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MINUTES OF THE RHOME CITY COUNCIL
Meeting Date: September 10, 2026
Regular Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Rhome Community Center, 261 School Road, Rhome, Texas 76078
LIVE Streaming: To be as accessible as possible, we MAY live stream the meeting pending any computer or link issues.

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The Rhome City Council *may* conduct this meeting by video conference call in accordance with Section 551.127 of the Texas Open Meetings Act. A quorum of the City Council will be physically present at the address listed above and the public may attend the meeting at the same location.

1. **Call to Order and Establish a Quorum**
   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

   Mayor Crenshaw called the meeting to order at 6 pm. He led the Invocation and Pledges.

2. **Public Comments**
   a. *The Council is not permitted to take action or discuss any comments made to the Council at this time concerning an item not listed on the agenda. However, they may make a statement of fact regarding the item or policy. They may also ask that the item be placed on a future agenda or direct the City Administrator to contact the individual to address.*
   b. *Public Comments require the speaker to submit the sign-up form to the City Secretary prior to the meeting, are limited to 3 minutes, and the form must identify each subject the speaker plans to present.*
   c. *There will be no yielding of time to another person. Engaging in verbal attacks, or comments intended to insult or slander any individual shall be cause for removal from Council Chambers.*

d. *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. **Announcements from Mayor and Council Members**
   - Planning and Zoning Meeting – September 14, 2026
   - City Council Meeting – September 24, 2026

   Mayor Crenshaw announced at the Mayors Dinner the City of Rhome received an award from the Chamber of Commerce as the "Growth Leader – Crains Dust and Progress" Award

4. **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. The Council reserves the right to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for further deliberation.

   a) Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2026 **(City Administrator)**

   Motion: Council Member King
   Second: Council Member Loftis
   Vote: All in Favor
   Result: Approved the Consent Agenda, as presented.

5. **Monthly Staff Reports and/or Board Minutes**

   All items under this section are for informational purposes only; no action will be taken by Council.

   a) Departments: Administration, Building & Development, Fire Rescue, Municipal Court, Police and Public Works **(Department Heads)**

   No Reports at this time.

6. **Public Hearing**

   a) Rhome City Council to conduct a Public Hearing to consider Ordinance 2026-13 and to hear citizen input regarding the proposed budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027.

   Mayor Crenshaw opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m. No comments heard. Mayor Crenshaw closed the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

   b) Rhome City Council to conduct a Public Hearing to consider Ordinance 2026-14 and to hear citizen input regarding the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027.

   Mayor Crenshaw opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. No comments heard. Mayor Crenshaw closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

7. **Regular Agenda**

   Discussion, review, and any necessary action for the following:

   a) 2026 National Night Out Proclamation **(Police Chief)**

   Police Captain Coker recognized Lisa Hamilton for her hard work and dedication to make National Night Out become a wonderful event for our community. Mayor Crenshaw proclaimed October 6, 2026 National Night Out in Rhome, Texas.

   b) Appraisal Quotes – 105 W. 1st Street, 400 BC Rhome, and 261 School Road **(City Administrator)**

   Motion: Council Member Loftis
   Second: Council Member Johnson
   Vote: All in Favor

Result: Approved up to $10,000.00 for appraisal of 105 W. 1st Street and 400 BC Rhome Avenue.

c) Budget Amendment to Purchase/Replace Outdoor Siren – By Well and quotes **(Public Works Director)**

Motion: Council Member Loftis
Second: Council Member Johnson
Vote: All in Favor
Result: Council approved up to $20,200.32 to repair the Outdoor Siren in By Well Estates.

d) Schedule of Fees Ordinance 2026-16 **(City Administrator)**

Staff presented a slide deck, attached, showing the increases recommended within the Schedule of Fees Ordinance. Staff will being back an official ordinance to be passed in October.

e) Ordinance 2026-13 adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, Record Vote Required (City Administrator)

The proposed budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of $9,330.00 which is a 0.49 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is $9,025.00.

Motion: Council Member King
Second: Council Member Loftis
Vote: All in Favor Johnson – Aye, Loftis – Aye, King – Aye
Result: Approved Ordinance 2026-13 – October 1, 2026- September 30, 2027- FY27 Budget

f) Ordinance 2026-14 approving and ratifying the ad valorem property tax rate reflected in the adopted Fiscal Year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, Annual Budget Record Vote Required (City Administrator)

THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE BY 0.97 PERCENT AND WILL INCREASE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A $100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY $36.86 PER YEAR

Motion: Council Member Loftis
Second: Council Member Johnson
Vote: All in Favor - Johnson – Aye, Loftis – Aye, King – Aye
Result: Council Approved the 2027 ad valorem tax rate at the Voter Approval Rate .781147

g) Vacant Structures Registry **(Council Member Loftis)**

Tabled

8. 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:

a) Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or to seek advice from attorney.

- Prairie Point Development

b) 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.

c) 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.

d) Section 551.087 – Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations – to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information 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.

- Property 744891- Frontage 287

9. Regular Agenda (Resume)

a) Action to be taken from Executive Session

Pulled to Floor: Property 744891- Frontage 287

Motion: Council Member King
Second: Council Member Loftis
Vote: All in Favor
Result: Approved staff to engage in a Professional Services Agreement in the amount of $30,000.00 with the developer of 744891.

10. Future Agenda Items

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

a) Short-term Rental Policy – Mayor Crenshaw
b) Panhandling ordinance – Mayor Crenshaw – Council Member Shumake
c) Upcoming Budget for Trash Services - Council Member Johnson
d) Easements - Mayor Pro-Tem Tye

11. Adjourn

Motion: Council Member Johnson
Second: Council Member Loftis
Vote: All in Favor
Result: Meeting adjourned

Kenneth Crenshaw
Mayor

ATTEST:

Shaina Odom
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City Secretary

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