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Josh McCabe

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Place 4
Sam Eason

Place 5
Leeanne
Mackowski

**City
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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, April 11, 2019

Location: Rhome Community Center, 261 North School Road

MEETING START TIME: 6:30 PM

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Mayor Pittman Di Credico called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Kenny Crenshaw
Council Member Sam Eason
Council Member Leeanne Mackowski

City Staff Present:

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

Public Works Director Lance Petty
Reserve Officer Mellema
Sergeant Brody Brown

Invocation

Council Member Crenshaw gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

City Administrator Joe Ashton led the pledges.

Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items

There were no Citizen Presentations made.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Pittman Di Credico reminded all that the Rhome Veterans Bake Sale was this Friday from 1:00pm through 6:00pm and Saturday from 9:00am until 6:00pm at the Rhome Public Library. Mayor Pittman Di Credico also reminded all of the Annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday from 2:00pm until 3:00pm.

Council Member McCabe thanked the first responders that rode in the Medal of Honor this past weekend.

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 - 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 – 501 South Main Street**
- 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 – Brody Brown**
- D. Section 551.087 – Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations – to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to locate, stay or expand in or near the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations - Prairie Point Development, Rolling V Development**

Mayor Pittman Di Credico convened into Executive Session at 6:34 pm.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico reconvened into Regular Session at 7:40 pm.

Reconvene into Regular Session

E. Discussion and any necessary action as a result of Executive Session

No action taken as a result of Executive Session.

Consent Agenda

F. Minutes of March 14, 2019 City Council Regular Session

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Priest to approve the Minutes of March 14, 2019 City Council Regular Session as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Staff Reports

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

H. Boards: Parks & Recreation Board and Steering Committee (No March Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting)

There were no questions regarding the Monthly Staff Reports.

Regular Agenda – Old Business

I. Public Input and discussion regarding the consumption of alcohol at City Parks and City sponsored events

The following requested to speak at this item:

- Deborah BeCraft, 360 West Second, Rhome, Texas – opposed
- Ashley Majors, 200 South Dogwood, Rhome, Texas – opposed
- Shirley Mize, 170 Russell Street, Rhome, Texas – opposed
- Tommie Eason, 1107 Mount Lane, Rhome, Texas – in favor
- Patricia Mitchell, 389 South Old Mill, Rhome, Texas – opposed Ms. Mitchell also provided the City Secretary with a petition of those opposed
- Fabiola Valdez, 280 South Dogwood, Rhome, Texas – opposed
- Cathy Coffee, 1102 Mount Lane, Rhome, Texas – in favor

J. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the consumption of alcohol at City Parks and City sponsored events

Council consensus was that this is not the time for the City.

Agenda Item dies from lack of a motion.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico moved Agenda Item M forward:

M. Discussion and any necessary action regarding agreement for monthly household hazardous waste pickup

City Administrator Ashton listed the acceptable and not acceptable items for the Wise County Public Dumpsites.

Council discussed price and the likelihood of residents using the service. Mayor Pittman Di Credico polled the audience.

Agenda Items dies from lack of a motion.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico combined Agenda Items K and L:

K. Update and discussion regarding progress of Impact Fee Study project

L. Update and discussion regarding progress of Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion project including but not limited to design phase

Mr. Jeff James from Kimley-Horn updated Council on current projects and addressed questions from Council. Current projects consist of:

1. East WWTP Expansion
2. Land Use Plan
3. West WWTP Master Plan
4. Water Master Plan
5. Wastewater Master Plan
6. Impact Fees

No action taken; discussion only.

Regular Agenda – New Business

N. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Parks Board BBQ Cookoff on May 17-18, 2019

City Secretary Montgomery read a statement from Ashley Majors, 200 South Dogwood, Rhome, Texas: This is not a good weekend to have a city event. Northwest High School is having their Senior Prom. This could affect the outcome of attendees and participants – just like last year.

Tommie Eason, Parks & Recreation Board Chair stated that this BBQ Cook-Off is between area Police and Fire Departments and will include a carnival event.

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to approve the BBQ Cook-Off event, pending legal review of the carnival contract. Motion carried unanimously.

O. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a Drought Contingency Plan

Public Works Director Lance Petty explained the Drought Contingency Plan and stated its need for green funding and how it complements our current Ordinance.

Motion made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to approve the Drought Contingency Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

P. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Court Processing Fees

City Secretary Montgomery gave a brief background on why this item is on the agenda and asked Council to consider having the Municipal Court defendants pay the Court's credit card processing fees and not the City. City Administrator Ashton followed up with costs and a fee schedule proposed by a new credit card company for Municipal Court.

Motion made by Council Member Eason, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, authorizing the Mayor to pass Court credit card fees to the defendant. Motion carried unanimously.

Q. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Request for Proposal for Banking Services

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Eason, authorizing Staff to begin the Request for Proposal for Banking Services process. Motion carried unanimously.

R. Discussion and any necessary action regarding replacement of police patrol vehicle

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to authorize the Mayor to purchase a replacement police patrol vehicle if there is money. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Discussion and any necessary action regarding escrow agreement with Prairie Point Development

Nothing to report; will be on the April 23, 2019 Meeting Agenda.

T. Discussion and any necessary action regarding separate escrow account as outlined in professional services agreement with Rolling V Development

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Priest, to approve opening a separate bank account to be used as an escrow account as outlined in professional services agreement with Rolling V Development. Motion carried unanimously.

U. Discussion and any necessary action regarding professional services agreement with Prairie Point Development

Nothing to report; will be on the April 23, 2019 Meeting Agenda.

Future Agenda Items

Council Member McCabe asked Staff to research and bring back information on declaring buildings as Historical.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member McCabe, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes approved the 23rd day of April 2019.

Elaine Priest

Elaine Priest,
Mayor Pro Tem

Shannon Montgomery

Shannon Montgomery, TRMC
City Secretary

