



**City Council Meeting
Minutes
Regular Session
January 10, 2013- 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: Walt Leonard, City Attorney; Ramah Burns, City Secretary;

Absent: Chief Rose and Preston Gilliam, Public Works Director

Mayor Moore led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Chris Graves, seconded by Louis Godfrey to move 4. A Community Proclamation "Bully Free Community".

Motion carried unanimously.

Todd Rogers, Principal of Chisholm Trail Middle School. He introduced some of their student leaders. Mr. Rogers said they have a Community Proclamation where they want the community to be Bully Free. He said next week they are going to the City of Newark city council. He said they were going to take a picture of the city council and put that and the Proclamation in the school. They are also going to give the city a copy.

Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items:

Jimmy Johnson filled out a form to speak but he will speak later.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson thanked everyone that helped with Santa at City Hall. She said there were about 200 kids. She said Louis Godfrey and Bill Childress took about 200 pictures. It was a total success.

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

A. Approval of Minutes:

- 1. December 13, 2012 Regular Session**

**B. 2. Approval of Check Registers:
December 11, 2012 through January 7, 2013**

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Chris Graves to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. A. Department Reports: Staff Reports (No action needed.)

1. Police Department:

Officer Pennington said Chief Rose was in the hospital and was released to day with light duty. Chief Rose took a stress test and suffered chest pains. They found a blockage and put in a stint.

2. Fire Department - They ran 42 calls for service. 16 City /25 County. City: 3 EMS, 7MVC, 2 Assist, 1 HazMat, 1 Commercial Structure Fire, 1 Residential Fire, 1 False.

3. Public Works –

4. Administration – No new building permits were issued in December. This year the Spirit of Christmas reached out to 65 families and 142 children with gifts and food. Reimbursement was received \$17,500 from the Texas Community Development Block Grant to close out the grant. We are have set up World Pay credit card machines. The new W/S water meter readers have been set up and they will be used in January.

5. Parks and Recreation

Discussion and necessary action concerning the following agenda items:

2. Old Business

A. Codification

Ramah Burns said she received correspondence from Kirk Franklin on publishing the ordinances. Mr. Franklin said we can go ahead and publish everything but the Zoning Ordinances. When it is complete they will publish it for no additional charges.

B. Police Department – K-9 - This was moved to February 14, 2013 because Chief Rose was not present.

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C. Amend Ordinance 2012-04 – 70.89 – Parking in Residential Districts

Motion was made by Cole Blanche, seconded by Chris Graves to add “trailers” to the ordinance and to leave “for a period of not to exceed ninety six (96) consecutive hours”.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business

B. Peter J. Chaney, Audit for fiscal year October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

Motion was made by Louis Godfrey, seconded by Cole Blanche to approve the audit for October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Proposed Ordinance 2013-01, ordering an election for May 11, 2013 for the purpose of electing three (3) Council Members for a two (2) year term.

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Cole Blanche to approve Ordinance 2013-01.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Disposal of Paint, Tires, etc.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson said she has some costs for this project but will check around for others.

E. Public Forum for May Council Candidates

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson said she would like to have a “meet the candidate” to be two (2) weeks before the Election.

Louis Godfrey said candidates can set up a table and talk with people.

F. Possible use of Notebook computers for Councilmember’s for city business.

Motion was made by Chris Graves, seconded by Louis Godfrey to approve the Notebook and cases for \$300 each and all council members will have a city email account.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Pavilion for Family Park and raffle items.

Charles Pennington, Parks Board Chairman said they are planning a Chili cook off on February 23rd. He said for Pioneer Days they want to raffle a TV and grill. Chris Graves said they need to get those donated so all of the raffle money will go to the parks. They have also been discussing a 40 x 40' covered pavilion with a 2' raised stage on one end of it. He said they could rent it out to the public. He said what they are thinking is if you want electricity is the folding tables and chairs then you pay a fee.

Mayor Moore said or like the one in Lewisville, they just put picnic tables that is set. If people want to rent it they can bring chairs.

Charles Pennington said the last function the sand was blowing and this way they would be on a concrete slab with lights. He said in the winter they can put some sides on it made so they can have Santa in the Park and the Christmas Tree.

Mayor Moore said they wanted a plan of all they would like to do and this is the order. He said they can't do it all at once.

Cole Blanche said they have already approved paving of the front, stripping of the basketball court and the fence in the back. He said he would like to know how much money was going to be left in that account after those things.

Chris Graves said he is for the pavilion. He said we need it and can use it. He said his concern is the Master Plan. He said he has heard water parks, pavilion. He said we have one (1) park now. When Rolling V develops they have 96 acres set aside for parks. He asked if a larger pavilion there and a small in this park if we need to. He said a few months ago they asked for a Master Plan. He said they have a list of events. He said if they have ideas put them down. Get a diagram of the park and put on it where you want to put the water park, pavilion there. Then they can raise money for the park when they have a plan. The park can pay for all of it.

Mayor Moore said right now they have a certain amount of dollars. He said all of the departments have a budget. If they have it they have it. If not they move it to the following year. He asked can they look at doing the pavilion. Get with Preston to see what it would cost to pave in the front of the park. He said he preferred asphalt.

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Charles Pennington said we can get some loose concrete and have the back hoe run over it. He said the base material he didn't know if would get hard where we can strip it.

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Louis Godfrey to approve the pavilion.

Jo Ann Wilson & Louis Godfrey voted yes. Chris Graves & Cole Blanche voted no for more information. Michelle Pittman abstain

Mayor Moore said for them to produce a plan for February's agenda.

4. Future agenda items:

1. Family Park – design for pavilion – long range plan.
2. Incentives for Fire Department
3. K-9 Unit


5. Motion was made by Louis Godfrey and seconded by Cole Blanche to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Passed and approved on this the 14th of February, 2013.



Chris Moore
Mayor



Ramah Burns
City Secretary