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MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, May 10, 2018

Location: Rhyme Community Center, 261 North School Road

MEETING START TIME: 7:00 PM

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Mayor Pittman Di Credico called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm., announced a quorum present.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Michelle Pittman Di Credico
Mayor Pro Tem Sam Eason
Council Member Charles Pennington

Council Member Kenny Crenshaw
Council Member Elaine Priest
Council Member Leeanne Mackowski

City Staff Present:

City Attorney Carvan Adkins
Police Chief Sam Love

Fire Chief Darrell Fitch
City Secretary Shannon Montgomery

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Council Member Crenshaw gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items

Tommie Eason, 1107 Mount Lane, Rhyme, Texas, thanked the Council for running clean and honest campaigns, and running again. Ms. Eason also stated that we are not separate neighborhoods, we are Rhyme.

Charles Applewhite, 131 PR 4240, Rhyme, Texas stated that he is a candidate in the run-off election for Wise County Constable Precinct 3, gave a background of his qualifications, and reminded all to vote in the May 22, 2018 run-off Election.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Pittman Di Credico announced that Public Works Director Lance Petty's wife gave birth to a daughter earlier that day and that mom, baby, and dad are all doing well.

Canvass the Votes for May 5, 2018 general and special election

City Secretary Montgomery read the following statement:

The City has received a petition requesting a recount. A request for a recount does not delay the canvass, but the canvassing authority must make a note on the canvass that a recount has been requested. Submission of a recount petition delays the issuance of a certificate of election and qualification for the office involved in the recount pending completion of recount. Therefore, no candidate, including a candidate for an unexpired term of office, may either receive a certificate of election or qualify for an office involved in a recount until the recount is finished. Nevertheless, this provision does not affect a candidate who has already received a certificate of election and qualified for an office before a recount petition involving that office is submitted.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico read proposed Resolution No. 2018-07 caption:

**CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS, INCLUDING THE RETURNS OF ABSENTEE AND EARLY VOTING BALLOTS CAST IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 5, 2018 RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF ONE (1) MAYOR FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, ONE (1) COUNCIL MEMBER TO PLACE NO. 4 FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM, ONE (1) COUNCIL MEMBER TO PLACE NO. 5 FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM TO THE CITY OF RHOME CITY COUNCIL; AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 5, 2018 RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF ONE (1) COUNCIL MEMBER TO PLACE NO. 2 FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM TO FULFILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM AND ONE (1) COUNCIL MEMBER TO PLACE NO. 3 FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM TO FULFILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM TO THE CITY OF RHOME CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF VOTE TABULATIONS; IDENTIFYING THE OFFICIALS ELECTED AND TERMS OF OFFICE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CANVASS OF THE GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to approve Resolution No. 2018-07 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Oaths of Office

Oaths of Office will be taken at the May 22, 2018 Council Meeting due to the potential recount.

Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of April 24, 2018 City Council Regular Session***
- B. Department Reports: Police, Fire, Public Works, Municipal Court, and Administration***
- C. Board Minutes: Parks & Recreation and Planning & Zoning Commission***
- D. Mayor's Report of Operations***

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda – Old Business

- E. Discussion and any necessary action regarding adopting 2018 proposed revisions to the City of Rhome Personnel Manual and Employee Handbook adopted July 11, 2013 revised September 12, 2013***

Motion made by Council Member Priest, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to accept the proposed revisions to the City of Rhome Personnel Manual and Employee Handbook adopted July 11, 2013, revised September 12, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the City's Vision & Planning Documents***

Council reviewed the City's Vision & Planning Documents and agreed to publish on the City's website and create a link for comments. Council stated every department head needs to task plans, review, and update regularly. Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that the document would be added to the annual budget process.

No action taken, discussion only.

G. Discussion and any necessary action regarding implementing Impact Fees

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated this item was just a place holder and that Staff is working on the Statement of Qualifications for an Engineer Firm and that the next step would be to engage an engineering firm after receiving Statements of Qualifications.

No action taken, discussion only.

H. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Old School Building asbestos removal and renovation/demolition

Mayor Pittman Di Credico updated the Council that a roof test was done on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 and the roof passed. Council discussed what the next step should be and consensus of the Council was to explore renovating the building. Council Member Crenshaw suggested getting roof bids, the roof needed to be fixed to get the inside of the building dry and begin maintaining climate control.

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eason, to prepare a bid packet for roof repairs. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda – New Business

I. Discussion and any necessary action regarding selecting mayor pro tem for one-year term

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to postpone this agenda item to the May 22, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Discussion and any necessary action regarding updating authorized signatures for bank accounts

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Eason, seconded by Council Member Priest, to postpone this agenda item to the May 22, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Discussion and any necessary action regarding assigning one non-signatory council member to review and approve monthly bank reconciliations

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Eason, seconded by Council Member Priest, to postpone this agenda item to the May 22, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Proclamation designating May 13-19, 2018, as Police Week

Mayor Pittman Di Credico read the Proclamation designating May 12-19, 2018 as Police Week and presented the Proclamation to Police Chief Love.

M. Discussion and any necessary action regarding council meeting packets

Mayor Pro Tem Eason stated that he asked for this agenda item because he wanted to see about the possibility of posting the council meeting packets online so that the residents could review what council is discussing. Discussion ensued in regards the logistics of posting the packets online.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked Council for three months to allow Staff to research and begin posting the packets online on a regular basis.

No action taken, discussion only.

N. Discussion and any necessary action regarding timeline for budget process for fiscal year 2018–2019

Mayor Pittman Di Credico reviewed the budget schedule with Council.

No action taken, discussion only.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico combined agenda items O and P into one discussion:

O. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Main Street Improvements project

P. Discussion and any necessary action regarding ideas for proposed projects or issues to address for fiscal year 2018-2019

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked council to begin looking at possible budget projects.

Council Member Mackowski stated Main Street should continue along BC Rhome.

Mayor Pro Tem Eason stated sidewalks, street lamps, trees are needed along Main Street; the project should be a revitalization rather than an improvement project.

Council Member Priest brought up the question regarding whether or not Main Street is handicap accessible and not only renovating but include safety improvements as well.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated all items brought up are important items to review and that this item will be a long-term discussion.

Council Member Crenshaw reminded Council to look for the unseen costs with the zoning and map updates and all that is involved. Crenshaw wanted to look into consulting firms to help with the zoning and planning projects.

Consensus was to bring both agenda items back to Council in one month.

Q. Discussion and any necessary action regarding creation of Economic Development Corporation

City Attorney Adkins passed out a brochure from the State Comptroller's Office on creating an Economic Development Corporation and addressed questions from Council.

Consensus was to bring this agenda item back to the June 26, 2018 Council Meeting.

Future Agenda Items

Mayor Pro Tem Eason asked for an agenda item to discuss the possibility of giving the public a synopsis of executive session agenda items once they are past the executive session status.

Council Member Crenshaw asked for an agenda item to explore the possibility of setting time limits on city council meetings.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eason, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Minutes approved the 14th day of June 2018.

Michelle Pittman Di Credico

Michelle Pittman Di Credico,
Mayor

Shannon Montgomery

Shannon Montgomery, TRMC
City Secretary

