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Patricia Mitchell

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Place 1
Jimmy Johnson

Mayor Pro-Tem,
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, September 14, 2023

Regular Session: 6 p.m.

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Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6 pm

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

Invocation led by 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.*
 - Deborah BeCraft*
 - Shirley Mize*

Announcements from Mayor and Council Members

- City Council Meeting September 28, 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. Approval of Resolution 2023-18 updating the Personnel Handbook **(City Administrator)**
2. Approval of ORD 2023-05 updating Section 8.05.001 of the Rhome Code of Ordinances regarding carrying weapons in the city limits **(City Administrator)**

Mayor Mitchell requested the Consent agenda items be moved to the regular agenda.

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).

Council had no questions on the monthly reports from Department Heads.

Public Hearing

1. Rhome City Council to conduct a Public Hearing to hear citizen input regarding the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

Mayor Mitchell called the Public Hearing to order at 6:14 pm. Shirley Mize, Ashley Majors, Joe Hernandez, and Donna DeGarmo spoke during the Public Hearing. Mayor Mitchell closed the Public Hearing at 6:23 pm.

2. Rhome City Council to conduct a Public Hearing to hear citizen input regarding the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

Mayor Mitchell called the Public Hearing to order at 6:24 pm. Shirley Mize, Deborah BeCraft, Joe Hernandez, and Donna DeGarmo spoke during the Public Hearing. Mayor Mitchell closed the Public Hearing at 6:30 pm.

Regular Agenda

Discussion and any necessary action for the following:

1. Approval of Resolution 2023-18 updating the Personnel Handbook **(City Administrator)**

This item was brought back to council for approval to be placed in the employee handbook. Council Member Shumake made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-18, Mayor Pro-Tem Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of ORD 2023-05 updating Section 8.05.001 of the Rhome Code of Ordinances regarding carrying weapons in the city limits **(City Administrator)**

This item was brought to council to update the Code of Ordinances, adopted in 1999. Mayor Pro-Tem Tye made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-05, Council Member Shumake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Ordinance No. 2023-06 adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024, Record Vote Required (City Administrator)

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of \$500,000 which is a 42.50% increase, and of that amount \$3,960.11 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

City administrator DeGan went through the budget presentation, attached, with council. She explained that the only thing that would change with the budget is the restricted fund based on the tax rate council chose to pass. Council Member King made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Tye seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Rhome, Texas, this the 14th day of September 2023 by a record vote of:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
Jimmy Johnson, Council Member, Place 1	X		
Michelle Tye, Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2	X		
Randall Loftis, Council Member, Place 3	X		
Kristi King, Council Member, Place 4	X		
Kasey Shumake, Council Member, Place 5	X		

4. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Ordinance No. 2023-07 ratifying ad valorem property tax revenue reflected in the adopted Fiscal Year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 Annual Budget Record Vote Required (City Administrator)

THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE BY 42.50 PERCENT AND WILL INCREASE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$66.37 PER YEAR

City Administrator DeGan explained the funds raised from the tax rate above the amount brought in last year will go into a restricted fund for improvements to infrastructure and road improvements. The tax rate adopted would determine how much money would go into the fund. Council discussed each proposed rate and the benefits to each proposed rate. Council decided to adopt the current tax rate, bringing in an additional \$211,360.00 to be placed into the restricted fund for the improvement of infrastructure. Council will approve each expenditure from the restricted line item. Council Member Shumake made a motion to adopt the current tax rate .437815 for fiscal year 2023-2024. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Jimmy Johnson, Council Member, Place 1	X		
Michelle Tye, Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2	X		
Randall Loftis, Council Member, Place 3	X		
Kristi King, Council Member, Place 4	X		
Kasey Shumake, Council Member, Place 5	X		

5. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Review – (Council Member Loftis)

Council asked for a list of items that can be used for ARPA funding. City administrator DeGan said she would bring it back to the next meeting for allocations of the remaining funds.

6. Wise County Appraisal District Nominations (City Administrator)

Council asked the City Administrator DeGan to bring back more information to the next council meeting.

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

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member King seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm



Patricia Mitchell,
Mayor

ATTEST:


Shaina Odom



City Secretary