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Patricia Mitchell

City Council

Place 1  
Jimmy Johnson

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 24, 2023

Regular Session: 6 p.m.

### Regular Session: 6 p.m.

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

### Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Invocation led by Pastor Heath Van Zandt

Pastor Heath Van Zandt 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](mailto: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.*
  - Lisa Wilson – By JoAnn Wilson*
  - Shirley Mize*

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

- City offices will be closed for observance of Labor Day on September 4, 2023
- Cyber Security training requirements due by August 31, 2023.
- City Council Meeting September 14, 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 August 10, 2023 **(City Secretary)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Tye made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Regular Agenda**

### **Discussion and any necessary action for the following:**

1. Salary Review for Fire Chief Position **(Council Member King)**

Council Member King stated she wanted this brought back to Council to reevaluate the Fire Chief Position to consider bringing it up to the minimum comparative salaries. City Administrator DeGan, went over the benchmark cities we use for comparisons. She stated that Haslet is not a good comparison, and we will need to reevaluate the cities we use in the coming years. Roanoke is a good one, because at some point, Rhome is going to grow up to be close to their current position. The fire and police chief spoke regarding the amount of accidents worked on the highway. Council Member King made a motion to match the salary of the Police Chief at \$85,995 effective immediately. Mayor Pro-Tem seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-1, Council Member Loftis abstained.

2. Aurora Request to Process Municipal Court Citations **(City Administrator)**

City Administrator DeGan requested to table item.

3. Oncor Transmission Lines Update **(City Administrator)**

City Administrator DeGan stated there is not much of an update at this time. It appears the preferred route of the city is mimicking the preferred route of Oncor.

4. Budget and Tax Rate Discussion **(City Administrator)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Tye requested that City Administrator DeGan explain the budget to actuals for 2022-2023. City Administrator DeGan stated the budget to actuals for 2022-2023 cannot be accurate currently since the year has not ended. The audit does not affect the budget being passed since the city is not running at a deficit or using any fund balance for the upcoming year. The projected expenses are aligned with the previous years, adjusted for inflation. Council Member Loftis commended the City Administrator DeGan for the information she has provided in the preparation of the budget for the upcoming year. Council Member Loftis voiced his concerns on the income for the city related to sales tax revenue. He asked the City Administrator to run the numbers for different tax rates so the council can see the amount of revenue each tax rate would generate so they know how much will go into the restricted fund for infrastructure. A million dollars' worth of debt would be around \$75,000.00 for an annual payment. Replacement of the West Waste Water Treatment Plant was quotes between six and eight million dollars. No action was taken. Discussion only.

## **Executive Session**

Executive session was cancelled.

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.
  - Water Line Discussions – PMB
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.
  - Water Line Discussions – PMB

**Regular Agenda (Resume)**

1. Action to be taken from Executive Session discussions

Executive session was cancelled.

**Future Agenda Items**

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

**Adjourn**

Council Member King seconded the adjournment of the meeting. Unanimously passed.



Patricia Mitchell,

Mayor

ATTEST:



Shaina Odom  
City Secretary

