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Mayor Pro-Tem,
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Elaine Priest

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Josh McCabe

Place 2
Kenny Crenshaw

Place 4
Sam Eason

Place 5
Leeanne
Mackowski

City
Administrator
Joe Ashton

City Attorney
Carvan Adkins

City Secretary
Shannon
Montgomery

Fire Chief
Darrell Fitch

Police Chief
Sam Love

Public Works
Director
Lance Petty

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018

Location: Rhome 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. and announced a quorum of Council Members present.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Michelle Pittman Di Credico
Mayor Pro Tem Elaine Priest
Council Member Josh McCabe

Council Member Sam Eason
Council Member Leanne Mackowski

Council Member Absent:

Council Member Kenny Crenshaw

City Staff Present:

City Administrator Joe Ashton
City Attorney Carvan Adkins
City Secretary Shannon Montgomery
Police Chief Sam Love

Police Officer Robert Smith
Police Officer Bryan Pickler
Public Works Director Lance Petty

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

City Administrator Ashton gave the invocation and let the pledge.

Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items

Police Chief Love introduced new Officer Robert Smith and gave a brief background.

Deborah BeCraft, 360 West Second Street, Rhome, thanked the Council, Fire Department, Police Department, and Public Works for attending and supporting the Veterans Day Celebration sponsored by the Rhome Veterans.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that the second meeting in December was cancelled due to the Christmas holiday.

Executive Session

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

- A. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or to seek advice from attorney - Morris Street Project, Prairie Point Development, Rolling V Development**
- B. Section 551.072 Deliberation regarding Real Property - purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have detrimental effect on position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person**
- C. Section 551.074 Personnel – discuss appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or hear complaint or charge against officer or employee in executive session unless officer or employee requests public hearing**

Mayor Pittman Di Credico convened into Executive Session at 7:08 pm.

Reconvene into Regular Session

Mayor Pittman Di Credico reconvened into Regular Session at 7:42 pm.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Consent Agenda

D. Minutes of November 8, 2018 City Council Regular Session

E. Minutes of November 16, 2018 City Council Special Session

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

Monthly Staff Reports

F. Departments: Administration, Fire Rescue, Municipal Court, Police and Public Works

G. Boards: Parks & Recreation Board and Planning & Zoning Commission

No action taken.

Regular Agenda – Old Business

H. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Old School Building renovation including but not limited to securing building

City Attorney stated that the City has received some estimates and he recommend going out for an RFP.

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to authorize Mayor and Staff to work with the City Engineer to proceed with the RFP process. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Discussion and any necessary action regarding creation of economic development corporation (EDC) and purpose

City Attorney Adkins stated that the creation of an economic development corporation consisted of two steps – the first being the certificate of formation and the second approving the bylaws. Adkins then answered questions from Council and asked that they review the documents given to them this evening to be able to discuss at the January 10, 2019 meeting.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked Council to send any questions they have to City Secretary Montgomery.

Regular Agenda – New Business

J. Discussion and any necessary action regarding University of Texas at Arlington proposal for updating Comprehensive Plan

Alan Klein, with the University of Texas at Arlington, Institute of Urban Studies, presented an outline of creating a comprehensive plan for the City utilizing graduate students. Mr. Klein discussed the components, phases, and the timeline of the comprehensive plan project. Klein concluded by answering questions from the Council.

Motion made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Eason, to move forward with the Memorandum of Understanding and allow Mayor Pittman Di Credico to explore funding options and bring back those options at the January 10, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Discussion and any necessary action regarding filling vacancies on Parks & Recreation Board

Council Member McCabe recused himself from the discussion of this item because of a potential Conflict of Interest.

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski to appoint Kaitlyn Dilts to the Parks and Recreation Board. Motion carried 3-0-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Priest, Council Member Eason, and Council Member Mackowski voting for and Council Member McCabe abstaining.

L. Discussion and any necessary action regarding terminating American Municipal Services and a Resolution entering into a contract with Linebarger Attorneys at Law for Court Collection Services

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member McCabe, to terminate the current contract with American Municipal Services and enter into a new contract with Linebarger Attorneys at Law for Court Collection Services and to approve Resolution 2018-14. Motion carried unanimously.

Council asked that the Linebarger Attorneys at Law representative attend the January 10, 2019 meeting.

CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS RESOLUTION NO. 2018-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF RHOME, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A COLLECTION FEE FOR CERTAIN DEBTS OWED TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF RHOME.

M. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a contract for Assessment and Collection Services with Wise County.

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to approve the contract for Assessment and Collection Services with Wise County as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

N. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the City's 2019 Calendar of Events

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to postpone this agenda item to the January 10, 2019 meeting.

Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items requested. Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked Council to send any requests to City Secretary Montgomery.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Priest, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Minutes approved the 7th day of January 2019.

Michelle Pittman Di Credico

Michelle Pittman Di Credico,
Mayor

Shannon Montgomery

Shannon Montgomery, TRMC
City Secretary

