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Mayor Pro-Tem,
Place 2
Michelle Tye

Place 3
Randall Loftis

Place 4
Kristi King

Place 5
Kasey Shumake

City
Administrator
Amanda DeGan

City Attorney
Carvan Adkins

City Secretary
Shaina Odom

Fire Chief
Scott Estes

Police Chief
Eric Debus

Public Works
Director
Jesus Dominguez

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, August 10, 2023

Regular Session: 6 p.m.

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Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6 pm

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Mayor Mitchell led the Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag

Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, One state under God, One and indivisible.

Public Comments

1. *The Council is not permitted to take action on or discuss any comments made to the Council at this time concerning an item not listed on the agenda. However, a Council Member or Mayor may make a statement of fact regarding the item, make a statement concerning the policy regarding the item and/or may propose that the item be placed on a future agenda or direct the City Administrator to contact the individual to address. If you are attending the meeting via Live Streaming, and you would like to make a Public Comment, you must email the City Secretary at citysecretary@cityofrhome.com prior to 4 pm on the day of meeting and must identify each subject you plan to present to be recognized.*
2. *If the writer of a Public Comment is unable to read their own comment, it should be given to a friend, family member, or associate, that is able to attend in person and read the statement in their stead.*
3. *Public Comments made in person require the speaker to submit the sign-up form to the City Secretary prior to the meeting, and the form must identify each subject the speaker plans to present.*
4. *A statement of no more than 3 minutes may be made. There will be no yielding of time to another person. Comments should be directed to the entire Council, not individual members. Engaging in verbal attacks, or comments intended to insult, abuse, malign, or slander any individuals shall be cause for termination of time privileges and removal from Council Chambers.*
 - *Michelle DiCredico*
 - *Lisa Wilson – By JoAnn Wilson*
 - *Shirley Mize*

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

- City Council Meeting August 24, 2023 @ 6 p.m.

Consent Agenda

All items under this section are recommended for approval for the Consent Agenda. These items are of a routine nature and require only brief deliberation by Council. Council reserves the right to remove any item on the Consent Agenda for further deliberation.

1. Minutes of City Council Regular Session dated July 27, 2023 **(City Secretary)**
2. Atmos Resolution 2023-17 **(City Administrator)**

Mayor Mitchell requested to pull item 2 from the consent agenda.

1) Mayor Pro-Tem Tye made a motion to approve item 1 on the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Representative Pam Hughes from Atmos explained the proposed increase from item 2. Mayor Pro-Tem Tye made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-17, Council Member Loftis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Staff Reports and Board Minutes

All items under this section are for informational purposes only; no action will be taken by Council.

1. Departments: Administration, Building & Development, Fire Rescue, Municipal Court, Police and Public Works (Department Heads).

No questions or action was taken.

Public Hearing

1. City Council to conduct a Public Hearing to consider a replat; one tract being legally described as Acres: 4.41, Abst: A0743, Block 26 27 28 PT 29, A-743 SMITH CSL 6.928, ACRES BLOCK 26 27 28 PT 29, and A-743 SMITH CSL 1.072 ACRES BLOCK 26 27 28 PT 29 **(City Administrator)**

Mayor Mitchell opened the public hearing at 6:20 pm. No comments were made. Mayor Mitchell closed the public hearing at 6:23 pm.

Regular Agenda

Discussion and any necessary action for the following:

1. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a replat; one tract being legally described as Acres: 4.41, Abst: A0743, Block 26 27 28 PT 29, A-743 SMITH CSL 6.928, ACRES BLOCK 26 27 28 PT 29, and A-743 SMITH CSL 1.072 ACRES BLOCK 26 27 28 PT 29 **(City Administrator)**

The 200-bed hospital was removed from the plan. Council Member Loftis mentioned he was worried about the light pollution affecting the residential homes. The developer stated even though they are not required to accommodate the city's ordinances, they always try to keep the lighting to a minimum at night. They will get water from the City of Rhome and sewer from PMB's system. Mayor Pro-Tem Tye made a motion to approve the preliminary plat. Council Member Loftis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Budget and Tax Rate Discussion (City Administrator)

City administrator, DeGan went over a power point (attached), with the Council. Several motions were made during this discussion.

To try to rehab the infrastructure within the city, Council Member King made a motion to publish the public hearing for the tax rate at .504186, and to come back and evaluate the tax rate since you can bring it down with the final motion, but you can not increase it over the posted amount. Mayor Pro-Tem Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member King made a motion to use fund balance to move a part-time police admin position to full-time and to hire two new full time fire fighters. Mayor Pro-Tem Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Johnson made a motion for public works to take home two vehicles in case of emergencies. Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Johnson made a motion for police sergeants to take home their cars. Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member King made a motion to approve the title changes for the Court Clerk to Court Administrator, and the Utility Billing Representative to Utility Billing / Permit Manager. City cell phones to be issued to both police sergeants, and to implement a Social Media Archive software. Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Clear Rec Engagement Agreement (City Administrator)

City Administrator DeGan explained the reconciliation of the bank accounts has been a difficult process due to switching bank accounts in the middle of the month. The cost for Clear Rec to clean up the reconciliation is not to exceed \$10,000.00. Mayor Pro-Tem Tye made a motion to spend up to \$10,000.00 of ARPA funds for a one time clean up the reconciliation to the end of the fiscal year, July to September 2022. Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Cyber security training (City Administrator)

City Administrator DeGan explained to Council the need for those who use the computer for more than 25% of their city related business to take an online cyber security course by the end of August 2023. This is a state requirement.

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:

1. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or to seek advice from attorney.
2. 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.
3. 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 a public hearing.
4. 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.

Regular Agenda (Resume)

1. Action to be taken from Executive Session discussions.

No executive session was held.

Future Agenda Items

(Agenda items are due by 5 p.m. on the Wednesday of the week prior to the Council meeting)

Council Member King requested the Fire Chief Pay be placed on the next agenda.

Adjourn

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Council Adjourned at 8:00 pm.



Patricia Mitchell,

Mayor

ATTEST:



Shaina Odom
City Secretary

