



**City Council Minutes
Regular Session
March 12th, 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 Jo Ann Wilson, David Wilson, Michelle Pittman, and Ronnie Moore were present.

Staff Present: City Attorney, Walt Leonard, and City Secretary, Angie Young

Council member David Wilson gave the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Charles Pennington led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

Council member Jo Ann Wilson announced that there was a dentist office coming to Rhome, Council member Pittman announced that there would be a Fire Department meeting for recruitment and sign up for auxiliary, and Mayor Pro Tem Pennington announced that he has met with the contractors on the Taco Casa Project and they are ready to break ground next week.

Citizen Presentation and Public Input:

No citizens gave presentation.

Consent Agenda

Department Head Reports – Chief Davis went over issues regarding personnel, Jason Debord is retiring at the end of March and they still need 1 more officer. They need a full time Criminal Investigator. They are not considering first timers; it will take 4 – 5 months to fill the position adequately. Mayor Pro Tem Pennington said the council will need to look at the financials to see if adding an officer is feasible. Chief Davis also went over the racial profiling report. Darrell Fitch from the Volunteer Fire Department spoke on their behalf, stating that at this time most maintenance is complete and they have most of the equipment needed. He also noted that Corbin is doing well. Council member Wilson congratulated the Fire Department on no missed calls since August 28th, 2015. They will need to look at incentive pay in the budget for new members. They have most of their new gear but still need one radio but it can wait until next budget year. City Secretary Angie Young gave a brief report on the financials, noting that there are still some budget corrections to be made and that an up to date budget report will be available at the next meeting.

Council member Jo Ann Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20th, 2015 Regular Meeting, and the February 27th, 2015 Special Meeting. Ronnie Moore seconded the motion. All voted aye, the motion carried.

Regular Agenda

A. Pete Chaney reported on the audit, giving a “non-qualified” auditor’s opinion, giving a brief history of the revenues noting and increase in the General Fund and a decrease in the Water Sewer Fund. The deficit in the Water Sewer is due to an overage in expenses. He also noted that Court Fines have increased 23.84%. Expenses overall were down by 2.39% resulting in a reduction in the cost to run the city by \$29,000.00. Mr. Chaney went over all of the Capital Assets and Debt which was at almost 3 million at the year-end but the city has paid down \$448,000.00 in notes and bonds. He commented that the city had a decent year and with the end of the NISD contract the Water Sewer Fund deficit should be less. He recommended moving \$120,000.00 from the Water Sewer Budget and putting it in the General Fund Budget for streets. He encouraged the city to pursue drilling a well to reduce costs and added that the city could make up to \$413,000.00 by doing so. Mayor Pro Tem Pennington advised that the city has applied for a grant to do that and we are waiting to hear back.

Mayor Pro Tem Pennington advised that Item B. should have been removed from the agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Pennington asked that Item C. be addressed in the Workshop meeting on March 24, 2015

Council member Jo Ann Wilson made a motion to approve the Wise County Election contract for the May 9, 2015 and Ronnie Moore seconded the motion. All voted aye, the motion carried.

Council member Jo Ann Wilson made a motion to approve a Resolution designating the Wise County Messenger as the official paper of the City of Rhome. Council member David Wilson seconded the motion. All voted aye, the motion carried.

At 7:27pm council recessed into Executive Session regarding the structure of personnel. At 8:30pm council reconvened into open session.

There being no further business Council member David Wilson made a motion to adjourn, followed by a second by Ronnie Moore. All voted aye, the motion carried.

CERTIFICATION:

Passed and approved on this the 24TH day of March, 2015.

**Charles Pennington
Mayor Pro Tem**

**Angie Young
City Secretary**