



**City Council Minutes
Regular Session
July 10, 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

None

1. New Business

A. Public Hearing opened at 7:01 p.m. on Planning & Zoning Commission membership

Public Hearing closed at 7:02 pm.

B. Action on Planning & Zoning Commission membership

Motion was made by Jo Ann Wilson, seconded by David Wilson to amend the Planning & Zoning Commission changing the requirements of membership to must live in the city limits of Rhyme.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Public Hearing on the 2013 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

No comments

D. Fill vacancies on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion was made by Ronnie Moore, seconded by Jo Ann Wilson to appoint Julie Weldon to the Planning & Zoning Commission to fill the seat vacated by David Wilson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Michelle Pittman, seconded by Ronnie Moore to appoint Steve Cole to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion carried 4-1. David Wilson abstained.

E. Budget workshop date in August.

August 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

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. June 16, 2014 - Regular Session

B. Approval of Check Registers:

June 10, 2014 through July 7, 2014

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

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

Jo Ann Wilson asked to remove Police.

Mayor Godfrey asked to remove Fire Department.

Police Department

Chief Davis said the officers have stepped up with their initiative. Personnel files are being reexamined for compliance with TCOLE. The new fence is up and the hedges were trimmed by Chris and Mark with Public Works. The facility received its initial cleaning where two dumpsters were filled. The A/C has been repaired. We are getting a bid to repair the lobby door will be repaired and the lobby retextured. Mayor Godfrey supplied a new router and connected it resulting in lightning speed. SGT Pennington has compiled a list of all vehicle faults that must be addressed immediately.

SGT. Pennington introduced David Mulkey from COPSINC.

David Mulkey explained how COPSINC worked to provide technology and safety for the officer's. The key benefits include – Information Sharing, Officer Safety, Optimized Efficiency, Proactive Enforcement, Intuitive Interface, Real-Time Data Collection, Standardized Data Collection, Real Time Information Sharing, Offense Reporting, DWI Reporting, e-Crash Reporting, e-Citation, Law Reference Library, Criminal Trespass Warning, BOLO Data, and COP sync Messenger an Email.

Council set a Special Date of July 19, 2014 to review and make a motion.

Fire Department:

Minutes amended 8-15-2014

Chief Miller said Katy Wacasey resigned on July 7, 2014. He said he has requested a written resignation. He said he will forward it to Mayor Godfrey as soon as he receives it. With Katy leaving they don't have a certified fire trainer that can sign our members off on their state mandated skills training. Michelle Pittman has chosen to take over that role, but must attend a class online for fire instructor that cost \$250.00. They had a membership drive on July 4th weekend. They received two (2) applications, one of which has already been placed on board the Department. This brings to total membership to nine (9), only five (5) live in the Fire District. He said all the new members, must complete a 70 hr online course in Basic Firefighting before being allowed to fight any fires. The cost of the course is \$250.00. They have four (4) members that need this course, two of which are taking it now and need to be reimbursed for the cost, and two that cannot start until the Department pays for the course. He said Christian Collins has been on the Fire Department for approximately 5 months. He has given numerous hours and has exceeded his monthly required hours each month. The Department would like to pay for him to attend the fire academy cost of \$2,500.00. Chief Miller said concerning the 4th of July fireworks, he would like to have that as an annual event for the Fire Department.

3. Old Business:

A. Fire Department Chapter 5

Moved to Executive Session

B. Veterans Park Donation Plaque

Mayor Godfrey showed a picture of the Veterans Plaque he was working on. He said Dan Kelly and Grete Barradas are listed on the plaque along with the Bronze Star Donors. He said it would look beautiful and you can names add to it.

Ronnie Moore said he thought the Park Board Members should be on the plaque.

C. Contract on Electrical work at Family Park.

Walt Leonard said the last time they met they talked about getting electrical work for the Family Park. He said his impression was they were asking parties both to do it firm under which they were going to proceed to provide a more standardized contract. They received a proposal which is not up to the standard of a contract. It states the various things that are going to be done but doesn't give any specifics of what is actually going to be provided. There are nebulae terms about costs and there is an open ended provision for costs for labor. That doesn't mean you can't do that but it very dangerous. He said from what he remembered is not what the council asked them to do. He said they needed further guidance from the Council of what you want. Because what they received is not the normal things you would have for a contract. They need to come up with a contract and if they can't do it he could get us one. He thought the idea was to save the money.

David Wilson said he thinks we need to go back to the contractor and give us an itemized statement of what the scope of the work is and the actual cost, labor, and materials.

Walt Leonard said they have a general idea of the labor but no affirmation that if it takes longer than that then we pay for it.

Deborah BeCraft said they said to do time and material.

David Wilson said that is not a contract.

Deborah BeCraft said her husband, Jeff BeCraft is not a Master Electrician that's why they cannot do that. It has to come through Danny Kelly. All Jeff can do is tell you what we think you need and this is how we will be doing it.

Walt Leonard said the specs are not specific either. It's just a generic state of this or that no specifications as to type, there are no warranties.

Deborah BeCraft asked if there were manufacturer warranties on the materials. She asked how can they warranty beyond that.

Walt Leonard said they could warrant the work. He said contracts are on the internet. He said he can do it but it's a cost to the city.

Mayor Godfrey said what they need is an itemized list of how much of each thing we need and cost for each.

Walt Leonard said the contract is different. He said they could always go to bids. They could ask for formal proposals.

Jo Ann Wilson said she didn't think they have specks of what they want so it would be difficult to ask for a proposal.

Ronnie Moore said he thought they have done specks. He thought they had a print of everything.

David Wilson said he didn't see a problem with the specks. He said he has a problem with the person not wanting to write a contract on the specks that he gave us.

Jo Ann Wilson said she didn't think they should use their work papers to go out to bid.

Ronnie Moore asked what they decided to do.

Deborah BeCraft said there was a price list on the first papers they turned in. The prices could fluctuate. She said digging the trench wasn't in the price.

Mayor Godfrey asked that she get the price list to Danny Kelly.

- 4. Recess to Executive Session: 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 551.074 – Personnel**
- b. Section 551.072 – Real Property**
- c. Section 551.071 – Potential litigation – TCEQ**

- 5. Action at 10:28 p.m. was taken on - Executive Session Item 4.**

Motion was made by Ronnie Moore, seconded David Wilson to authorize the Mayor to respond to TCEQ.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Future agenda items:**
- 7. Motion was made by David Wilson and seconded by Jo Ann Wilson to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.**

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

CERTIFICATION:

Passed and approved on this the 14th of August 2014.


Louis Godfrey

Mayor



Ramah Burns

City Secretary