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 Jimmy Johnson

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 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, December 14, 2023

Regular Session: 6 p.m.

Meeting Location: Rhome Community Center, 261 North School Road, Rhome, TX 76078

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The Rhome City Council *may* conduct this meeting by videoconference call in accordance with Section 551.127 of the Texas Open Meetings Act. A quorum of the City Council will be physically present at the address listed above and the public may attend the meeting at the same location.

Regular Session: 6 p.m.

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Council Member Johnson was absent, Council Member Tye attended virtually.

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Invocation Reverend Tiffany Danna

Reverend Tiffany Danna 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 or discuss any comments made to the Council at this time concerning an item not listed on the agenda. However, they may make a statement of fact regarding the item or policy. They may also ask that the item be placed on a future agenda or direct the City Administrator to contact the individual to address.*
2. *Public Comments require the speaker to submit the sign-up form to the City Secretary prior to the meeting, are limited to 3 minutes, and the form must identify each subject the speaker plans to present.*
3. *There will be no yielding of time to another person. Engaging in verbal attacks, or comments intended to insult or slander any individual shall be cause for removal from Council Chambers.*
 - Ashley Majors

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

- City Hall Closed on December 25th and 26th for Christmas
- City Hall Closed January 1st for New Years
- Bulk Trash Pick-up Tuesday, January 2, 2024
- Planning and Zoning Meeting January 8, 2024
- City Council Meeting January 11, 2024

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. Approval of the Council Minutes from October 26, 2023 **(City Administrator)**
2. Approval of the Council Minutes from November 9, 2023 **(City Administrator)**
3. TexStar Resolution to update account **(City Administrator)**

Mayor Mitchell requested to pull item number 3 from the consent agenda, and move it to the regular agenda. Council Member Shumake made a motion to approve item 1 and 2 from the consent agenda, Council Member Loftis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3 was moved to regular agenda at the Mayor's request. Staff explained this is an account that needs a resolution to update the access to the account. This had not been done previously due to the fact that there is \$.04 in the account, and access has not been needed until the auditors needed access to the account. Council member Shumake made a motion to approve the resolution. 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).

Regular Agenda

Discussion and any necessary action for the following:

1. Spartan Energy **(City Administrator)**

Representative from Spartan Energy spoke to the council regarding the options of rates within the different contracts available. Spartan stated that during the duration of the contract, if the market price drops during the contract, they will lower the rate. Council Member Loftis made a motion to approve the 9-year contract, Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. By Well Sign Damage **(Council Member King)**

Council discussed the sign damage in ByWell Estates. It was determined that the damage to the sign was not to be corrected with city funds without the approval of council, since the sign is not city property. Council Member Loftis suggested that the residents should be encouraged to create committees within their neighborhoods. Council decided to have staff look into options to correct the sign like, decals, and stripping what is currently on the sign to get rid of the unsightly paint.

3. Police Department General Orders **(Chief Debus)**

Mayor Mitchell stated she did not have time to review the general orders before the meeting. Council Member Loftis made a motion to move the item until the next meeting. Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Child Advocacy Center Memorandum of Understanding (Chief Debus)

Nicole Rosenbaum came in and spoke with the Council. The MOU is required to be signed every three years to continue partnering with the Child Advocacy Center. Council Member King made a motion to approve the MOU, Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Open Records Fees & Policy Change (City Administrator)

Council Member Shumake made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-09. Council Member King seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Budget Amendments FY 2023 (City Administrator)

City Administrator, DeGan, asked for this item to be tabled until the next meeting.

7. Water / Sewer System and Fund Overview (City Administrator)

City Administrator, DeGan, gave a presentation over the water and sewer system. PowerPoint attached.

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.
 - Prairie Point Development

Regular Agenda (Resume)

1. Action to be taken from Executive Session discussions

Future Agenda Items

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

Adjourn



Patricia Mitchell,
Mayor
Michelle Tye,
Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Shaina Odom

Shaina Odom
City Secretary

