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Police Chief
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 23, 2023

Regular Session: 6 p.m.

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: 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Invocation – Pastor Heath Van Zandt

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

- *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.*
- *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.*
- *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.*
- *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 Ann Wilson – 240 W First Street*
 - *Deborah BeCraft – 360 W Second Street*
 - *Joe Hernandez – 105 School Road*
 - *JoAnn Wilson – 240 W First Street*
 - *Randall Loftis – 315 W Morris*
 - *Tommie Eason – 1107 Mount Lane*
 - *Shirley Mize – 170 Russell Street*

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

- Fire Department Boot Drive March 31 & April 1, 2023
- City Council Meeting April 13, 2023 @ 6:00 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 March 9, 2023
2. Resolution 2023-10 Naming Wise County Messenger as designated newspaper **(City Administrator)**
3. Resolution 2023-11 Tarrant County Emergency Services District No. 1 Partnership Agreement **(City Administrator)**
4. Adding Fire Command Vehicle to Auction **(City Administrator/Fire Chief)**

Council Member Tye made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

Discussion and any necessary action for the following:

1. Recognizing the SHINE Recipient for the Second Quarter of FY 22-23 **(City Administrator)**

Item tabled until April 13, 2023

2. Rescheduling May 11th meeting in order to attend Chamber "Dinner with the Mayors" **(City Administrator)**

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to reschedule the May 11, 2023 Council Meeting to May 18, 2023 at 6 pm. Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Sheriff Dispatch Fee **(City Administrator)**

Sherriff Akin came in from Wise County to discuss the new dispatch fee. He stated Rhome generates 52% of Emergency Communications for WCSO (Wise County Sherriff Office). He wants to charge Rhome \$65,000.00 per year for police dispatch. He stated he would use the money for pay raises for the dispatch officers. Currently they have 9 out of 16 positions filled. He would like to implement the fee starting FY 2024. Council asked what the ½ cent sales tax pays for, that has been provided to the County by all cities in Wise County since 1987. Sherriff said it is used to pay down dept for the county and does not help the WCSO. Council wanted to know how the dept has not been paid off since 1987, and Akin responded that they are still using the funds to pay for new dept that the county incurs. No action was taken, discussion only.

4. Personnel Manual Update **(City Administrator)**

City Administrator, DeGan, presented two options to council to update the PTO (Paid Time Off) schedule within the Personnel Manual. One being a single bank of PTO, and the other being split between PTO and Sick Leave. Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to approve the second option, being a split bank of accrual. Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Inspection Services **(City Administrator)**

Council Member Tye made a motion to approve the City Administrator to enter into negotiation with Bureau of Veritas, Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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 attorney1
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 System Acquisition via TCEQ Proposal

Council convened into Executive Session at 7:41 pm under Section 551.087.

Regular Agenda (Resume)

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:54 pm.

1. Action to be taken from Executive Session discussions

No action was taken regarding 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 close the meeting, Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.



Patricia Mitchell,

Mayor

ATTEST:



Shaina Odom
City Secretary

