



**City Council Minutes
Regular Session
August 14, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**

Rhyme City Hall
105 First Street
Rhyme, TX 76078

Council Present: Mayor Louis Godfrey; Mayor Pro Tem Charles Pennington; Council Members: Jo Ann Wilson, Michelle Pittman, David Wilson and Ronnie Moore.

Staff Present: Walt Leonard, City Attorney; Brandon Davis, Police Chief; and Ramah Burns, City Secretary

Mayor Godfrey called the meeting to order and announce a quorum was present:

Mayor Godfrey led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Presentation and Public Input:

None

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Godfrey and Council presented a “Citizen Award” plaque to Marie Moore in recognition of Outstanding Lifetime Achievement to the City of Rhyme and the residents.

1. **Recess to Executive Session at 7:03 p.m.: The Rhyme 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 – Pavilion/Concrete – Potential Litigation**
- b. **Section 551.074 – Personnel – Potential Litigation**

2. **Action at 8:46 p.m. p.m. was taken on - Executive Session Item 1.**

Motion was made by Charles Pennington, seconded Ronnie Moore to authorize the Mayor to all the information on the 40 x 80 pavilion to our engineer’s and have them over it and if they have any questions to get them back before the council and proceed on it.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business

- A. Proposed Ordinance 2014-06, approving the budget for the fiscal year October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015.**

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Charles Pennington to adopt Ordinance 2014-06, approving the budget for the fiscal year October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Proposed Ordinance 2014-07, approving the tax rate of .5833 – I & S .4083 and M & O .175 for fiscal year October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015.**

Motion was made by David Wilson, seconded by Charles Pennington to adopt Ordinance 2014-07, approving the tax rate of .5833 – I & S .4083 and M & O .175 for fiscal year October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Appoint Alternate Judge Renee Marks.**

Motion was made Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Charles Pennington to appoint Alternate Judge Renee Marks as the Municipal Courts Alternate Judge.

Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Community Center Rentals**

Jo Ann Wilson said they have a Community Center Rental form. She would like to add one footnote to the bottom of the form - "Entities that perform appropriate Community service may schedule the use of the Community Center at no charge".

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson seconded by David Wilson to accept the form as is adding - "Entities that perform appropriate Community service may schedule the use of the Community Center at no charge".

Michelle Pittman said she had one clarification – the form states you can have a bounce house. She asked are there room for them.

Ronnie Moore said he didn't think so.

Michelle Pittman asked if they could strike that wording and just leave it as DJ's.

Jo Ann Wilson amended the motion, seconded by David Wilson to strike off bounce houses.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Purchase Order System

Michelle Pittman said a purchase order system is a good idea. Most companies use it. They set a limit of \$500 - \$1,000. Anything under that, as long as it's budgeted doesn't need one. Anything over the limit would have to have a purchase order before you buy it and get the proper person to authorize it. She said it's a way to track your spending and manage your cash.

Ronnie Moore asked do they want to set the limit of \$250 or \$500.

Charles Pennington said he thought \$250.

Michelle Pittman said \$250 is really low.

Jo Ann Wilson said Department Heads approve the PO according to their budget.

Motion by Charles Pennington, seconded by Ronnie Moore to authorize the Mayor and Ramah Burns to move towards a purchase order system to be place by October 1, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. Sell skid unit to other Fire Department

Motion by Charles Pennington, seconded by Ronnie Moore to authorize the sale of the skid unit to another Fire Department for \$3,500.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Water/Sewer projects

Sam Dorsett, Public Works Director discussed the capacity of the sewer plants.

- 2. 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. July 10, 2014 - Regular Session**
- 2. July 19, 2014 – Special Session**

B. Approval of Check Registers:

July 8, 2014 through August 11, 2014

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

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

Michelle Pittman said she had one change in the minutes of July 10, 2014.

Jo Ann Wilson said she didn't see the Fire Department report.

Mayor Godfrey said Chief Miller sent the report but we couldn't open it. He is going to work on their software.

Charles Pennington said he would like the Department Head reports in the Friday before the Council Meeting.

Motion was made by Charles Pennington, seconded by Jo Ann Wilson to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Old Business:

A. Electrical at Family Park

Ronnie Moore asked if anybody come up with anyone to talk to or give us a bid.

Ramah Burns said they need the specks.

Mayor Godfrey said one thing they are having a problem with not being able to put electrical at every table. We'll have to keep them locked for safety. He said the old plan had it looping to each one.

Ronnie Moore said the plans he had seen didn't have electrical plugs at every picnic table. He said that was new to him. He thought the plans he saw had 7 or 8. He didn't see anything that had one at every table.

Ramah Burns said they made a motion to cancel the contract.

David Wilson said he didn't think they were to be turned on all the time. Only on special events.

Jo Ann Wilson said you would lock the box not at every individual table.

Charles Pennington said let's get a bid for electrical at every table.

Mayor Godfrey asked how many posts do they want in the back of the park.

Deborah BeCraft said two (2) or three (3) 20 amp across the back.

David Wilson said they are going to have to put a big circuit in the park – bigger than what they've got. He said they are going to have to put up a bigger pole, bigger circuit and bigger panel.

Ronnie Moore said the last time they discussed this there were 2 or 3 people that did electrical that were going to give us a bid.

Mayor Godfrey said if they go over \$8,000 they are going to have to have an engineer.

David Wilson said he can guarantee it will be over \$8,000.

Charles Pennington said Mayor Godfrey to run the electrical and pavilion by the engineer.

Mayor Godfrey said he would pass this to the engineer with everything else and they want to have electrical to every pavilion.

Charles Pennington said to get a bid for that. He said to get a bid off of Deborah Be Craft's spec's and have the engineer look at it.

B. Fire Department Chapter 5

Jo Ann Wilson said she likes what Walt Leonard sent us by on Chapter 5 with just a few changes. She said she would get that to Walt Leonard.

Michelle Pittman marked the changes from Jo Ann Wilson and she had a few.

Motion was made by Charles Pennington, seconded by Ronnie Moore to accept Chapter 5.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Future agenda items:
7. Motion was made by David Wilson adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

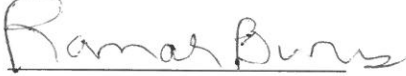
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Passed and approved on this the 11th of September, 2014.


Louis Godfrey

Mayor



Ramah Burns

City Secretary