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Place 1
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, May 9, 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

Fire Chief Darrell Fitch
Police Chief Sam Love
Public Works Director Lance Petty

Invocation

Council Member Crenshaw gave the invocation.

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

Council Members Crenshaw and Eason led the pledges, respectively.

Citizen Presentations and Public Input for Future Agenda Items.

There were no Citizen Presentations made.

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

A. Oaths of Office to be administered by Mayor Pittman Di Credico and Presentation of Certificates of Election to Council Member Places 1, 2, and 3

Mayor Pittman Di Credico administered the Statement of Office and Oath of Office to Council Members McCabe, Crenshaw, and Priest and then presented each once with their Certificate of Election.

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:

- B. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or to seek advice from attorney - Prairie Point Development, Rolling V Development***
- C. 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***

- D. 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***
- E. 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 6:43 pm.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico reconvened into Regular Session at 7:08 pm.

Reconvene into Regular Session

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

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to authorize the Mayor to expend funds and to enter into negotiations with Mr. Finley for a professional services agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to authorize the Mayor to release a portion of the funds deposited by Briscoe and Company that the City does not have a claim for until the City can provide accurate accounting of what they owe to the City. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

G. Minutes of April 23, 2019 City Council Regular Session

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to approve the Minutes of April 23, 2019 City Council Regular Session as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Staff Reports

H. Departments: Administration, Building & Development, Fire Rescue, Municipal Court, Police, and Public Works

I. Boards: Parks & Recreation Board (No April Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting)

No discussion, no action taken.

Regular Agenda – Old Business

J. Discussion and any necessary action regarding agreements with Prairie Point Development, including but not limited to professional services agreement and escrow agreement

No discussion, no action taken.

K. Discussion and any necessary action regarding submissions received for Request for Qualifications for Municipal Engineer and selection process including staff recommendations

City Administrator stated the City received eight submissions and the interview committee, consisting of himself, Public Works Director Petty, and City Secretary Montgomery, interviewed all eight. The interview committee narrowed the list down to three and after further discussion with those firms, Staff recommends Kimley-Horn.

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Priest, to authorize the City Administrator to enter into negotiations with Kimley-Horn. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico combined Agenda Items L and M into one discussion:

L. Discussion and any necessary action regarding doors and windows replacement for City of Rhome Old School Building and authorizing the Mayor to expend funds for the project

M. Discussion and any necessary action regarding planning/design services, including but not limited to architectural/engineering for City of Rhome Old School Building as a Municipal Complex and authorizing the Mayor to expend funds for the project

Mayor Pittman Di Credico updated Council as to Staff met with an architect to walk through the Old School Building. Architect suggested holding off on republishing the Doors and Windows RFP as the current walls must be built up to current standards. The next step in the process would be to prepare drawings and have Council discuss those at the next available meeting once the drawings are complete, and to have a survey done on the property.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated that she needed authorization from Council to expend funds for the survey and the preliminary design.

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to authorize the Mayor to expend funds to obtain the needed survey and preliminary designs. Motion carried unanimously.

N. Discussion regarding budget schedule and timeline for fiscal year 2019-2020

Mayor Pittman Di Credico quickly read through the proposed schedule and timeline.

No action, discussion only.

Regular Agenda – New Business

O. Discussion and any necessary action regarding canceling agreement with Nextlink for internet services at Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant and authorizing agreement with Verizon for the same

Mayor Pittman Di Credico updated the Council that Nextlink was unable to provide service at the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant as the signal was not strong enough and asked Council to authorize the termination of the contract with Nextlink and authorize Staff to work with Verizon for service. Service with Verizon would be to purchase an air card at the State Contract rate.

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member McCabe to cancel the contract with Nextlink and to purchase an air card from Verizon to service the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion carried unanimously.

P. Discussion and any necessary action regarding selecting mayor pro tem for one-year term and updating authorized signatures for bank accounts

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to appoint Council Member Priest as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Agenda Items

Council Member Crenshaw to schedule a Network Engineer to come to a future meeting to discuss options for the City.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked Council to forward any wish list items Council would like to see in the Old School Building to City Administrator Ashton.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Minutes approved the 28th day of May 2019.

Michelle Pittman Di Credico

Michelle Pittman Di Credico,
Mayor



Shannon Montgomery

Shannon Montgomery, TRMC
City Secretary