. Public Works
4. Administration
5. Parks and Recreation

Discussion and necessary action concerning the following agenda items:

3. New Business

- A. Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Louis Godfrey to accept the resignation from Robin Holmes the Parks & Recreation Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Motion by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Louis Godfrey to appoint Tim Richardson to the Parks & Recreation Board.

Motion carried unanimously

- C. No action was taken to continue the 2013 Membership dues for TEX-21.

- D. No parking signs in front of Chisholm Trail Middle School and Prairie View Elementary School, 20 to 30 feet on either side of the drive ways.

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Cole Blanche to approve No parking signs in front of Chisholm Trail Middle School and Prairie View Elementary School, 20 on each side of the drive ways.

Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Proposed Resolution 2012-05 to designate the Wise County Messenger as the official newspaper.

Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Request from Steve Moore for consideration to relinquish Rhome CCN on US 287 near Ramhorn Hill Road.

Mayor Moore said Steve Moore called the city regarding Rhome's CCN on US 287 near Ramhorn Hill Road.

David Wilson said the city could drill a well to supply water to the Sub-divisions he wants to build.

Louis Godfrey said it is never good to relinquish a CCN.

Mayor Moore said he knows water sheds have been brought up before.

G. TX Local Government Code - Section 21.003 - Members of Municipal Governing Bodies may volunteer.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson said what they have to do is make this legal. She said they have to have a Resolution of who can and where they can serve in a volunteer capacity. She said she would think that Chris Moore can be grandfathered. In the future who can be on? what board and it has to be one of health, safety and welfare. She thinks the fire department is the only one that comes to mind at this time. She asked can she be on the fire department, can Chris Graves be on the fire department, can Cole Blanche be on the fire department, or do they want to limit it to only volunteers - that you can be a volunteer and not an officer. She said somewhere in there it states the Mayor and Fire Chief can't be the same thing.

Walt Leonard, City Attorney said it is simple to do this.

Cole Blanche said he would say no Council Members should be a Department Head. Fire Chief, Police Chief.

Mayor Moore said they can leave it as it is or make changes.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson said they need to do something they can't leave it. She asked Mayor Moore what he wanted to do. Do they want to leave it – State Law limits Mayor and Fire Chief can't be interchangeable. Do they want to say anybody else can serve on the Volunteer Fire Department.

Cole Blanche said for right now yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson asked how do they protect Chris Moore.

Walt Leonard said you just simple say it is limited by State Law, all Council Members are authorized to participate in volunteer safety organizations.

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson seconded by Cole Blanche to adopt a Resolution and authorize the Mayor and Staff to prepare that.

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3. Recess to Executive Session at 8:45 pm at 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 – Pending and threatened litigation – McMahon Contracting, L.P.

5. No Action was taken - Executive Session Item 3.a.

6. Future agenda items:

1. Annexation of CR 4841
2. Codification of Ordinances

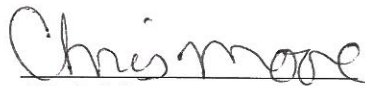
7. Motion was made by Louis Godfrey and seconded by Cole Blanche to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

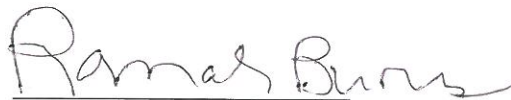
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Passed and approved on this the 8th of November, 2012.



Chris Moore
Mayor



Ramah Burns
City Secretary