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**RHOME CITY COUNCIL MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: August 10th, 2017

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Pittman Di Credico called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Call roll to establish a quorum

Mayor Pittman Di Credico announced that a quorum of council members were present. Elected officials present: Michelle Pittman Di Credico, Kenny Crenshaw, Colton Lorange, Sam Eason, LeeAnne MacKowski and Charles Pennington. Staff present: Police Chief Sam Love, City Attorney Carvan Adkins, Public Works Director Lance Petty. Absent: City Secretary position not filled yet and Fire Chief Darrell Fitch on vacation

Invocation

Council Member Crenshaw led the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mayor Pittman Di Credico led the pledge of allegiance.

Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items

Deborah Becraft and Joann Wilson spoke about towing.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

Public Hearing

- A. Zoning Change Request from Agricultural to Planned Development – Prairie Point Development 312.384 acres
- The public hearing opened at 7:04 pm. Bryan Klein with Ion Design, Connie Cooper and Jim Briscoe with Prairie Point Development Group were present and gave a presentation regarding the development.
 - One audience member spoke on behalf of residents on Stirling who are concerned about the office space on the southside of Stirling including concerns over flooding in the area behind Stirling.
 - One audience member asked about trading the 10 acres for land south.
 - One audience member asked whether they were going to bulldoze the trees along the drainage path. He also thought the city should not double the population without addressing water, roads and sewer issues.
 - One audience member asked about the “doughnut hole” and what happens to the streets if that develops. She also asked about the construction traffic and the 10-acre park. Was it up to the city to develop the park or are the developers going to help out?
 - One audience member said that he was looking to move out here in the future and liked the small town feel.

- One audience member said that he was having trouble looking at the map and needed help locating what they were talking about.
- Council Member MacKowski asked about the amenities and whether it would be open to the public or just the residents of Prairie Point.
- One audience member said that she was concerned over streets connecting to Crown Point and traffic that may be driven through as well as construction traffic concerns and underground utilities.
- The public hearing was closed at 8:05 pm.

Closed Public Hearing – Discussion and Action on Public Hearing

Discussion and any necessary actions on the above-referenced items as a result of the Public Hearing

- Mayor Pro Tem Eason made a motion to approve the zoning change request from Agriculture to Planned Development District. Council Member MacKowski seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of July 25th, 2017
- B. Department Head Reports – Police, Fire, Public Works, Administration and Court
- C. Board Minutes/Reports – Parks & Recreation and Planning & Zoning
- Council Member MacKowski made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Crenshaw seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Regular Agenda – Old Business

- A. Update regarding water quality issues and progress of Walnut Creek Special Utility District regarding same
 - Mayor Pittman Di Credico gave an update on the progress of Walnut Creek and the water quality issues. Walnut Creek Special Utility District received final approval from TCEQ to install a chlorine dioxide generator at their water treatment facility which supplies the City of Rhome with surface water. The generator was installed on August 1, 2017, and preliminary testing showed a 78% reduction in trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAA5s). The District believes that their averages for these byproducts should be below the maximum levels within two quarters. The City of Rhome water quality should see the same results since the majority of the water used by the City is from Walnut Creek Special Utility District.
- B. Discussion and any necessary action regarding contract for towing services including bid package on same
 - Mayor Pittman Di Credico explained that four towing bids had been received and each towing company had received a list of additional questions to respond to. Responses were provided to council members as part of their regular packets. Mayor Pro Tem Eason made a motion to go with Azle Towing with a one year contract. The motion was not seconded. Council Members Crenshaw and Pennington expressed concern about keeping tax dollars in Wise County. Council Member Crenshaw made a motion to go with All American Towing. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pennington. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- C. Discussion and any necessary action regarding an easement at 330 W. Morris
 - Council went into executive session at 8:17 pm and returned to open session at 8:32 pm. Council Member Pennington made a motion to approve allowing the mayor to sign an agreement regarding the easement on 330 W. Morris. Council Member Crenshaw seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Regular Agenda – New Business

- A. Discussion and any necessary action regarding final plat for 300 Chisolm; J. MOFFATT A-554 VOL.844. P.92, O.P.R.W.C.T 1.797 acres
 - Council Member MacKowski made a motion to approve the final plat. Council Member Pennington seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4-1.

- B. Discussion and any necessary action regarding entrance to Bywell Estates and proposal for entrance crossover by potential developer
- David Claiborn wanted to get input from council regarding the city property which comprises the entrance to Bywell Estates. He said that he is trying to market the property to potential developers but wanted to propose changing the entrance to have turn lanes in the entrance instead of turn lanes off Highway 114. He would pay for the costs and it would be concrete and aesthetically pleasing. The council indicated that they would be willing to hear proposal from Mr. Claiborn. Mr. Claiborn stated that he would have the design created and bring back a proposal to Council at a later date for final consideration.
- C. Discussion and any necessary action regarding five year renewal agreement for continuous air monitoring site located at 639 CR 4651, Rhome
- Council Member Crenshaw made a motion to renew the five year agreement. Council Member Lorange seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- D. Discussion and any necessary action regarding issuance of five year bond package for capital improvement projects and ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Rhome, Texas Tax Note, Series 2017 and any related matters incident to the issuance, sale, payment and delivery of said bonds
- Bond Counsel was present. Mayor Pittman Di Credico reviewed the proposed capital improvement items that were proposed for the bond package which included \$50,000 for storm warning sirens, \$165,000 for automatic meter readers for existing water customers, \$250,000 for the renovation at city hall/council chambers/municipal court, \$100,000 for asbestos removal/demo of the Old School Building and \$95,000 for the permit/engineering design for the Eastside Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion. Council Member MacKowski made a motion to approve moving forward with the bond. Council Member Lorange seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- E. Discussion and any necessary action regarding proposing budget for fiscal year 2017-2018
- Mayor Pittman Di Credico presented the proposed budget to council as prepared by mayor and city staff. She highlighted the major changes in spending and revenue from the prior year budget. The items not specifically mentioned where expected to remain relatively constant. Mayor Pro Tem Eason made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Council Member Lorange seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- F. Discussion and any necessary action regarding proposing tax rate for 2018
- Mayor Pittman Di Credico presented no change to the proposed tax rate and to keep it at the current rate of \$.05234 per \$100 of valuation. Council Member MacKowski made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate. Council Member Crenshaw seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

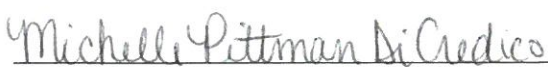
Future Agenda Items

- Planning Workshop on 8/22/17
- Ordinance for Minimum Lot Size for New Development

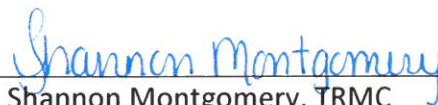
Adjourn

- Council Member Pennington made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Lorange seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0. Mayor Pittman Di Credico adjourned the meeting at 9:22 pm.

Minutes approved the 14th day of September, 2017.



Michelle Pittman Di Credico,
Mayor



Shannon Montgomery, TRMC
City Secretary