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Fire Chief
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Police Chief
Eric Debus

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Director
Jesus Dominguez

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023

Regular Session: 6 p.m.

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Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6 pm. Council Member Shumake was absent at the adjournment of the meeting.

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Invocation

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.*

- Deborah BeCraft

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

- City Council Meeting June 8, 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 May 25, 2023 **(City Secretary)**
2. Approval of Ordinance 2023-04 Mitigation Rates for 2023 **(Fire Chief Estes)**
3. Approval of Resolution 2023-12 Texas Smart Buy

Mayor Pro-Tem Tye made a motion to accept the Consent agenda as presented. Council Member King 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. Business Hosted Public Safety Event **(City Administrator)**

Robert Heinsohn gave an update about the Public Safety Event, tentatively for July 1, 2023. Included will be; bounce houses, waterslides, ice cream truck, looking for DJ. Talking with food truck vendors and working with Rhome businesses for sponsors. No action was taken.

2. Utility Payment and Health Assistance Program **(City Administrator)**

City Administrator, DeGan, presented the Assistance Program. They help with gas, water, and electric. The City of Rhome will have to sign a contract, there is no cost for the program. The agreement may not need to be signed, because Rhome only provides water, sewer, and trash. Reached out to the office and have not heard back about the agreement. Residents must sign up for the program. DeGan, recommended a trial. UniteUs is \$500 a year, and helps veterans, disabled, and low-income homes. Direction, try it.

3. Wise County Sherriff Dispatch Fee - Draft Letter **(City Administrator)**

City Administrator, DeGan, stated Council Member Loftis offered to write a letter to go to the Sherriff office. DeGan presented the drafted letter. Not all parties are in agreement with the letter. Council member Loftis investigated Software as a Service, turnkey dispatch, they do not provide services to Texas currently. Mayor Pro-Tem Tye said Grant money for rural sheriff departments to help with incomes will be available in September 2023. No action taken.

4. Code Enforcement **(Mayor)**

Tabled due to resident not being present.

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)

Adjourn

Mayor Pro-Tem Tye motioned to adjourn; Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



Patricia Mitchell,

Mayor

ATTEST:



Shaina Odom
City Secretary

