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Place 2
Michelle Tye

Place 3
Elaine Priest

Place 4
Kathy Konegni

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

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 9, 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 – 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 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.*
 - JoAnn Wilson – 240 W First Street*
 - Deborah BeCraft – 360 W Second Street*
 - Ashley Majors – 200 Dogwood Street*

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

- City Council Meeting March 23, 2023 @ 6 pm.

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 February 23, 2023
2. Amendment to LOGIC Agreement from meeting on February 23, 2023
3. Police Department 2023 Annual Report

Council Member Tye made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Shumake 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. Monthly Update from City Administrator (**City Administrator**)

City Administrator, DeGan, gave Council an update as to where staff is currently. We are approaching budget season; commutations are improving with social media and the City website. Records management is still ongoing, and development is still at the top of the priorities.

2. Budget Preparation – Potential Benchmark Cities for Comparable Data (**City Administrator**)

City Administrator, DeGan, requested direction from the council for their preferences of Benchmark Cities used for budget preparation. Council directed to use mostly Wise County Cities; Boyd, Bridgeport, Decatur, Justin, Roanoke, Haslet and Northlake.

3. SCADA System Upgrades to ensure continued water monitoring service for Rhome (**City Administrator**)

WHECO came in to present their upgrades to the system. The system was installed in 2008, and has not been upgraded since then. These upgrades will allow the public works crew access to the alert system from home, or the office. The system will send a notification with the exact location of any leaks, or main breaks, effectively notifying staff reduces the loss of water and pressures. The funds will come from the money RVR provided for upgrades to the water system. Council Member Tye made a motion to authorize City Administrator, Amanda DeGan, to negotiate and execute the contract with WHECO. Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Surplus or Obsolete Equipment Auction (**City Administrator**)

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to authorize staff to auction off obsolete equipment. Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Sheriff Notice of Dispatch Fee for FY 23-24 Budget Year **(City Administrator)**

Wise County is asking for \$65,000 to \$70,000 a year for dispatch for emergency services. Currently the City is giving back ½ cent of sales tax back to the county each year, approximately \$1.3 Million since 2017. Neither staff nor Council are comfortable with the increase. No action was taken.

6. Waste Connections Annual Increase **(City Administrator)**

Council Member Priest made a motion to accept the 8.4% increase implemented by Waste Connections, 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:

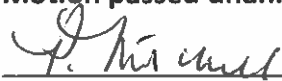
1. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or to seek advice from attorney
2. Section 551.072 Deliberation regarding Real Property - purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have detrimental 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
 - a. Prairie Point
 - b. Rolling V – Blue Stem

Regular Agenda (Resume)

1. Action to be taken from Executive Session discussions
No Action was taken regarding Executive Session

Adjourn

Mayor Pro-Tem McCabe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council Member Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm



Patricia Mitchell,

Mayor

ATTEST:



Shaina Odom
City Secretary

