

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES**

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 20, 1997

- 1. MAYOR DALE PICKENS CALLED THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AND A ROLL CALL WAS CONDUCTED: COMMISSIONER FRANK PFEIFER AND COMMISSIONER PAUL HANCOCK WERE BOTH PRESENT. TIME: 7:05 P.M.**
- 2. CONSENT AGENDA: COMMISSIONER PFEIFER MOVED TO PASS THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER HANCOCK SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED ON MAJORITY VOTE.**
- 3. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:**
 - A. MR. GEORGE BIRD AND MR. JAMES ELLIOTT OFFERED AN UPDATE ON PEC ACTIVITIES TO THE COUNCIL AND AUDIENCE. MR. ELLIOTT STATED IT WAS HIS FIRST TIME AT THE MEETING IN COTTONWOOD SHORES. PEC EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN TRIMMING TREES AND RECENTLY STARTED A RURAL CRIME WATCH: PEC STAFF SPOTTING ANYTHING CALL IT IN TO THE POLICE. THIS IS A WELCOME ADDITION TO COMMUNITIES. MEMBERSHIP IN PEC HAS GROWN TO 128,000 - 7,000 OF THOSE THIS YEAR ALONE. BEGINNING JANUARY 1998 THE PEC LOCATIONS DRIVE-THROUGH WINDOWS WILL BE OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. THE LOBBY WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS. NEITHER LOCATION WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAYS.**
 - B. THE MAYOR REACTIVATED THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE WHICH HAD BEEN ON HOLD SINCE THE DEPARTURE OF COMMISSIONER MARY POPE TO DALLAS, TEXAS. PRESENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE NEW CHAIRMAN HOMER "BURT" BURTON, BENTLEY MARTIN, BECKY EVANS AND NEW MEMBER JOE ADAMS. THE MAYOR REQUESTED THAT THE FIRST ORDINANCE TO BE WORKED ON BE FOR NON-STREET-LEGAL VEHICLES, WORKING WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE WALTER ELLIS AND KEEPING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF RESEARCH AND DRAFTED ORDINANCE. MAYOR DALE PICKENS ALSO ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE ITS WORK ON VENDOR PERMITS.**
 - C. REMINDING THE GROUP THAT A RECENT REVISION OF THE BUILDING ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED, PRIMARILY CONCERNING MOBILE HOMES BROUGHT INTO THE CITY, THE MAYOR ALSO STATED THAT THE COUNCIL WAS GOING TO APPOINT MORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE BUILDING COMMITTEE BECAUSE IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT COMMITTEE. MEMBERS NEED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THE LAWS AND THE ORDINANCES THIS WILL BE ADDRESSED AT A LATER CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MAYOR PICKENS APPOINTED EUCLID PHIPPS AS THE NEW MEMBER TO REPLACE PAUL HANCOCK, SPEAKING OF HIS RECENT EXPERIENCE AND VOLUNTEERING TO TAKE ON THIS JOB.**

D. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL NEXT DISCUSSED THE FEASIBILITY OF THE CITY CONTRACTING WITH A PROFESSIONAL GRANT-WRITING FIRM TO SEEK THE NEXT CITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT WHICH WILL BE FOR ADDITIONAL WATER STORAGE AND COMPLETION OF NEW WATER LINES ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE CITY. REPRESENTATIVES FROM ONE SUCH FIRM MET WITH THE ADMINISTRATION TO EXPLAIN ABOUT THEIR SERVICES AND IT WOULD APPEAR THAT NOT ONLY WOULD THE CITY HAVE A BETTER OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE A GRANT, BUT THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT, BOTH PAPERWORK AND FIELD SUPERVISION, WOULD BE HANDLED BY THE FIRM WHICH WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS RELIEF ON THE WORKLOAD OF THE CITY STAFF. SEVERAL CITIZENS COMMENTED ON THE IDEA AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE ATTENDEES, COMMISSIONER PFEIFER MOVED TO INVITE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRANT-WRITING FIRM ALREADY CONTACTED TO ATTEND A CITY MEETING TO EXPLAIN THE PROCESS TO THE PUBLIC AND ANSWER QUESTIONS. THIS WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PAUL HANCOCK AND PASSED ON VOTE. THE PRESENTATION WILL BE SET FOR THE NEXT MEETING OR AS SOON AS IT CAN BE SCHEDULED.

E. POLICE CHIEF WALTER ELLIS REPORTED A DECREASE IN BURGLARY, THEFTS AND CRIMINAL MISCHIEF SINCE PASSING THE CURFEW ORDINANCE. IN GENERAL, ALL TYPES OF OFFENSES HAVE DROPPED DRASTICALLY. HE REPORTED DILIGENT WORK ON CLEANING OUT THE DRUG ACTIVITY IN THE CITY ALSO. POLICE GRANTS ARE BEING SOUGHT FOR ADDITIONAL OFFICERS, EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES. A COMPUTER PROGRAM AND HARDWARE DESIGNED TO INTERNET ALL SURROUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES HAS BEEN GRANTED AND CHIEF ELLIS HAS ATTENDED THE TRAINING. WALTER ENCOURAGED RESIDENTS TO CALL CITY HALL TO REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY. HE REPORTED RESPONDING TO 29 VARIOUS INCIDENTS AND MAKING 5 ARRESTS. LASTLY, CHIEF ELLIS ASKED THE COUNCIL AND MAYOR FOR A COMMITMENT TO APPLY FOR THE GRANTS HE HAD DISCUSSED. COMMISSIONER PAUL HANCOCK MOVED TO DO SO AND COMMISSIONER FRANK PFEIFER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED ON VOTE.

F. MAYOR PICKENS THEN RELATED DETAILS CONCERNING A NEW ORDINANCE INTENDED TO ALLOW THE CITY TO PROCEED AGAINST DILAPIDATED AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES. THIS IS A LONG AND COMPLICATED PROCESS WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE CITY THE RIGHT TO CONDEMN, REPAIR, DEMOLISH, PLACE LIENS AGAINST, OR SELL SUCH PROPERTIES AFTER TIMELY NOTIFICATIONS TO OWNERS AND LIEN HOLDERS. IT WILL REQUIRE APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS. COMMISSIONER PFEIFER STATED HE HAD READ CITY ATTORNEY BARNEY KNIGHT'S PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND AGREED IT WAS LONG NEEDED AND MOVED TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 112097. COMMISSIONER HANCOCK SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED ON VOTE.

5. MAYOR'S UPDATE ON CONCERNS OF THE CITY:

A. THE MAYOR ADVISED FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE WATER INTAKE ON LBJ. DUE TO HEAVY OPPOSITION FROM PROPERTY OWNERS FRONTING ON LAKE LBJ ON THE SOUTH SIDE, THE PROPOSED BIG MARINA, RESTAURANT, MOTEL COMPLEX IS ON HOLD FOR THE TIME BEING. MEANWHILE, BAY MARINE HAS COMPLETED THE 1,000 FOOT EXTENSION OF THE CITY'S INTAKE LINE, PROVIDING BOTH LABOR AND COST OF MATERIALS.

B. THE MAYOR INTRODUCED WATER PLANT OPERATOR LARRY LETT, WHO REPRESENTED THE CITY IN OVERSEEING THE INTAKE EXTENSION. FIELD SUPERVISOR EDDIE PROCTOR SUFFERED A SHOULDER INJURY DURING THE INITIAL PROJECT AND IS ON LEAVE, PENDING THERAPY AND ANOTHER DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED DECEMBER 4, 1997. LARRY ADDRESSED THE GROUP STATING HIS GOAL WAS TO PROVIDE THE BEST SERVICES, SAFE AND ADEQUATE FOR THE CITY. HE ALSO ASKED PEOPLE TO FEEL FREE TO ASK QUESTIONS AS HE IS PLEASED TO HELP SOLVE PROBLEMS OR PROVIDE ANSWERS.

C. THE MAYOR SPOKE AT LENGTH ON THE SUBJECT OF "WHY WE WORRY ABOUT YOU PAYING YOUR UTILITY BILL ON TIME." CITING PAST COMMENTS THAT CITY STAFF WASTE TIME OR FIELDING QUESTIONS LIKE "WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR TIME".....THE MAYOR POINTED OUT THAT THE CITY SECRETARY IS ONE EMPLOYEE IN THE OFFICE AND AT TIMES, THE ENTIRE MONTH SEEMS TO BE WORKING WITH THE (YOUR) UTILITY BILLS. SENDING BILLS, TAKING PAYMENTS, TAKING CALLS, PROCESSING THE METER READING REPORT, WORK ORDERS FOR RE-READS, CUTOFFS, ABUSIVE LANGUAGE TO BOTH CITY HALL AND FIELD STAFF.....MAYOR PICKENS REACHED HIS ARM FULL LENGTH UPWARD AND LET FALL A THREE YEAR LATE HISTORY ON A (UNIDENTIFIED) CUSTOMER..... WE KNOW IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN...WE ALL HAVE BILLS AND HAVE TO PAY THEM. IT IS COSTING YOU, THE TAXPAYERS, MONEY WHEN WE CAN'T GET THE WORK DONE...SEVERAL CITIZENS COMMENTED THEIR FEELINGS ON THE ISSUE OR PEOPLE NOT TAKING THE RESPONSIBILITY AND ABOUT THE VERBAL ABUSE THE STAFF IS SUBJECTED TO, BOTH IN THE OFFICE AND IN THE FIELD. THE CITY WILL WORK WITH A CUSTOMER IF THAT PERSON CALLS AND REQUESTS AN ARRANGEMENT AND, IF THE AGREEMENT IS HONORED, THERE IS NO CUTOFF. IF THE ARRANGEMENT IS NOT HONORED BY THE CUSTOMER, THERE IS A CUTOFF. IF THE RESIDENT DOES NOT CALL AT ALL, THERE IS A CUTOFF. THERE ARE SEVERAL HABITUAL OFFENDERS, MONTH AFTER MONTH. IT IS NOT ALWAYS SOMEONE WITHOUT THE MONEY TO PAY.... IN THE PAST MONTH, NINE PEOPLE DID CALL AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE AND KEPT. OTHERS DID NOT. THERE IS A LAW, AN ORDINANCE, AND THE CITY FOLLOWS THIS ORDINANCE. IT IS PEOPLE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO DO THE SAME.

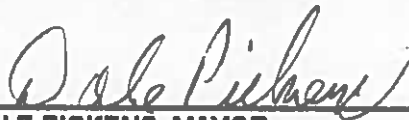
5. OPEN DISCUSSION.

(1) THE MAYOR DISCUSSED THE CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE WHICH IS MEETING ON A REGULAR BASIS AND COMING UP WITH GREAT PLANS....SOME TRADITIONAL, SOME NEW. GERRY PICKENS GAVE A BRIEF REPORT....OVER 100 CHILDREN WERE SHARING THE VISIT WITH SANTA CLAUS IN 1996 AND MORE ARE HOPED FOR THIS YEAR.. THERE WILL BE EXCITEMENT IN THE JUDGING OF THE DECORATIONS CONTEST WITH SPECIAL JUDGES INCLUDED. DONATIONS OF TOYS OR CANNED FOOD AND VOLUNTEERS ARE ENCOURAGED.

(2) THE MAYOR THEN TALKED ABOUT DEPARTING COMMISSIONER PAUL HANCOCK, WHO IS LEAVING THE CITY TO MAKE A NEW HOME IN MERIDIAN, TEXAS (KNOWN AS THE "START OF THE HILL COUNTRY")...A FRAMED CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION WAS PRESENTED TO PAUL WITH MANY, MANY GOOD WISHES FROM HIS FRIENDS AT THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES.

7. MAYOR PICKENS ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:55 P.M.





DALE PICKENS, MAYOR



SUE PORTER, CITY SECRETARY

Reg CC Mtg

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Marjorie Phipps

Betty Evans

Gentle Maut

Suzaldine Dickens

James Ellett & George Bird (PEC)

Evelyn Phipps

J. R. Wilson

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Diane Austin

Shen Wallace

Alma Gault

Frank & Linda Smith

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November 1, 1997


The Honorable Dale Pickens
Mayor of the City of Cottonwood Shores
3915 Cottonwood Dr.
Marble Falls, TX 78654

Dear Mayor Pickens:

We request that time be reserved on your city council agenda for the meeting scheduled November 20, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. James Ellett and George Bird will be attending to provide the council with an update on PEC activities in your area as well as answer any questions that you may have regarding the Cooperative.

If there is a change in the date or time of the above scheduled meeting, please notify Vicki Hiser at (830) 868-4921. Also, should you or any of the council members have a question prior to the meeting, please feel free to contact us. We will be more than happy to assist you in any way that we can and appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,


Bennie Fuelberg
General Manager

BF:vh

CC: James Ellett
George Bird

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF COTTONWOOD SHORES
4111 COTTONWOOD DRIVE
CIVIC CENTER BUILDING**

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 20, 1997 - 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.
2. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS: (1) REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 16, 1997 AND (2) SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 1997 TO CANVASS VOTES ON SALES TAX SPECIAL ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 4, 1997.
 - B. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER, 1997.
3. PEC UPDATE.
4. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:
 - A. COMMISSIONER -RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT.
 - B. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE - REACTIVATE.
(NEW CHAIRMAN. 1ST ASSIGNMENT: ORDINANCE REGARDING
DIRT BIKES AND OTHER VEHICLES NOT "STREET LEGAL".
 - C. BUILDING COMMITTEE - RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT.
 - D. CONTRACTING WITH GRANT WRITERS.
 - E. POLICE DEPARTMENT - ADDITIONAL RESERVE OFFICER;
POLICE STATION (BUILDING).
 - F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ORDINANCE REGARDING ABANDONED
OR DELAPIDATED STRUCTURES IN THE CITY.
5. MAYOR'S UPDATE:
 - A. INTAKE MATTER.
 - B. UTILITY DEPARTMENT - EDDIE PROCTOR AND LARRY LETT.
 - C. WHY WE WORRY ABOUT YOU PAYING YOUR UTILITY BILL ON
TIME.
6. OPEN DISCUSSION.
7. ADJOURNMENT.

**I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, 3915
COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 14TH DAY
OF NOVEMBER, 1997 AT 5:00 P.M.**


DALE PICKENS, MAYOR

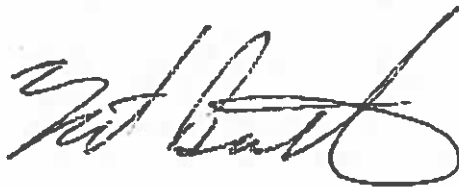
**(THIS FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING
SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR
INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

To : The City of Cottonwood Shores, Texas

From : Mike Butler
Cottonwood Shores Volunteer Fire Dept.

Will you please add the agenda item listed below to the Thursday meeting.
Discussion and or action on a contract for fire protection services.

Thank you



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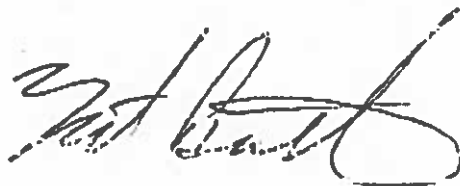
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