



**City Council Minutes
Regular Session
January 20th , 2015 – 7:00 p.m.**

Rhome City Hall
105 First Street
Rhome, TX 76078

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Pennington called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and announced a quorum. Council members present were Joann Wilson and David Wilson. Michelle Pittman and Ronnie Moore were absent.

Staff Present: Walt Leonard, City Attorney; Brandon Davis, Chief of Police; and Angie Young, City Secretary.

Council member David Wilson gave the invocation and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Pennington advised that there would be new court rules to address dress codes and procedures for attending court

Citizen Presentation and Public Input:

No citizens gave presentation.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Joann Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8th, 2015 and David Wilson seconded the motion. All voted aye, the motion carried.

Public Works Director Sam Dorsett was not present; Mayor Pro Tem Charles Pennington gave an update of the progress of the work at the sewer plant. The City has hired a company to come remove the medium with a vacuum truck, sift and separate it, and then put it back. This process saved 95% of the medium versus replacing it. The sewer plant should be back online by next Friday.

Regular Agenda

A. Bill Norman was not present so Mayor Pro Tem Charles Pennington addressed the issue of the relocation of the property lines. He noted that there had been three surveys and all three came back the same. However, it looks like the surveys may have been pulled from the wrong location and it will need to be re-surveyed and the fence may have to be redone.

B. Jimmy Johnson was present to address his request to construct a carport at 700 Stirling as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Board. Mayor Pro Tem Charles Pennington noted that we approved another carport request at the last meeting. City Attorney Walt Leonard advised that council consider whether it is compatible with the existing structure and the neighborhood and does it meet the guidelines. Mr. Johnson said that he is actually overbuilding it in the sense that he is going above and beyond the guidelines and requirements. Council member Joann Wilson made a motion to accept the plans to construction of a carport at 700 Stirling and David Wilson seconded the motion. All voted aye, the motion carried.

C. Mayor Pro Tem Charles Pennington addressed the status of the zone change request at the 200 block of Iron Horse Court. He noted that letters were sent to property owners but apparently not all property owners were sent letters. City Attorney Walt Leonard advised that based on an updated list of property owners from the tax office there would be letters sent to property owners within 200 feet, additional public hearings, and back before the Planning & Zoning Board to address this request.

D. Council member Joann Wilson addressed the property next to the Police Department. She noted that there is property on both sides of the Police Station and she would like for council to approve her to check into seeing what it would take to expand the Police Department. She mentioned the possibility of getting the property donated. Council member David Wilson made a motion to approve having Council member Joann Wilson check into what it would take to acquire the property and Mayor Pro Tem Charles Pennington seconded the motion. All voted aye, the motion carried. Council member Joann Wilson will have a report at the next meeting

E. Mayor Pro Tem Charles Pennington addressed Resolution No. 2014-01R as it pertains to the purchase of a new police vehicle. He explained the purchased that the purchase has already been approved and the resolution is a formality required by the financing company. He further explained that most of the equipment for it would be coming from other vehicle and inventory. Council member Joann Wilson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-01R for the purchase of police vehicle and related equipment in the amount of \$29,857.27. Council member David Wilson seconded the motion. All voted aye, the motion carried.

F. City Attorney Walt Leonard explained that the Joint Election Agreement is the standard agreement we have entered into before to conduct elections in conjunction with the Northwest School Board. Council member David Wilson made a motion to approve the contract and Council member Joann Wilson seconded the motion. All voted aye, the motion carried.

Executive Session: At 7:12pm council took a short recess and at 7:17pm entered into Executive Session to discuss contracting engineer services. At 8:03pm council reconvened into open session. Council member David Wilson made a motion to employee Environmental Service, Planning, Engineering & Construction Management as City Engineers. Joann Wilson seconded the motion. All voted aye, the motion carried.

At 8:11pm, there being no further business David Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Joann Wilson seconded the motion. All voted aye, the motion carried.

CERTIFICATION:

Passed and approved on this the 24th day of February, 2015.

Charles Pennington
Mayor Pro Tem

Angie Young
City Secretary