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MINUTES OF RHOME CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 9, 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

Council Members Absent:

Council Member Colton Lorange

City Staff Present:

City Attorney Carvan Adkins
Police Chief Sam Love
Fire Chief Darrell Fitch

Public Works Director Lance Petty
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

Robin Holmes, 504 Stirling Road, Rhome, Texas addressed the Council about the number of stray animals within City Limits and asked the Council for suggestions or a plan. Ms. Holmes asked for an Ordinance regarding pet control.

Fabiola Valdez, 280 S. Dogwood, Rhome, Texas addressed the Council regarding the recent appointment of an alternate to the Planning & Zoning Commission and gave Council a list of dates of her Planning & Zoning Commission appointments. Ms. Valdez asked Council to admit that an error was made, decline her resignation, and apologize.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Pittman Di Credico reminded the audience of the Veterans Day Celebration Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the Veterans Park and stated City Hall, Public Works and Municipal Court would be closed Friday, November 10, 2017.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of October 24, 2017

B. Department Head Reports: Police, Fire, Public Works, Municipal Court, and Administration

C. Board Minutes: Parks & Recreation and Planning & Zoning Commission

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

D. 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 551.072 Deliberation regarding Real Property to discuss or deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person:

Renovation of city facilities at 105 West First and relocation of city facilities at 261 North School Road to include possible purchase, sale or lease of property for city services

B) 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:

Public Works Director

Mayor Pittman Di Credico convened the City Council into Executive Session at 7:14 pm.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico reconvened the City Council into Regular Session at 7:49 pm.

Regular Agenda – Old Business

E. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the Executive Session

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Eason, seconded by Council Member Pennington, to spend up to, not necessarily all, \$15,000 for design and engineering plans for the renovation of city facilities at 105 West First Street. Motion carried unanimously.

F. 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 stated that the Council is unable to take action on this item due to the cancellation of the November 6, 2017 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting.

G. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Request for Proposals for Automatic Meter Readers (AMRs) and authorizing the mayor to expend funds for the project

Public Works Director Lance Petty recommended Atlas Utility Supply Company as they currently use Badge meters, just like the City and this will help lower the costs as the meter heads will just need to be retrofitted for the new service. Petty also noted that Atlas Utility Supply Company uses a cloud-based system, costing less to maintain.

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Pennington, to award Atlas Utility Supply Company and authorize the Mayor to expend up to the budgeted amount. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Discussion and any necessary action regarding proposals for asbestos survey of Old School Building located at 261 N. School Road and authorizing the mayor to expend funds for the project

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to spend up to \$10,000 to obtain a preliminary asbestos survey of the Old School Building. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Discussion and any necessary action regarding quotes for communications software/services

Council asked that both companies provide a presentation of their services either at the November 28 or December 14 Council meeting.

Public Hearing

J. 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 opened the Public Hearing at 8:17 pm and stated that the Council will not be taking public comments at this time and will continue the Public Hearing to November 28, 2017.

Regular Agenda – New Business

K. Discussion and any necessary action regarding 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 postponed this agenda item to November 28, 2017 Council meeting.

L. Discussion and any action necessary regarding a Replat for Lot 2R1 and 2R2, Block 1, Metrotex North Business Park Addition, a subdivision to the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction of the City of Rhome, Texas being a Replat Lot 2, Block 1 Metrotex North Business Park Addition, a subdivision to Wise County, Texas according to the plat record in CAB. C, SLV. 236, P.R.W.C.T.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to approve the Replat for Lot 2R1 and 2R2, Block 1, Metrotex North Business Park Addition, a subdivision to the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction of the City of Rhome, Texas being a Replat Lot 2, Block 1 Metrotex North Business Park Addition, a subdivision to Wise County, Texas. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Discussion and any necessary action regarding resolution accepting petition requesting annexation of property described as Prairie Point Development, establishing dates for public hearings, and directing staff to prepare a service plan

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to approve Resolution 2017-14, accepting petition requesting annexation of property described as Prairie Point Development, establishing dates for public hearings, and directing staff to prepare a service plan. Motion carried 3-1-0 with Council Members Crenshaw, Mackowski, and Pennington voting for and Mayor Pro Tem Eason voting against.

N. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a Contract for Assessment and Collection Services between the City of Rhome and Wise County Appraisal District for Calendar Year 2018

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to renew the contract for Assessment and Collection Services. Motion carried unanimously.

O. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the opening of a separate bank account designated for Police Seizure Funds

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to authorize a new bank account designated for Police Seizure Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

P. Discussion and any necessary action regarding authorizing the mayor to move forward with installation of hardware and equipment for server room and authorizing the mayor to expend funds for the project

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Pennington, to allow the Mayor to expend funds for the installation of hardware and equipment for server room. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked that this item be postponed to the November 28, 2017 Council meeting.

R. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a Service Agreement for the design of the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant between the City of Rhome and Wasteline Engineering, LLC

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Pennington, to authorize the Mayor to execute a Service Agreement for the design of the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant subject to Legal review. Motion carried 3-1-0 with Mayor Pro Tem Eason, Council Member Crenshaw, and Council Member Pennington voting for and Council Member Mackowski voting against.

Mayor Pittman called a short break and convened into Workshop Session at 8:43 pm.

Workshop Session

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

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that her plan was to continue the discussion of the City's 5- year plan, vision statement, and goals tonight and the November 28th meeting and present something to the residents at the December meeting.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico read the presentation, allowed comment from Council and Staff, and addressed questions.

T. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the City's Comprehensive Zoning Plan

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated this agenda item would move to the November 28, 2017 meeting.

Future Agenda Items

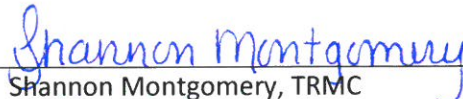
Mayor Pro Tem Eason asked that the part-time Fire Chief position be placed on the next agenda.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council Member Pennington, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to adjourn. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously. Mayor Pittman Di Credico adjourned the meeting at 9:46 pm.

Minutes approved the 28th day of November 2017.


Michelle Pittman Di Credico,
Mayor


Shannon Montgomery, TRMC
City Secretary