



**City Council Meeting
Minutes
Regular Session
June 14, 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, Chris Graves, Michelle Pittman and Louis Godfrey.

Absent: Council Member Chris Graves

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:

Laura Williams owns a rent house. The neighbor next door goes to city hall constantly and complains about everything. The renter is a widow, she works, and her father is ill in Oklahoma and has to take care of him. She was wondering if there is anything the council can do. Thank you.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson said The Flower Ranch planted flowers and bushes in the Entrance Way Sign on US 287 going towards Fort Worth. The Library has a recycle container for paper. Profits go back to the Rhome Library.

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 Parks.

Mayor Pro Tem asked to remove Police.

Motion was made by Cole Blanche and seconded by Jo Ann Wilson to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Moore said several people resigned and now they have several applying. He said we need to think about what we want to do with the parks. The Family Park seems to be pretty much done. They talked about a fence along the back and a barrier on the front. We need to work together to make a good Master Plan on Parks. We have budget coming up and they can work on it.

Jo Ann Wilson asked about the lot at Aurora Street and Randall Street. She said he talked with the owner Gus and he said he was working on it. He never moved the junk pile or mowed.

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. April 12, 2012 – Regular Session
May 22, 2012 – Special Session – Canvass
May 22, 2012 – Special Session - Oaths

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. April 10, 2012 through June 11, 2012

Discussion and necessary action concerning the following agenda items:

2. Old Business

A. Speed in Crown Point

Robin Holmes said the cars have not slowed down, they speed up. The signs haven't been effective. Maybe stop signs would help.

Jo Ann Wilson said we need to get an electronic signs. Some of the residents want to put in undulations.

Mayor Moore said they would work with the Chief and Preston on signs.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business

A. City Engineer/possible replacement

Louis Godfrey said he would like to see Dannenbaum Engineering. He said Mark Lorange is so familiar with the past and present projects that are going on. The city couldn't find a more knowledgeable person about what's happening in this city. He could also help us with our long term plan.

Mayor Moore said we lost our last engineer. We need one we can go to if we need to.

Walt Leonard said if someone comes in with a plat - the city engineer is the one to review the plat and do so in a certain amount of time because plats have a time frame. He said they are some reasons to have a city engineer. He said that a the city engineer is Professional so you don't have to advertise. You have to feel comfortable with this person and this is a personal relations as long as they are qualified.

Motion was made by Cole Blanche, seconded by Louis Godfrey to make Dannenbaum Engineering the city engineer.

Amended motion was made by Cole Blanche, seconded by Louis Godfrey to appoint Dannenbaum Engineering tentatively and direct staff and Mayor to get some provisions or proposals and bring it back to the council at the July.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Master Plan – Developer's Agreement - Impact Fees

Mayor Moore said they need to work on these items. It's a lot of work, time and cost. He said we need to come up with a developers agreement so when someone comes in there is an agreement in place.

Louis Godfrey said the City Engineer can help with all of these things.

Walt Leonard said it will take the better part of a year.

Cole Blanche asked if we can move forward and have our Mayor go and visit with our new engineering firm to start getting some prices and see how much this entails and we will be ready for our next meeting or how ever long it takes.

Mayor Moore said he thinks we need to have a work shop just for this to work on it before we bring it back to the council and vote on it. He said there is a lot more work to do on it. He said he would get some stuff started.

C. Aerial Map

Mayor Moore said the last aerial map was done in 2005. Some things have changed. Last time we had some sponsors. We don't have the exact cost now. The maps can be used for Economic Development. The latest aerial was done in 2011. He said he would give them a call to see the cost.

D. Proposed Resolution 2012-03R, continued participation with the Steering Committee of cities served by Oncor.

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Cole Blanche to approve Resolution 2012-03R continued participation with the Steering Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Michelle Pittman's resignation from Planning & Zoning Commission possible replacement.

Motion was made by Louis Godfrey, seconded by Cole Blanche to accept Michelle Pittman's resignation.

Motion carried unanimously

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Louis Godfrey to appoint David Wilson to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion carried unanimously

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F.G. & H. Louis Godfrey, Debbie Brown and Elizabeth Rubin's, resignation from Parks Board/possible replacement.

Motion was made by Louis Godfrey, seconded by Cole Blanche to accept Louis Godfrey, Debbie Brown and Elizabeth Rubin's resignations.

Motion carried unanimously

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Michelle Pittman to appoint Charles Pennington, Ronnie Moore and Roger Lewis to the Parks and Recreation Board.

I. Music in the Park

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson said we can use Hotel/Motel Tax to promote Rhome and businesses. She said we could have an event on the last Saturday of the month for the next four 4 months. We could have live music and free hot dogs/drinks.

Motion was made by Louis Godfrey, seconded by Jo Ann Wilson to approve Music in the Park for the next four (4) months.

Motion carried unanimously.

J. Renew annual contract with Code Red.

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Louis Godfrey not to renew the contract with Code Red.

Motion carried unanimously.

K. Traffic control in Rhome

L. Saturday Workshop Date

Workshop date was set for June 30, 2012 from 8 to 12.

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.

b. Section 551.071 – Aurora Water Contract

c. Section 551.071 – Heil Trailer's International

5. No Action was taken in Open Session at 8:38 pm- Executive Session Item 4.a. – 4.b. - 4.c.
6. Future agenda items:
 1. Planning & Zoning Commission openings.
 2. Parks Board openings.
7. Motion was made by Chris Moore and seconded by Chris Graves to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Passed and approved on this 12th day of July, 2012.

Chris Moore
Mayor

Ramah Burns
City Secretary