



**City Council Meeting
Minutes
Regular Session
September 13, 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, Michelle Pittman and Louis Godfrey

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

Absent: Walt Leonard, City Attorney

Mayor Moore led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items:

Lee Waldrop – Boyd, TX said the ditch on his lot at Morris and Old Mill Road has been dug out. He has lost several sales on the property. He would like the dirt spread out so it's flat. He wants to see it look pretty again.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members.

Jo Ann Wilson said Pioneer Days will be on September 21 -22 and they could use some help.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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B. Acceptance of Report

1. **Police Department:**
2. **Fire Department**
3. **Public Works**
4. **Administration**

5. Parks and Recreation

**Michelle Pittman asked to remove the Police Report.
Chris Graves asked to remove the minutes and Fire Department**

**Chris Graves said on the minutes is voted NO on Page 6 -Item E. Air
Monitoring Site Agreement.**

**Michelle Pittman said on the Chief's report concerning the ticket writers
and the safety issue.**

**Chief Rose said the screens are hard to read at night and the officers have
to spend a lot more time trying to enter the information. When they work
they work very well when you swipe the DL but when the strip gets messed
up it doesn't work. A lot of times the screen goes really bright. They
seem to be working less and less. It has never been a perfect system
because it isn't linked directly to court. It has to go through the PD.**

Chris Graves asked if the issue was the screen or the scanner.

Chief Rose said so much of the time the magnetic strip is messed up.

Jo Ann Wilson asked if there was anything else out there.

Chief Rose said they went with these because of the court software.

**Louis Godfrey said the city has already spent an enormous amount of
money on these ticket writers. He asked what else can the company do to
make them work right?**

Chief Rose said they are going to continue to use them.

**Michelle Pittman asked Chief Rose to keep track of how many times they
use the ticket writers to how many they write by hand.**

**Chris Graves said on the Fire Department they made 27 calls. He asked of
the 27 calls how many on non responses did they have.**

Chris Moore said right now he can't answer him but he will look into it.

C. Approval of Check Registers

1. August 7, 2012 through September 10, 2012

Discussion and necessary action concerning the following agenda items:

2. Old Business

A. Code of Ordinances

Michelle Pittman asked about Chapter 14 – 59-60 and 61 and missing pages. Do we need to correct that before they accept it?

Ramah Burns said they would do more research.

B. Pioneer Days

Jo Ann Wilson said they are working very hard. They received a \$2,500 sponsorship and several more. She talked about the Bar B Q cookers, bounce house, 23 vendors so far, Ronnie Moore and team will entertain all day; a radio station is coming for \$300. Charles Pennington played the radio 95.5 announcement that was on his phone.

Deborah BeCraft said the announcement plays four (4) times a day for ten (10) days. Then they are going to do 40 commercials for themselves says they are going to be in Rhome at Pioneers Days. Then they will do heavy advertising the final week on the People to People for free. They will have a live remote at Pioneer Days for two (2) hours.

Chris Graves asked if was all free.

Deborah BeCraft said no it was going to be \$500 but they are doing \$300 and \$200 in sponsorship.

Chris Graves asked if that money has already been paid.

Deborah BeCraft said no.

Ronnie Moore said they have a Special Meeting ever week.

Chris Graves asked if there was map where everything was going.

Charles Pennington said they have several maps but would finalize everything on Friday.

Chris Graves asked if they were going to have a parade and have they gotten with the Chief.

Ronnie Moore said yes.

Deborah BeCraft said they tried to address every ones concerns. They little ones will join the parade half way.

Cole Blanche asked on the vendors coming in how many will need power.

Charles Pennington said they didn't have a number but around 10 – 12.

Chris Graves asked where the power will come from.

Ronnie Moore said the old cabinet company, Church of Christ, Country Connections, Time Out and City Hall.

Chris Graves asked if anyone has sent Chris the Mayor a report on any of this yet. At the last meeting they requesting a report be sent in two weeks. A general run down of what was going on.

Jo Ann Wilson said Mayor Moore got the one today.

Ronnie Moore said he wished he could come to some of their meetings.

Chris Graves said he has been to one of their meetings.

Ronnie Moore said but they have one every week.

Chris Graves said the city council asked for an advanced notice of anything that was going to happen. And they haven't received anything -nothing at all. He said for the last two (2) months Charles Pennington hasn't been at the meetings, Ronnie Moore has. He said they haven't received no reports and no paperwork. Nothing turned in as requested. He said that's what he has a problem with. He said he told them two (2) months ago he wanted this to happen as much as everybody else does but it needs to happen the right way. So it's not just craps shoot so whatever happens happens.

Charles Pennington said it's hard to get anything in writing because it is changing day to day.

Chris Graves said put it on paper, make a plan, on the vendors them here, it's not hard to put it on paper then turn it in and give them an idea of what they are looking at.

We've had Ronnie just talking to them about it. We've had other people wanting to come in and they are calling him up and sending him emails and he doesn't know what's going on. He said he has had 2 or 3 people contacting him in the last month.

Ronnie Moore asked is he can get back with them.

Chris Graves said he told them he didn't know – he was on the city council and he had no idea. He said that is something he should know what is going on in the city. Especially, since we are using city money.

Ronnie Moore said they are doing their best to do what they can. He said Deborah BeCraft has busted her rear end. He told Chris Graves he didn't know how to satisfy him. He said if they don't have it on paper it's because it's not complete. He said they have been here every week. They have had a Special called meeting. He said if he wants to know what they are doing please come to the meeting and he can understand what they are doing. Then maybe they can all sit down.

Cole Blanche asked if they can get on the email list to know when the meetings are.

Ronnie Moore said they are all posted.

Michelle Pittman said when they get done with their next meeting – do an email and say what they discussed.

Ronnie Moore said he promised them if he has to spend all night here he would do that. But they don't need to be knocked down every time they come in this building because they are working for the city – what they asked them to do and they are not trying to hurt anybody or do anything behind their back. It's really not right for them to get torn down every time he comes in building.

Charles Pennington said things are changing so much then they are going to come up and they are going to send you something – then they will say why you didn't tell us about this change. He said it changes 2 or 3 times a day.

Chris Graves said if it changes then why don't you up date the Mayor. All you have to do is put it on a little piece of paper.

Ronnie Moore said they aren't real dumb. They will make sure he gets it.

Chris Graves said they asked for it two (2) months ago. He would like to know what's going on.

Ronnie Moore said to come to the meetings.

Chris Graves said he shouldn't have to.

Ronnie Moore said if he was on the city council he would be here. He said if he was up there he would come to every meeting this city had.

Mayor Moore said lets move on before somebody gets too hot.

Chris Graves asked how much money has gone out for Pioneer Days already.

Charles Pennington every thing that is pending as of today will be paid for by donations. They have committed \$2,700 right now.

Ronnie Moore when this get done he hopes they put \$1,000 in the bank . He knows right now they have over \$3,000 coming in. They aren't going to be over budget.

Chris Graves said so they aren't spending city money because these donations are getting belongs to the city. He asked is there money in the Parks budget right now that's going to be written and spent before Pioneer Days.

Mayor Moore said there is money in the budget to be used but they haven't spent any yet. He said once before he doesn't mind spending city money for it but they need to know what they are spending it on.

Ronnie Moore said they need to get the plan finished before he can say Mr. Mayor this is what we are doing. No changes this is what we are going to do on Saturday but they can't do that until they know who is going to be there and exactly what they are spending.

Ronnie Moore said this is not this hard. This is an event that has been going on for 26 years. It's not hard. He said he remembers when they first started they didn't even discuss it in the council chambers. They just had a lot of people that loved everybody in the city and they said lets have Pioneer Days. That's what they did - it should not be this hard. Tell them how much money they are going to have to spend, let these folks go do it and get it done. That's all they are asking for. It's not that hard.

Charles Pennington said if they are going to make it a wrestling match every time your going to be doing it all yourself.

Mayor Moore said if they have \$3,000 in donations and want to spend \$3,000 they don't have a problem with that. He said if they have stuff that needs to be paid bring it in to pay.

Charles Pennington apologized for not being organized. They got this handed to them at such a late date. They have been at a dead run trying to get it put together. He said if you keep making it a wrestling match no one will want to come play with you. You will be doing it yourself.

3. New Business

A. Norm Bulaich – Progressive Waste Solutions of TX, Inc. (IESI)

Motion was made by Louis Godfrey, seconded by Chris Graves to approve the .29 cents increase on garbage collection per home and 2.3% for commercial customers and Front Load/Roll-Off.

Motion carried unanimously.

Norm Bulaich said they wanted to help out with Pioneer Days and offered two (2) dumpsters for Pioneer Days.

B. Resolution 2012-04R, supporting the passage of the NISD \$255,000,000 Bond proposal on November 6, 2012.

Superintendent Karen Rue discussed the Impact of the bond Election for November 6, 2012.

No action

- C. Public Hearing opened at 8:08 pm on a variance request from Future Signs for Big Z/Exxon to add a digital price sign to the exiting high rise sign for gas prices.

Mayor Moore opened the Public Hearing at 8:08 pm.

Ziad “Zack” Dekelbab – Future Signs said the digital sign will provide a digital sign for gasoline prices.

No further comments.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:09 pm.

- D. Action on the variance request from Future Signs for Big Z/Exxon to add a digital price signs to the exiting high rise sign for gas prices.

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Michelle Pittman to approve the variance to allow the Big Z/Exxon to install the digital price sign to the existing high rise sign to adviser the prices.

Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Proposed Ordinance 2012-08, approving and adopting a budget for fiscal year October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013.

Motion was made by Chris Graves, seconded by Cole Blanche to approve the budget for fiscal year October 2, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013.

Motion carried 4-1. Louis Godfrey abstained.

- F. Proposed Ordinance 2012-09, levying municipal taxes for M & O .2309 and I & S .3524 fiscal year October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013.

Motion was made by Chris Graves, seconded by Michelle Pittman to approve the tax rate of .5833 – M & O .2309 and I & S .3524.

Motion carried 4-1. Louis Godfrey abstained

G. Proposed Resolution 2012-04R, financing for Government Capital.

Motion was made by Chris Graves, seconded by Cole Blanche to approve financing for Government Capital on the two (2) Police Cars.

Motion carried unanimously.

H. Re-open the northbound frontage roads just to the south of Rhome.

No action until we have more information.

I. Veterans Day

The city will have a Veterans Day Program in the Veterans Memorial Park on November 10, 2012.

J. Mosquito Spraying.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson and Louis Godfrey said they prefer not to spray. The City Council decided not to spray this year. She wants to get rid of standing water.

Mayor Moore said we don't have the means to spray.

Michelle Pittman asked how many cases have been in Wise County.

Mayor Moore said two (2).

Louis Godfrey said there is natural cedar that you can use. He doesn't use chemical at his house.

K. Proposed Interlocal Agreement with Wise County and the City of Rhome for Fire Protection and first responder services.

Motion by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Louis Godfrey to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Wise County and the City of Rhome for Fire Protection and first responder services.

Motion carried unanimously.

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L. Proposed Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Services with Wise County for fiscal year 2012 – 2013.

Motion was made by Cole Blanche, seconded by Jo Ann Wilson to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Services with Wise County for fiscal year 2012 – 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

M. Workshop date – Fire Department - Personnel Manual.

The Workshop date is October 8th at 6:30 p.m.

4. 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 in Open Session at 9:12 pm- Executive Session Item 4.a.

6. Future agenda items:

1. Court of Record
2. Codification of Ordinances

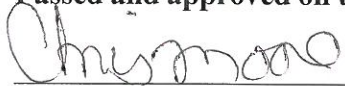
7. Motion was made by Chris Graves and seconded by Cole Blanche to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

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



Chris Moore

Mayor



Ramah Burns

City Secretary