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MINUTES OF RHOME CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 28, 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 a quorum of Council members present.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Michelle Pittman Di Credico

Mayor Pro Tem Sam Eason

Council Member Kenny Crenshaw

Council Member LeeAnne Mackowski

Council Member Charles Pennington

City Staff Present:

City Attorney Carvan Adkins

Police Chief Sam Love

Fire Chief Darrell Fitch

City Secretary Shannon Montgomery

Invocation

Council Member Crenshaw gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items

Mr. Ken Bateman, 137 Strawberry Lane, Rhome, Texas, addressed the Council regarding his group, Wise County Citizens for Cleanup, and explained his organization and the issues with trash piles.

Robin Holmes, 504 Stirling Road, Rhome, Texas addressed the Council regarding stray animals and code enforcement issues.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Pittman Di Credico reminded the Council and audience about the December 2nd Tree Lighting and the Santa Sightings happening on Monday, December 4th and Monday, December 11th. Mayor Pittman Di Credico also announced the resignation of Council Member Colton Lorange effective immediately as he has accepted an out of area job offer.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of November 9, 2017

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Pennington, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

B. Pursuant to the following designated section of the Texas Government Code, Annotated, Chapter 551 (Texas Open Meetings Act), the Council will convene into executive session to discuss the following:

A) Section 551.074 Personnel Matters under Subsection (1) to discuss or deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee:

Appointment for Position of Part-Time Fire Chief

Mayor Pittman Di Credico convened the City Council into Executive Session at 7:08 pm and recused herself from attending the Executive Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Eason reconvened the City Council into Regular Session at 7:21 pm.

Regular Agenda – Old Business

C. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tem Eason stated, as Mayor Pittman Di Credico recused herself from this item, he would like to appoint Darrell Fitch as the new part time Fire Chief and would like confirmation from Council.

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to confirm the appointment of Darrell Fitch as the Part Time Fire Chief. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a Variance for a Commercial Drive Way to be installed at Alliance Boulevard North of State Highway 114

Mayor Pittman Di Credico gave a brief history on this item and asked City Secretary Montgomery to discuss the actions of the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding this item. City Secretary Montgomery stated that the Planning & Zoning Commissioners briefly discussed this item and unanimously voted to recommend granting the variance to Council.

Applicant answered questions from Council; Council then discussed the three criteria of granting a variance and how the applicant met those criteria.

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council member Mackowski, to approve the granting of the variance. Motion carried 4-0-0.

E. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Request for Proposals for Outdoor Warning Sirens and authorizing the mayor to expend funds for the project

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw to postpone this agenda item to the December 14, 2017 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Discussion and any necessary action regarding accepting resignation of member on Planning and Zoning Commission and filling any vacancies on same including alternate positions

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eason, to accept the resignation of Commissioner Valdez. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to appoint Mr. Eddie Naugle to the vacant alternate position on the Planning & Zoning Commission, provisionally, on whether or not he still wants the Planning & Zoning Commission alternate position. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

- G. Rhome City Council to conduct a Public Hearing to consider a request for a change in zoning from Commercial to Residential for Property being Lots 1 through 4, block 8 of the Original Town of Rhome, Wise County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 5, Page 640, Deed Records, Wise County, Texas and also being known as 0000 Old Mill Road, Rhome, Texas**

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that the Public Hearing was continued from the November 9, 2017 Council Meeting and due to the retraction of the applicant's rezoning request, she will close the Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Regular Agenda – New Business

- H. Discussion and any necessary action regarding an amendment to Ordinance 2017-24 amending Section 13.04.004, "Installation and Maintenance of Service Line" of the City of Rhome Code of Ordinances**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski to postpone this agenda item to the December 14, 2017 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

- I. Discussion and any necessary action regarding amending language in ordinances in Chapter 5.03 and the Bylaws of the Fire Department as a result of creation of part-time paid fire chief position**

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to approve the Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Workshop Session

- J. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the City's 5-year plan, vision statement, and goals**

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that this item will continue at the December 14, 2017 Council Meeting.

Future Agenda Items

Council Member Crenshaw requested the addition of freezing the city tax rates for residents over 65, after legal review, to an upcoming agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Eason requested taking all Ordinances regarding the powers of the mayor and make them consistent.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Pennington, to adjourn. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously. Mayor Pittman Di Credico adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Minutes approved the 14th day of December 2017.


Michelle Pittman Di Credico,
Mayor


Shannon Montgomery, TRMC
City Secretary

