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City Council

Mayor Pro-Tem,
Place 1
Josh McCabe

Place 2
Michelle Tye

Place 3
Elaine Priest

Place 4
Kathy Konegni

Place 5
VACANT

City
Administrator
Amanda DeGan

City Attorney
Carvan Adkins

City Secretary
Shaina Odom

Interim Fire Chief
Michelle Di
Credico

Police Chief
Eric Debus

Public Works
Director

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, January 12, 2023

Regular Session: 6 pm

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

LIVE Streaming: In an effort to be as accessible as possible, we may Live Stream the meeting using GoToMeeting from your computer or phone.

Regular Session: 6 pm

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Invocation – Chief Eric Debus

Police Chief Eric Debus 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.*
 - Deborah BeCraft – 360 W Second Street*
 - Lisa Ann Wilson- By JoAnn Wilson – 240 W First Street*

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

- City Hall Closed January 16, 2023 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- First day to sign up for a Place on The Ballot for the May 6, 2023 Election

Regular Agenda

1. Appoint and swear in an applicant to Place 5 of the Rhome City Council (**City Administrator & City Secretary**)

Council interviewed each candidate one by one asking the same questions to each candidate.

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:

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

Council Entered into Executive session at 6:54 pm. Council reconvened into regular session at 7:12 pm.

Council Member Priest nominated Kasey Shumake into Rhome City Council Place 5. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. City Secretary, Shaina Odom, swore in Kasey Shumake.

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 March 24, 2022 (**City Secretary**)
2. Minutes of City Council Regular Session dated December 8, 2022 (**City Secretary**)
3. Minutes of City Council Regular Session dated December 12, 2022 (**City Secretary**)
4. Council approval/action adding City Administrator, Amanda DeGan, to all bank accounts as a signatory (**City Secretary**)
5. Council approval/action adding City Administrator, Amanda DeGan, to the Wells Fargo Credit Card (**City Secretary**)
6. Council approval/action regarding police department property and evidence disposal (**Chief Debus**)

Council Member Tye made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Konegni 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)

Public Hearing(s)

1. City Council to conduct a Public Hearing to consider a replat; one tract being legally described as Acres: 3.00, Abstract: A-817 JC, also known as 401 E Hickory Street, Rhome, TX 76078

Mayor Mitchell opened the Public Hearing at 7:21 pm. The Public Hearing was recessed until February 6, 2023 at 6 pm. The

Public Hearing was closed at 7:20 pm.

2. City Council is to conduct a Public Hearing to consider a Specific Use Permit; legally described as BLK: 7 & ½ 43 ORIGINAL TOWN RHOME 0.9900 Acres, also known as, 311 Old Mill Road Rhome, TX 76078

Mayor Mitchell opened the Public Hearing at 7:21 pm. The Public Hearing was recessed until March 6, 2023 at 6 pm. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:21 pm.

Regular Agenda (Resume)

Discussion and any necessary action for the following:

2. Replat; one tract being legally described as Acres: 3.00, Abstract: A-817 JC, also known as 401 E Hickory Street, Rhome, TX 76078 **(City Secretary)**

Tabled

3. Application for a Specific Use Permit; legally described as BLK: 7 & ½ 43 ORIGINAL TOWN RHOME 0.9900 Acres, also known as, 311 Old Mill Road Rhome, TX 76078 **(City Secretary)**

Tabled

4. Walnut Creek Water Agreement **(Chief Debus)**

Police Chief, Eric Debus, explained to Council, the contract increases the water supply by 500,000 gallons per day, 250,000 gallons of the water will be directly dedicated to RVR. The funding was already provided to supply infrastructure upgrades. The agreement will expire on October 12, 2029. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion for City Administrator, Amanda DeGan to execute the contracts with Walnut Creek and RVR. Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Fiberoptic service to the water tower for NISD **(Chief Debus)**

NISD will cover the cost of installing the fiberoptic to the water tower. This helps them with communication to the buses through the district. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to allow NISD to install fiberoptics to the water tower. Council Member Konegni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Public notifications and community engagement **(City Administrator)**

City Administrator, Amanda DeGan, went over the quotes received from IWorQ, CodeRed, and a partnership with Wise County called Alert Sense. IWorQ quoted \$3,000 annually, CodeRed quotes \$1,900 Annually, and Alert Sense was around \$500 per year. Council Member Priest made a motion to go with Alert Sense, Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion regarding a service called Constant Contact led to direction from the Council to get a firm price and bring back to Council for further discussion and approval.

7. Agreement with financial consultants to assist with remaining transition to STW **(City Administrator)**

Council Member Tye made a motion to authorize the City Administrator, Amanda DeGan, to bring in financial consultants into City Hall to help with the remainder of the transition to consolidated cash, with total not to exceed \$5,000.00. Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Confirmation of a Fire Chief (City Administrator)

City Administrator, Amanda DeGan, introduced the incoming Fire Chief, Scott Estes. He will start on January 30, 2023. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to accept Scott Estes into the Fire Chief position. Council Member Konegni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Organizational analysis and prioritization of projects (City Administrator)

City Administrator, Amanda DeGan, went over a power point of the things she has seen since she started a month ago. She went over the ideas she has for the betterment of Rhome. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe stated he would like to see about a 10-minute presentation once a month from the City Administrator. No action was taken

10. Proposed ONCOR transmission line placement (Council Member Priest)

Council Member Priest went to the meeting regarding the ONCOR transmission line placement plans. She stated that ONCOR is looking for answers from the city on their proposed line plans. City Administrator, Amanda DeGan was instructed to reply to ONCOR with the objections for the line placement behind ByWell Estates and the lines proposed to run through Rolling V. Direction Only.

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 action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

Future Agenda Items

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

Adjourn

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

P. Mitchell

Patricia Mitchell,
Mayor

ATTEST:

Shaina Odom

Shaina Odom
City Secretary

