



**City Council Minutes
Special Session
April 25, 2014 – 7:10 pm**

Rhome City Hall
105 First Street
Rhome, TX 76078

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

Staff Present: Ramah Burns, City Secretary

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

1. 2014 Pierce Mini-Pumper Fire Truck

Mayor Moore said they had a presentation last week by Jason Miller. He stated several times this was an emergency and Mayor Moore said he does, too. Since this is an emergency they need to do something. As requested by the Council they went to Pete Chaney, CPA. Ramah Burns called him and he gave us a good to go. He said with that he would entertain a motion.

Jo Ann Wilson said she would like to ask what Ramah Burns what Pete Chaney said about the city Bond Rating and what this would do to our bond rating.

Ramah Burns said the city has an A+ rating.

Jo Ann Wilson asked if this would take it away. She asked if we have more debt would it go down.

Ramah Burns said that wasn't discussed.

Michelle Pittman said it wasn't on that questionnaire we filled out. The bond rating would be good for 2 or 3 years.

Jo Ann Wilson said asked Jason Miller if they could go straight to Pierce to buy the truck.

Jason Miller said she have to go through a Dealer now. They are on a State contract. If you buy it through that there is a \$2,000 fee. He said it would be the same price.

Jo Ann Wilson said Jason Miller did an excellent presentation. She said she believes they need a truck. She asked do they think they owe it to the citizens to go out on a ten (10) contingency bid to see what we get.

Jason Miller said he doesn't think they will do any better. He said he found a truck that was pretty similar but on a single cab chassis from another manufacture the price was \$199,000. He said he told them what we had and the price and what we got it for – he said sorry we can't come down off that price.

Jo Ann Wilson said she asked are they willing to take on an additional debt of \$173,000.

Jason Miller said that is a lot of money but they are willing to get out and work on fund raisers for it. He said the Fire Support Brigade is going to work with them. He said they will be really surprised.

Jo Ann Wilson said she has no doubt they will have good help its just saddling them with a lot of money – debt to go along with the other truck.

Jason Miller said he understands that and they have to ask those questions.

Ramah Burns said they will have one (1) bond paid off in September of this year and another in August of 2017. Then the bond payments will drop to \$200,000 instead of \$450,000. She said the bonds are from CO's and Certificate of Obligations – this is a separate expense like you are financing a pickup truck. That has nothing to do with our bond payments.

Michelle Pittman said when the radios are paid off that money can use for the truck and that will be \$8,000.

Motion was made by Louis Godfrey, seconded by Ronnie Moore to authorize the Mayor to purchase the 2014 Pierce Mini Pumper.

Motion carried 4-1. Jo Ann Wilson abstained.

2. Proposed Resolution 2014-02R, regarding the contract for the purpose of financing the fire truck.

Motion was made by Louis Godfrey, seconded by Charles Pennington to approve Resolution 2014-02 approving the contract for financing the 2014 Pierce Mini Pumper.

Motion carried 4-1. Jo Ann Wilson abstained.

3. Personnel changes in the Fire Department

Mayor Moore said everyone know that Robert Pratt step down as the Chief. He said right now Jason Miller is the Acting Chief. He said he will be that until the members have an election and they decide what's going to happen at that point.

Jo Ann Wilson asked if they need to approve Jason Miller and accept Robert Pratt's resignation.

Motion was made by Ronnie Moore, seconded by Jo Ann Wilson to accept Jason Miller as the Acting Chief

Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Miller said he wanted to make the council aware of a recent change at the Fire Department. He said the Fire Department has been made aware of some issues that we felt needed to be addressed. A business meeting was called on April 21, 2014 at 19:30.

At the business meeting Robert Pratt officially resigned as the Fire Chief of the Rhome Fire Department. He said he was voted Acting Fire Chief by the members of the Department until the next Officer Election which is due in December 2014. He said Robert Pratt has chosen to stay with the Department as a Firefighter. He said they look forward to building and maintaining a relationship with the Mayor, Council and Citizens of Rhome and the Fire District that they serve and are excited about taking the Department forward in a new direction.

4. Motion was made by Louis Godfrey, seconded by Chris Moore to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Motion carried unanimously

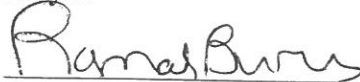
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Passed and approved on this 16th day of June 2014.


Louis Godfrey

Mayor



Ramah Burns

City Secretary



**City Council Minutes
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May 16, 2014 – 7:00 pm**

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Staff Present: Ramah Burns, City Secretary and Preston Gilliam, Public Works Director

- 1. Proposed Ordinance 2014-05 – Canvassing returns on the City Election held May 10, 2014 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) Council Members for a two (2) year term.**

Mayor

Louis Godfrey	117
Mark Lorange	88

Council Members

Michelle Pittman	90
Tim W. Robison	79
Jason M. Miller	38
Jo Ann Wilson	122
Shawn Holliman	48

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by Charles Pennington to adopt Ordinance 2014-05 canvassing returns on the City Election held May 10, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Chris Moore administered the OATH OF OFFICE to Mayor Elect Louis Godfrey.

Mayor Godfrey presented a Certificate to Mayor Moore and said on behalf of the City Council, the residents we would like to thank you very much for servicing as Mayor of the City.

Mayor Moore said he turned the seat over to you Mr. Mayor.