



**City Council Meeting
Minutes
Regular Session
March 14, 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;
James Rose, Police Chief and Preston Gilliam, Public Works Director

Mayor Moore led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Presentation and Public Input:

None

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

Michelle Pittman said she works at the Kimball Art Museum. She said they are offering Rhome residents ½ price off tickets.

Jo Ann Wilson said the Parks Board will have “Easter in the Park” this year.

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. February 14, 2013 Regular Session

- B. 2. **Approval of Check Registers:**
February 12, 2013 through March 11, 2013

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson said there would be an Easter egg hunt on March 30th - 10:00 am.

1. A. Department Reports: Staff Reports (No action needed.)
 1. Police Department:
 2. Fire Department -
 3. Public Works –
 4. Administration –
 5. Parks and Recreation

Michelle Pittman asked to pull off the consent agenda, Parks, Fire Department and Minutes. She asked if changes were made to the minutes. Ramah Burns said yes. She asked on the Fire Department are they going to address the incentives and schedule later. She asked concerning the Parks did we set a date for Meet the Candidates? Jo Ann Wilson said it has been set. She said it is the Saturday before Early Voting begins. She asked if they were doing all the preparation to get ready for that. Jo Ann Wilson said she didn't know she was sure they were.

Discussion and necessary action concerning the following agenda items:

2. New Business
 - A. Trent Tabor from the Sterile Doctor was moved down on the agenda.
 - B. Removal of Committee or Board Member after missing three (3) consecutive regular meetings.

Chris Graves said the Boards and Committees should follow same guidelines as the City Council. If they miss three (3) regular meetings they loose their seat.

Motion was made by Chris Graves, seconded by Jo Ann Wilson to authorize the Attorney and Staff to move forward.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Proposed Ordinance 2013-03, adopting and enacting a New Code of Ordinances.

Walt Leonard, City Attorney said when this is approved the old Code of Ordinances will be replaced with the New Code of Ordinances.

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Chris Graves to approve Ordinance 2013-03 adopting and enacting a New Code of Ordinances.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

A. K-9 Unit

Jo Ann Wilson asked if the K-9 will be used in the County.

Chief Rose said the Officer hasn't been coming out much. He said the Sheriff's Department doesn't work that much traffic. He said they aren't going to Bridgeport. If they are close we would help.

Motion was made by Cole Blanche, seconded by Chris Graves to pass a Resolution authorizing the Council, Mayor, Staff and Chief of Police to enter into any agreement necessary to accomplish setting up the K-9 Unit using the K-9 and the Officer's car.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Personnel Manual

Mayor Moore said he and Ramah made some changes to the manual.

Walt Leonard said a lot of his notes are this is what it says and what do you want to do.

Workshop on set for March 20, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

C. Communication Equipment

Mayor Moore said they asked Chief Rose to get prices for the Radio's. He asked Chief Rose to see if Government would finance this.

Chief Rose said the cost for eight (8) radios, shoulder mic and base station is \$17,905.52.

A. Presentation of Sterile Doctor application for Rhome Family Park and Veteran's Park.

Trent Tabor was present and he explained how the application of his product keeps germs down. He said they would like to do the application to both parks at no charge. He asked the city to advertise his company. He said he would get us his MSDS sheet. He said it would take about an hour to spray the park. He said they can go to their web site at www.steriledoctor.com to find out more information.

Mayor Moore asked Jo Ann Wilson if she would help with the media part of this.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson said she would be happy to if Brandon Evans from the Wise County Messenger would be working on it also.

Motion was made by Louis Godfrey, seconded by Cole Blanche to move forward after we receive the MSDS sheets.

Motion carried unanimously

D. Incentives Schedules

Mayor Moore said there was a schedule in their envelope.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson said another thing in Walt Leonard's letter of February 27th vaguely suggests we need a contract with the volunteers that are going to be doing the incentives before we move forward. She asked has that happened.

Walt Leonard said they can have a contract or they can have a statement of the rules which they could sign off on it. The city can have a program and specific how it's going to work. The Fire Department could have something that says anyone that's a member in good standing can be eligible if they agree to operate under the terms.

Mayor Moore said they talked about adding this to the Fire Department By-laws.

Walt Leonard said this is not a guaranteed right. It is basically gift from the city and it's budgeted. If the council budgets \$1,000 per year and we run out of that in July then it stops. He said anyone that gets this is subject to a 1099.

- Mayor Moore said he would get a list to Ramah with everybody's that's participating.

Michelle Pittman said she would like to make a positive comment. A schedule was set on February 24th and on February 28th on their first and only daytime shift that is the day they had an alarm call at Chisholm Trail Middle School. There was a person here that was able to answer the call. The school was evacuated. She believes it is a positive program.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson said she didn't think anyone is objecting to the program we just need to get out ducks in a row to set it in place and go forward. She said the intent of this was to bring in more volunteers. She asked if anyone else had applied.

Mayor Moore said a couple did the other night. He said Walt Leonard and he will work on that.

4. Recessed into Executive Session at 7:50 pm on Executive Session in

Executive Session in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (Open Meeting Act) Vernon's Texas Code Annotated, as follows:

- a. Section 551.072 – Real Property
- b. Section 551.071 – Potential land acquisition – utility sites.
- c. Section 551.072 - Personnel – Fire Department

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5. No action was taken at 9:00 pm in - Executive Session Item on Items 4.a. and 4.b.
6. Future agenda items:
 1. Front Street/Russell Street
7. Motion was made by Louis Godfrey and seconded by Cole Blanche to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Passed and approved on this the 11th of April, 2013.



Chris Moore
Mayor



Ramah Burns
City Secretary