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**Place 2**  
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**Place 4**  
Sam Eason

**Place 5**  
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**City Secretary**  
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**Fire Chief**  
Darrell Fitch

**Police Chief**  
Sam Love

**Public Works**  
**Director**  
Sean Densmore

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL**

**Meeting Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020**

**Location: VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

**MEETING START TIME: 6:30 PM**

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

Mayor Pittman Di Credico called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, called roll, 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 Cynthia Northrop

City Attorney Carvan Adkins

City Secretary Shannon Montgomery

Court Clerk Kristi Adams

Police Chief Sam Love

Police Sergeant Brody Brown

Public Works Crew Leader Chris Hulsey

Public Works Director Sean Densmore

### **Public Presentations and Input**

The following made presentations to the Council:

- Deborah BeCraft, 360 West Second Street, Rhome, Texas
- Ashly Majors, 200 South Dogwood, Rhome, Texas

### **Announcements from Mayor and Council Members**

Mayor Pittman Di Credico announced that NISD is planning to begin remote learning on August 20, 2020 and also shared that the City sends condolences to Assistant Fire Chief Duncan Henderson's family and the City of Ringgold.

### **A. Presentation of Quarterly Shine Award**

City Administrator Northrop announced Public Works Crew Leader Chris Hulsey as the quarter's recipient of the Shine Award. Both Northrop and Mayor Pittman Di Credico expressed their appreciation of Mr. Hulsey's work ethic.

### **Consent Agenda**

### **B. Minutes of City Council Regular Session dated July 9, 2020**

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member McCabe, to approve the Minutes of City Council Regular Session dated July 9, 2020 as presented.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye
Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Mackowski:	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Regular Agenda – Old Business**

#### **C. Update, discussion and any necessary action regarding latest developments for COVID-19 and mitigation efforts and actions within the City**

Mayor Pittman Di Credico announced that the Governor has extended his order for virtual meetings for another thirty days.

No action taken, discussion only.

#### **D. Update, discussion, and any necessary action regarding Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Expansion Project**

Public Works Director Densmore shared that the City had a pre-bid meeting with City Engineers and contractors, where everyone went through questions and the construction schedule, bids will be open on August 4th and Council will award the bid at the August 13th meeting.

No action taken, discussion only.

#### **E. Update, discussion, and any necessary action regarding Municipal Complex Renovation Project including Alternative Funding Options**

Kim Dowdy, Quorum Architects, presented a design for the renovation of the community center, stating that the renovations include updating the building to code and ADA compliance. Plans include keeping existing walls to keep costs down. Façade renovations include painting the existing brick and metal, add an element of stone and paint doors red and add new canopies above the doors. Council provided some suggestions; Dowdy will revise accordingly.

Mayor Pro Tem Priest defined alternative funding as ways for communities to maximize funding opportunities. Priest provided several examples of alternate funding, such as grants, corporate and community sponsors, legacy giving, area developers, specific funding projects, sale of vacant properties, current budget allocations/appropriations, bonds and loans.

Priest continued stating the Committee will continue searching for alternative funding for future projects and discuss who will apply for and administer those funds/projects. Priest also explained leveraging and how it helps with alternative funding. Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated this item ties in with Agenda Items H and I later in the agenda.

City Attorney Adkins stated it might be wise to work on a policy on funding, administering, etc. regarding criteria for projects.

Priest also included a policy on tracking cash, volunteer hours, and grant administration.

A recommendation of the Alternative Funding Committee will be presented at the August 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

No action taken, discussion only.

**F. Discussion regarding proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget**

Mayor Pittman Di Credico stated this item is to continue gathering questions regarding the budget to be addressed at the July 30th Special meeting. The City will receive the certified tax roll on July 25.

Di Credico proposed a change to the City's debt schedule; the City can use received sales tax funds for repayment of non-property tax funded loans. A portion of the sales tax revenue received would go into an Interest & Sinking fund to pay on those loans.

No action taken, discussion only.

**Regular Agenda – New Business**

**G. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Police Department Residential Patrol efforts and Community Engagement with Police**

Council and Police Department leaders discussed what community engagement should be within the City and agreed that both need to look for ways to help the Police Department engage with the residents.

No action taken, discussion only.

**H. Discussion and any necessary action regarding authorization to consult with Bond Counsel regarding Proposed Bond Election for Funding Municipal Complex Renovation Project**

Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Eason, to authorize the Mayor to consult with Bond Counsel regarding proposed bond election for funding Municipal Complex Renovation Project.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye
Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Mackowski:	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

**I. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Sale of City Property – 105 W. First Street**

Motion made by Council Member Mackowski, seconded by Council Member Crenshaw, to authorize the Mayor to direct Staff to perform investigative research on the sale of municipality property.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico asked for a roll-call vote:

Council Member McCabe:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye
Council Member Eason:	Aye
Council Member Mackowski:	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney reminded everyone that this motion was not authorization to sell the building.

### **Future Agenda Items**

There were no future agenda items requested.

### **Adjourn**


Motion made by Council Member Crenshaw, seconded by Council Member Mackowski, to adjourn.

Mayor Pittman Di Credico called for a roll-call vote:


Council Member McCabe:	Aye
Council Member Crenshaw:	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Priest:	Aye
Council Member Eason	Aye
Council Member Mackowski:	Aye

Motion carried unanimously; meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Minutes approved the 13th day of August 2020.

  
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Michelle Pittman Di Credico,  
Mayor



  
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Shannon Montgomery, TRMC  
City Secretary