



**City Council Meeting
Minutes
Regular Session
August 9, 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: Chris Graves, Cole L. Blanche, and Michelle Pittman.

Absent: Louis Godfrey

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

Mayor Moore led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items:

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members.

None

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

**Mayor Moore asked to remove Police and Parks
Michelle Pittman asked to remove Check registers**

Chief Rose asked if everyone got the report he emailed to them and if they had any questions. He said the cars came in at a lower interest rate. They are \$2,000 cheaper than the other cars. They decided to go with Tahoe's. The Tahoe's are a better deal for the work that they do and the terrain they drive on. They are safer, more comfortable and higher resale value. The Highway Patrol are going with the Tahoe's.

Jo Ann Wilson asked if they needed to get competitive bids.

Chief Rose said they are on the State bid.

Chris Graves asked the fuel consumption.

Chief Rose said there is very little difference.

Mayor Moore said he called and talked with Sheriff David Walker and they are going to be purchasing ten (10) Ford Explorer. They went with this one to try something different. They are going to do all wheel drive.

Cole Blanche said he likes it because they have two (2) rolling off and this will be no different in budget they are the same price that they have budgeted for every year.

Motion was made by Cole Blanche seconded by Chris Graves to approve the new vehicles.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Moore said the new railing has been put in front of the Family Park thanks to the Water/Sewer personnel. They look really good. The neighborhood appreciates it. He said he want to go over what the Park Board is here for. They are here as an advisor board for the council. If they are asked to do something then they can go do it. Everything they do has to be approved by the council. They have no authority to do any thing unless it comes from the council. They can't spend money, negotiate land swap – land that the city owns. They can't do that unless it authorized by the council and the council approves it. He said he doesn't want any issues – he wants it to move smooth. Another thing he wants to see done he to paint the basketball goal. He said there are kids out there almost every night with a tape measure and putting out blue painters tape. He said he got with Preston Gilliam and for \$400 - \$500 we can paint the court. He wanted the council to be aware of this.

Jo Ann Wilson asked if this needed to be run past the Park Board if it's coming out of their budget or do we need to run it through the Parks and have them recommend it.

Mayor Moore said the council do without going through the Park Board.

Jo Ann Wilson said she knew but what about the budgets?

Mayor Moore said this is something that been talked about when the basketball court was originally built. He said this is something that needs to be done.

Jo Ann Wilson asked about the electronic speed sign.

Mayor Moore said he has been putting the speed sign out around 6 pm and leaving it out until 10 pm. He said he has run kids off of it a couple of times.

Chris Graves ask Chief Rose about the Ordinance Logs. There were three (3) in July that were follow up letters to be sent. He asked if he would carry it over to August.

Jo Ann Wilson said she sees one on the sheet that says “abated” and it has not. The one up on Aurora and Randall. The corner lot that has all the garbage piled up.

Chief Rose said the house across the street has been abated. He said he needs to find out where Gus works. Jo Ann Wilson said she thinks Gus needs a ticket.

Michelle Pittman said she was concerned about he General Fund and Water/Sewer Department bank balances. She said on a couple bills we are past due. When you take the bank balances, minus the accounts payable, minus the payroll for August that hasn’t come out we short \$50,000.

Ramah Burns, City Secretary said we have never been late on paying an invoice. The Water/Sewer just spent \$28,000 to Walnut Creek, \$20,000 for the drying box, and \$23,000 on the bar screen that was added to the New West Side Sewer Plant. We have a lot of revenue coming in. Water billing was \$121,000, \$34,500 in Sales Tax this month. We will not have to draw any of savings.

Michelle Pittman said her point that if something is budgeted we need to make sure we have the cash. She wants everyone to be aware of this and work with Ramah.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

1. July 12, 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. July 12, 2012 through August 6, 2012

Discussion and necessary action concerning the following agenda items:

2. Old Business

A. Maps

Mayor Moore said we have four (4) sponsors right now. We have a couple more we are talking with. But we are going to go ahead and do the both sides of the map. He said if we run a little short we use the Hotel/Motel tax because it is promoting Rhome. He said that's what that money is there for. We ordered 250. The map we are getting showing Western Center, Texas Motor Speedway, GE that coming in. This will show Rhome and all of these other places. He said Karen said there is a Trade Show in November for retail. We will have them by then. He said it's in Dallas and he is getting the cost.

B. Pioneer Days

Ronnie Moore said he took the initiative and went ahead and got started.

Chris Graves said the issue that he had with it all is he wants to see the plan written down. He said even for next year. He wants to see a plan well in advance.

Cole Blanche said they need to come up with a date, what streets will need to be shut down, where people are going to park. This needs to be done before we spend any money.

Jo Ann Wilson said she wants to look at allowing these guys to go ahead with September 22, 2012 because we can't wait. We have to say go with it now or forget it. She said they have people in town working together on this. They are working with the Police Chief on the parade.

Mayor Moore said the only thing he wants to see them do is make them a map where everyone is going to be.

Cole Blanche wants to make sure that they are not going to have a huge financial responsibility on either side.

Jo Ann Wilson asked if they were going to ask for any money. Maybe a little out of the parks budget but not even that.

Chris Moore said there is a line item for Fundraising in the budget. He wanted to make sure if they are still doing it and they understood that they are going to have one.

Michelle Pittman said what about in the next 2 weeks, they will get a plan together and email it to the Mayor with a list of how many vendors. If you report in 2 weeks then that is 4 weeks before it going to happen. Then report to Mayor more frequently.

Chris Graves said he just wanted an update. He said can we just go ahead and set it for September 21 & 22 and let them run with it. He said the first day the Bar B Q vendors will set up and some of the vendors. There will be a street dance on September 21st.

3. New Business

A. Proposed Contract renewal for Countywide Inspection Services.

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson seconded by Chris Graves to approve the renewal for Countywide Inspection Services contract for 12 months.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Proposed Resolution 2012-03R – EPA

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson seconded by Cole Blanche to approve Resolution 2012-03R opposing the conclusion by the EPA to designate Wise County, Texas as an addition to the Dallas-Fort Worth area NAAQS 2012 eight-hour ozone non-attainment area.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. International Property Maintenance Code and dilapidated fences.

Mike Doughty, Building Official said none of their cities use this code. He said it is a large undertaking to adopt the code as it is. He said he has seen cities on things that are not being maintained, fences, signs, on those lines pass an ordinance on those things.

He said a lot of cities have Main Street ordinances. He said they can use that book and code book for an ordinance. You can use it for a guide line.

Walt Leonard said that is some of the stuff the Supreme Court put into limbo last year with the City of Dallas Steward case about condemnation. They said some of the ordinances we are using are insufficient under the Texas State Constitution. He said we will probably have to get with the Judge instead of the city board. He said a lot of these are being rethought and redone.

Mayor Moore said they can look into this as a nuisance and do an ordinance. He said the fences were on here. Ramah Burns said the Planning & Zoning Commission is going to research other cities.

Walt Leonard said Judge Minter went to a seminar and he is going to one next month. They should know more then.

B. Personnel Manual

This will be on September 13, 2012 agenda. One change that needs to be made is to add Mayor any time City Administrator is mentioned. Mayor Moore asked them to continue reading and make highlights.

C. Proposed Ordinance 2012-07 – Court of Record

Motion was made by Cole Blanche seconded by Michelle Pittman to adopt Ordinance 2012-07 to begin two (2) years from August 9, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. City's responsibility for daytime coverage for medical & fire emergencies and current status of fire department volunteers.

E. Air Monitoring Site Agreement

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson seconded by Michelle Pittman to authorize staff to negotiate location.

Motion carried 3-1. Chris Graves voted against.

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Fines for Code Violations.

**Chris Graves said this could be a lever to get code violation done.
He said they can work on this.**

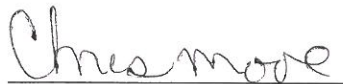
- 4. Recess to Executive Session at 8:24 pm at The Rhome City Council Will Convene Into Executive Session In Compliance With Chapter 551 Of The Texas Government Code (Open Meeting Act) Vernon's Texas Code Annotated, As Follows:**
 - a. Section 551.071 – Pending and threatened litigation – McMahon Contracting, L.P.**
- 5. No Action was taken in Open Session at 8:40 pm- Executive Session Item 4.a.**
- 6. Future agenda items:**
 - 1. Court of Record**
 - 2. Codification of Ordinances**
- 7. Motion was made by Chris Moore and seconded by Chris Graves to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.**

Motion carried unanimously.

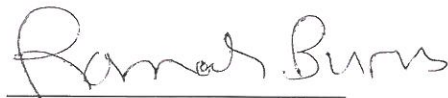
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Passed and approved on this 13th day of September, 2012.



**Chris Moore
Mayor**



**Ramah Burns
City Secretary**