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**Place 1**  
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**Place 2**  
Kenny Crenshaw

**Place 4**  
Sam Eason

**Place 5**  
Leeanne  
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**City  
Administrator**  
Joe Ashton

**City Attorney**  
Carvan Adkins

**City Secretary**  
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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, September 5, 2019**

**Location: Rhome Community Center, 261 North School Road**

**MEETING START TIME: 6:00 PM**

### **Call to Order and Establish a Quorum**

Mayor Pittman Di Credico called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Kenny Crenshaw  
Council Member Sam Eason

#### ***Council Members Absent:***

Council Member Leeanne Mackowski

#### ***City Staff Present:***

City Administrator Joe Ashton  
City Secretary Shannon Montgomery

Municipal Court Clerk Kristi Adams

### **Invocation**

Council Member Crenshaw gave the invocation.

### **Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag**

Council Member Eason led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

### **Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag**

City Administrator Joe Ashton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

### **Public Presentations and Input**

No Public Presentations were made.

### **Public Hearing**

- A. Rhome City Council to conduct Second Public Hearing to hear citizen input regarding the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020**
- B. Rhome City Council to conduct Second Public Hearing to hear citizen input regarding the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020, and Mayor to announce the date, time and place of the vote on the proposed tax rate**

Mayor Pittman Di Credico convened into Public Hearing at 6:01pm.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico announced Council would consider adoption of the Fiscal Year October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 Budget and Tax Rate at their Thursday, September 12, 2019 Meeting at 6:30pm.

The following individuals addressed the Council in regards to the proposed Budget and Tax Rate for Fiscal Year October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020:

- Steven Knight, 1313 Prairie Point Drive, Rhome, Texas summarized area cities proposed tax rates and stated that Rhome’s proposed tax rate was one of the lowest. Knight thanked Mayor and Council for their hard work.
- Shirley Mize, 170 Russell Street, Rhome, Texas asked why the Public Works’ Contract Labor line item increased by \$10,000 and requested a lower tax rate.
- Deborah BeCraft, 360 West Second Street, Rhome, Texas spoke on the requirements of the budget and tax rate per Local Government Code Chapter 102, Municipal Budget.
- JoAnn Wilson, 240 First Street, Rhome, Texas, appreciated hearing the comparisons for the area city’s proposed tax rates, but did not think that it was comparing apples to apples, but rather apples to oranges. She asked that the Council keep the Senior Center in mind and work on road maintenance/improvements.
- Ashley Majors, 200 South Dogwood, Rhome, Texas requested that the Council increase the road maintenance budget and thanked Council for listening to the requests of its residents.
- Tommie Eason, 1107 Mount Lane, Rhome, Texas stated that the Council should keep the proposed tax rate and place the extra funds raised into street maintenance.
- Patricia Mitchell, 389 South Old Mill Road, Rhome, Texas asked that the Council establish priorities.

**Future Agenda Items**

There were no future agenda items requested.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

**Minutes approved the 12th day of September 2019.**

*Michelle Pittman Di Credico*  
Michelle Pittman Di Credico,  
Mayor



*Shannon Montgomery*  
Shannon Montgomery, TRMC  
City Secretary