

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
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BURT BURTON: I'D LIKE TO START IT OFF. MY MAIN THING ISFOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. WE'D GOTTA GET SUPPORT...WE'RE A POOR FIRE DEPARTMENT, WE DONT HAVE THE FUNDING...OUR EQUIPMENT IS BAD....WE'VE GOTTEN GRANTS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE BBQ FUND-RAISERS, WE'RE FIXING TO HAVE THE VOLLEYBALL, THE BASKETBALL FINISHED UP REAL SOON.. AND ..THE NEWEST TRUCK, THE DIESEL WE'VE GOT WE PAID ABOUT \$3,600 FOR AND IT'S TAKEN ALMOST \$2-3,000 TO FIX IT. COUNTY GAVE US A RAISE...

BARBARA MCBRIDE: NOW THEY GIVE US \$6,581.00 A YEAR BUT \$1,645.25 PER QUARTERWHICH IS ABOUT \$315.00 OVER LAST YEAR.

BURT BURTON: YOU CAN THAT WE'RE ALREADY OVERSPENT, SO WE'RE HAVING TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE ON FUND-RAISERS, A LOT OF THIS STUFF COMES OUT OF OUR OWN POCKETS...WE NEED.....HELP. I WOULD LIKE US TO ...IF IT'S POSSIBLE, AND IT'S

NOT REQUIRED....TO HAVE SOME OF THE CITY EMPLOYEES..COME TO SOME OF OUR TRAINING SO THAT THEY COULD LEARN HOW THE DEPARTMENT WORKS...THEY WOULDN'T BE EXPECTED TO GO AND FIGHT THE FIRES...BUT IF THEY'D COME...OPERATE PUMPS ON THE TRUCK, BECAUSE IT'S ME AND BARBARA MOST OF THE TIME DURING THE DAY, AND AT NIGHT WE'VE GOT THE FULL CREWS. IF WE HAVE TO CHOOSE....ASSIST WITH THINGS IN A CERTAIN AREA OF THE COUNTY, BUT IF IT COMES DOWN TO CHOOSING BETWEEN A WRECK DOWN THE ROAD RIGHT ON THE LINE AND US PUTTING OUT A HOUSE FIRE IN COTTONWOOD, WE'RE GOING TO CHOOSE THE HOUSE FIRE...PROPERTY. AND WE CAN CALL FOR MUTUAL AID IF WE NEED IT FROM THE REST OF THEM. I WANT US ALL TO WORK TOGETHER BETTER, BUT LIKE I SAID, WE HAVE MORE GOING OUT THAN WE HAVE COMING IN.

MIKE BUTLER: WHAT WE ULTIMATELY END UP DOING IS CUTTING CORNERS AND THOSE CORNERS THAT WE'RE CUTTING ARE THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT....COMMUNICATION IS A MAJOR PROBLEM WITH US...GETTING ALL OUR CREW ADVISED AND RESPONDING...SOME LIVE IN HORSESHOE BAY...BEING ABLE TO NOTIFY THOSE PEOPLE AND GET THEM ENROUTE...WE TRY NOT TO CUT OFF THE TRAINING, BUT THERE IS JUST SO MUCH TRAINING THAT WE CAN GIVE TO OUR PEOPLE WITH THE SOURCES THAT WE HAVE... WE'RE NOT EXPECTING THE FUNDING OR KIND OF SUPPORT LIKE MARBLE FALLS...WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE CITY DOES NOT HAVE IT...AND WE DON'T NEED THAT....

DALE PICKENS: I SEE THE SITUATION, THE CITY DOES THE SAME THING...WE REPAIR OUR EQUIPMENT IN-HOUSE...IT'S JUST SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE DO, WE ALL UNDERSTAND THAT.

MIKE BUTLER: OUR 1998 BUDGET....WE HAVE UNEXPECTED EXPENSES, OUR UNIT 715 IS GOING TO NEED....BUT THAT'S SOMETHING WE'LL TRY TO BUDGET FOR SO THAT WHEN WE HAVE TO TAKE THAT UNIT OUT OF SERVICE, WE'RE READY FOR IT.....THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS THE INSURANCE. ONE THING THAT WE DO IS MAKE SURE THAT A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT IS COVERED BY COMPREHENSIVE.

BURT BURTON: WE CAN GET GRANTS BUT OUR PROBLEM IS WE'VE GOT TO GET ALL THESE TAX FORMS SENT TO THE STATE TO CERTIFY THAT WE'RE A VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION, NON-PROFIT, BUT WE NEED \$850.00 TO DO THAT AND WE HAVE TO DO THAT BEFORE WE CAN GET THE GRANT PAPERWORK DONE.

DALE PICKENS: THAT SEEMS A LITTLE HIGH TO ME...

BURT BURTON: A CPA TO DO IT....

BARBARA MCBRIDE: I'VE GOTTEN TWO PACKAGES AND ...TO GIVE US A BREAK, THEY'D DO IT FOR \$350.00.

DALE PICKENS: THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU HAVE TO DO...DO YOU HAVE A TIME PERIOD...

THEY JUST SAID IT WOULD BE HARD TO GET IT ALL DONE.

MIKE BUTLER: ...AS I SEE IT, THERE'S TWO WAYS WE CAN DEAL WITH IT...I MEAN, THE GRANTS ARE GOOD.....WE STILL HAVE OPERATIONAL EXPENSES, THE INSURANCE, THE FUEL...ALL THOSE THINGS THAT WE NEED....WE CAN GET MORE MONEY, OR WE CAN FIND SOME WAY TO MAKE THE EXPENSES LOWER WITHOUT AFFECTING THE WAY WE DO OUR JOB.

BURT BURTON: YOU KNOW, WE'RE WILLING TO WORK WITH OUR COMMUNITY....

FRANK PFEIFER: YOU'VE GOT A TANK TRUCK, RIGHT?

MIKE BUTLER: RIGHT, 2,000 GALLONS.

FRANK PFEIFER: I'M JUST TRYING TO GET AN IDEA OF WHAT YOU'VE GOT.... YOU'VE GOT FOUR VEHICLES, RIGHT.....DO YOU HAVE YOUR TRAINING.....

MIKE BUTLER: OUR PRIMARY STRUCTURAL TRAINING CONSISTS OF THE TANKER AND PUMPER ROLLING TO A SCENE, OPERATE THE PUMPER, SETTING THE TANKER UP TO BE ABLE TO PUSH WATER OFF...RUNNING HOSES AROUND THE BACK OF THE STRUCTURE...

BURT BURTON: WE HAVE COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING, CAR FIRE TRAININGS, THE BEST WAY TO OPERATE.....WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO HAVE CPR CLASSES SET UP.

BARBARA MCBRIDE: I'M WORKING ON CPR CLASSES. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE IT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT - IF THEY CAN HANDLE ENOUGH MEMBERS AT ONE TIME, THEN WE WILL INVITE THE PUBLIC, GET THE PUBLIC INVOLVED. WE'RE TRYING TO SET THAT UP SO MORE PEOPLE WILL BE CAPABLE OF SAVING LIVES.

FRANK PFEIFER: I'VE GOT AN IDEA OF WHAT YOU'VE GOT NOW.

(SOME EMS DISCUSSION BY VFD MEMBERS...BROADEN OUR SCOPE TO RESPOND...)

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DALE PICKENS: LET'S GET BACK TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT...THAT DOESN'T INTEREST ME AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU. I HAVE A QUESTION ON YOUR PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1998. THE FIRE ASSOCIATION FOR \$500, WHAT ASSOCIATION IS THAT?

BARBARA MCBRIDE: THE BURNET COUNTY FIRE AND EMS ASSOCIATION. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE \$200-250 AND LAST YEAR, CHANGED IT TO \$500. MIKE AND BURT ARE REPRESENTATIVES AND IT HELPS US WITH THE COUNTY AND ALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS WORK TOGETHER AS A TASK TEAM AND THEY HAVE TRAININGS, SCENARIOS THAT REALLY...SO WE ARE INVOLVED IN THAT AS FAR AS WHAT WE WOULD DO AND HOW WE WOULD HANDLE THAT.

MIKE BUTLER: THEY ALSO HOLD THE FEC COMMUNICATIONS LICENSE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS...THAT WAY, EACH OF US DOESN'T HAVE TO GO AND APPLY AND PAY FOR THAT.

RAY WHITIS: I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT FIRE DEPARTMENTS, BUT...DID YOU HAVE SOME..CERTIFICATION IN THE PAST AND YOU LAPSED IT....DO ALL YOU GUYS HAVE SOME BACKGROUND IN FIRE FIGHTING?

BURT BURTON: WE'VE GOT CERTIFICATES, WE'VE ALL ONE TO DIFFERENT CLASSES. I'VE GONE A WEEK FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL HANDLING, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. I'VE GONE TO GRASS SCHOOLS... WE'VE ALL GOT SPECIALIZED TRAINING...

MIKE BUTLER: I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR ABOUT TWELVE YEARS. SCHOOLS....TRAININGS...EMT...

BARBARA MCBRIDE: HORSESHOE BAY AND MARBLE FALLS HELP US OUT WITH TRAINING AND KEN HAS BEEN A TRAINING OFFICER FOR MARBLE FALLS SO HE HAS A LIBRARY OF TRAINING MATERIALS....

FRANK PFEIFER: THESE GRANTS....TRAINING...

BURT BURTON: ALL THESE TRAININGS THAT I GO TO, I SET UP MY CAMCORDER SO THAT IT'S ON TAPE TO SHARE....

MIKE BUTLER: A LOT OF THE TIME....TEXAS FOREST SERVICE AND OTHERS....OFFER TRAINING..WE DON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL TOO FAR AND THE TUITION IS \$25...THOSE THINGS THAT WE CAN, WE DO, TO ADDRESS THE ...AS FAR AS TRAINING GOES...THE AMOUNT OF TRAINING THAT WE HAVE SAY COMPARED TO CITY OF AUSTIN....

FRANK PFEIFER: USED TO BE, YOU COULD REQUEST SOMEONE TO COME FROM A&M TO COME UP AND HAVE CLASSES WITH YOU....

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MIKE BUTLER: THEY HAVE TO HAVE SO MANY ATTENDEES TO COME NOW...

RAY WHITIS: WHAT'S THE HEAD COUNT RIGHT NOW, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT POPULATION?

BARBARA MCBRIDE: WE'RE MISSING ONE.

RAY WHITIS: ARE YOU HAVING ANY SUCCESS IN YOUR RECRUITMENT?

BURT BURTON: WE HAVE SOME HERE LATELY...WE DO GET A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE AFRAID OF THE TIME IT IS GOING TO TAKE, THE COMMITMENT...OR THEY WANT TO HELP, BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO FIGHT FIRE....

DALE PICKENS: THAT'S THE GENTLEMAN OR THE LADY THAT YOU SHOULD GIVE THE BOOT TO AND HAVE THEM STAND AT THE INTERSECTION TO TAKE DONATIONS....

BURT BURTON: IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT LONG RANGE AS FAR AS DEVELOPMENT GOES...THE WAY IT'S HITTING, COTTONWOOD IS GOING TO END UP BEING A REAL BIT HIT, AND IT HELPS PEOPLE'S HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE TO KNOW THERE IS AN ACTIVE FIRE DEPARTMENT, IT LOWERS YOUR RATE FACTOR. THIS COMMUNITY, PROJECTING GROWTH, WE NEED TO REALLY PROJECT...

DALE PICKENS: LET ME STATE MY CONCERNS REGARDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. AS MAYOR OF THE CITY, MY CONCERN IS FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS. DO WE HAVE QUALIFIED, CERTIFIED PEOPLE TO GO PUT OUT A FIRE? NUMBER 2, ENOUGH PEOPLE TO FIGHT A FIRE AND THEN THE THINGA CONCERN ABOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITIZENS, POOR LACK OF SUPPORT, WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT OF THE CITIZENRY....HOW DO WE GET THE CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE

SO WE HAVE A FIRE DEPARTMENT WE CAN DEPEND ON, CAN I ASSURE SOMEONE THAT COMES IN AND ASKS ME IN THE OFFICE...HOW'S YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT?...WELL, I HAVEN'T HAD A FIRE, I DON'T KNOW. I'D LIKE TO SEE A PIECE OF PAPER THAT SAYS THAT YOUARE CERTIFIED IN FIRE FIGHTING, SO I SAY, YEAH, LOOK AT THIS, SOMETHING TO SHOW THEM. THESE ARE MY CONCERNS.

MIKE BUTLER: AS FAR AS SAYING THAT CERTIFIED FIRE FIGHTERS, DON'T TYPICALLY BELONG TO VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS...

BARBARA MCBRIDE: WE DO HAVE CERTIFICATES FROM ALL THE TRAINING...

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MIKE BUTLER: I CAN SAY THAT THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE, THIS NUMBER, IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POPULATION THAT WE HAVE NOW IN THIS COMMUNITY.

RAY WHITIS: EXPAND ON THAT, I DON'T QUITE...IS EIGHT PEOPLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POPULATION OF COTTONWOOD SHORES? HOW MANY RESPONDERS ARE IN HORSESHOE BAY WITH A POPULATION OF 3,600?

KEN MCBRIDE: THAT'S A FLOATING POPULATION.

RAY WHITIS: THERE ARE THREE TO FOUR THOUSAND, OKAY? SO IF IT'S ONE PERSON OUT OF EVERY HUNDRED PEOPLE TO COMMIT THEIR TIME TO THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT....

KEN MCBRIDE: OKAY...THIS IS SEVEN - WE HAVE SEVEN HUNDRED PEOPLE IN COTTONWOOD SHORES RIGHT NOW. THAT COMPARISON HOLDS WITH MARBLE FALLS. HORSESHOE BAY'S IS DIFFERENT.

DALE PICKENS: OUR POPULATION IN COTTONWOOD SHORES IS CLOSER TO 1,000. SUNRISE BEACH HAS A FIRE DEPARTMENT...THEY HAVE VFD WITH 38-42 VOLUNTEERS. THEIR ENTIRE FUNDING OTHER THAN \$500 FROM LLANO COUNTY COMES FROM THE AUXILIARY - THE AUXILIARY BEATS THE DRUM, RAISES THE MONEY.

BARBARA MCBRIDE: WE'VE TRIED THAT ABOUT THREE TIMES, TO GET AN AUXILIARY, BUT JUST THE SAME CITIZENS SHOWED UP - WHEN WE DO HAVE THINGS THE LADIES HELP...

DALE PICKENS: I WOULD BE WILLING...PUT OUT A PLAN, TO GET PEOPLE INVOLVED, TELL THEM WHAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS, HOW IMPORTANT UNITY...THAT IT TAKES...IT'S GOING TO TAKE A STRONG EFFORT...I DON'T KNOW HOW IT WILL COME ABOUT, BUT WE'VE GOT TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE CITIZENS. I WILL BE WILLING TO DO ANYTHING THAT I CAN TO GET THAT SUPPORT, BUT IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO COME FROM YOU, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO GET THE CITIZENS INTERESTED, WHATEVER IT TAKES. YOU SEE WHAT I MEAN. THE SUPPORT IS OUT THERE, IT SHOULD BE OUT THERE. WE'VE GOT TO WARM THEM UP.

RAY WHITIS: THE ONE THING I DON'T WANT TO SEE IN THIS COMMUNITY, AND IT'S HAPPENED TO SOME DEGREE ALREADY AND I'M UNHAPPY WITH IT: THIS POLARIZATION THAT IS IN BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT...

DALE PICKENS: THAT'S WHAT I SAID BEFORE. I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT, WE ALL KNOW IT.

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RAY WHITIS: THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. IF WE DO ANYTHING OUT THERE, WE HAVE TO, THE CITIZENS NEED TO KNOW THAT THERE IS NOT THIS POLARIZATION.

DALE PICKENS: I HAVE HERE A PAPER FROM YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1989 PROPOSED BUDGET. DONATIONS DOWN HERE, \$8,794.00 AND I LOOK AT 1988 PROPOSED BUDGET AND YOU KNOW, ITS...AND WE'VE GOT MORE PEOPLE HERE NOW, THE SUPPORT CAN BE FOUND...

BURT BURTON: WE WRITE OUT YEARLY LETTERS....

BARBARA MCBRIDE: YEAH, TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS THAT DON'T LIVE HERE...WE'RE HOPING FOR BALL TOURNAMENTS, TOO...

(FURTHER DISCUSSION ON FUNDRAISING AND SUPPORT, SOME OF WHICH IS GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS, BUT NOT MAKING ANY MONEY AFTER EXPENSES)

MIKE BUTLER: I GUESS WE COULD GET ALONG WITH THE REAL BUSINESS AT HAND, SEEMS LIKE RIGHT NOW, WE'RE..AT THE LAST BUSINESS MEETING I ATTENDED THAT WE WERE KIND OF AT AN IMPASSE

ON

THE CONTRACT, THAT WE WERE NOT WILLING TO SIGN FOR THE MONEY THAT THE CITY COULD OFFER AND THE CITY WAS NOT WILLING TO OFFER MORE, SO I GUESS THAT'S WHERE WE ARE NOW. WE NEED TO SEE WHAT GIVE AND TAKE THAT WE CAN DO, BECAUSE THIS IS A NEGOTIATION.

KEN MCBRIDE: WE'D LIKE TO DISCUSS OTHER OPTIONS, OTHER THAN SAY, GIVE US \$3,500 OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. BUT YES, WE NEED TO SEE WHAT THE CITY IS WILLING TO OFFER FOR A CONTRACT, IF THE CITY IS EVEN WILLING TO CONSIDER A CONTRACT.

DALE PICKENS: THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS OUT THERE THAT THE CITY COULD HELP WITH IF THE CITY HAD THE ASSURANCE THAT WE COULD HAVE A WORKABLE ARRANGEMENT HERE, BETTER THAN IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ... WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ANYTHING, SOME OPTIONS, POSSIBILITIES OF ARRANGEMENTS WITH TML FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE - THAT CAN BE EXPLORED. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE THERE IS, I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE CITY WOULD WANT IN THIS GIVE AND TAKE, THIS COMPROMISE SITUATION...BARBARA?

BARBARA MCBRIDE: AS FAR AS THE PROBLEMS IN THE PAST, WHAT WOULD YOU MEAN BY THAT - WE'VE RESPONDED TO THE FIRES WE HAD, AND I KNOW...THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE MYSELF AND SAY WHEN I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ENOUGH RESPONDERS, WOULD (SHERIFF) GIVE US SOME HELP...AND I DON'T HAVE A HAND-HELD, I USE THE PHONE.

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DALE PICKENS: THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, LET'S FIND OUT -LET'S IDENTIFY, IS THERE A PROBLEM...

BURT BURTON: WE HAVE INSTANT RESPONSE FROM HORSESHOE BAY IF WE THINK WE NEED IT, SOME OF THEIR PEOPLE LIVE OUT HERE.....

KEN MCBRIDE: WE CAN HISTORICALLY LOOK BACK, IN 1997, AND WE COULD

DALE PICKENS: BACK TO WHAT I SAID A FEW MINUTES AGO. I HAVE THREE THINGS THAT CONCERN ME FOR THE CITY.

KEN MCBRIDE: IF I CAN ANSWER NUMBER ONE. WE ARE TRAINED...TRAINING IS AN ON-GOING THING....

DALE PICKENS: SHOW ME.

(SEVERAL) I'VE GOT SOME CERTIFICATES....

DALE PICKENS: SHOW ME ...SEND ME A COPY EVERY QUARTER, EVERY MONTH, OF YOUR LOG BOOK...SOMETHING I CAN SHOW SOMEONE WHO COMES IN AND ASKED ME ABOUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND I CAN SAY HERE'S WHAT THEY'VE BEEN DOING, I'M PROUD OF THEM....GIVE ME SOMETHING TO SHOW OUR PEOPLE.

BARBARA MCBRIDE: AND WE'RE ALSO GOING TO START THE NEWS.....RESCUED A KITTEN.....

FRANK PFEIFER: WELL, IT'S JUST...PEOPLE OF COTTONWOOD REALLY WANT TO KNOW...IF WE EDUCATE THEM ON IT (VFD), WE'LL PROBABLY GET MORE FUNDING, MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN IT.

MIKE BUTLER: THIS IS THE THING THAT I'D LIKE TO TALK TO THE CITY ABOUT: NOTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC THAT TONIGHT IS MEETING NIGHT. I COULD TAKE A TRUCK AND PARK IT AT CITY HALL AND SAY "THERE'S A FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING TONIGHT" BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW WOULD THE CITY COUNCIL FEEL ABOUT IT?

DALE PICKENS: THE WINDOW IS UP THERE FOR PUBLIC NOTICE, WE CAN PUT IT ON THE WINDOW...I DON'T KNOW ABOUT PARKING THE FIRE TRUCK UP THERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD, WE MIGHT HAVE....

FRANK PFEIFER: GET A SIGN LIKE THE ONE WE HANG UP THERE FOR CITY MEETINGS?

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BARBARA MCBRIDE: WE COULD MAKE ONE....

KEN MCBRIDE: IF WE DONATE A SIGN "FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING TONIGHT", WOULD YOU HANG IT UP THERE?

DALE PICKENS: HAVE IT MADE AND HANG IT RIGHT UP THERE.

FRANK PFEIFER: LET THEM KNOW THAT THEY'RE WELCOME TO COME.

DALE PICKENS: IT WILL HOLD TWO SIGNS.

FRANK PFEIFER: I HAVE ONE OTHER THING TO SAY THAT I'VE HAD CITIZENS ASK ME: THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE MONEY IS USED FOR....WE NEED SOMETHING TO TELL THESE PEOPLE.

KEN MCBRIDE: COULD WE DROP OFF A TREASURER'S REPORT?

RAY WHITIS: THE CITY MEETINGS...COME UP, STAND UP LIKE THE CHIEF (OF POLICE) DOES AND TALK ABOUT WHAT THE DEPARTMENT IS DOING. I KNOW, I'M NEW TO THE CITY, I'VE BEEN HERE A COUPLE OF YEARS NOW. IT WAS PRETTY CLEAR TO ME RIGHT OFF THE

WAS A MEMBER BECAUSE SOMEONE POINTED HIM OUT TO ME IN HIS SANTA CLAUS SUIT. BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ALL YOU GUYS UNDER ONE ROOF. AS A NEWCOMER OUT HERE AND NOT REALLY UNDERSTANDING HOW THE DEPARTMENT WORKS, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT.....I KNEW WHERE THE BUILDING WAS, I SEE MIKE AT MOST OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS, BUT THAT'S REALLY THE ONLY PICTURE I HAVE. I'M TYPICAL OF ANYONE ELSE THAT'S COMING OUT HERE...I DON'T THINK THERE'S A PROBLEM NECESSARILY WITH RESPECT TO, OR IT'S NOT MY PERCEPTION THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH YOUR ABILITY TO FIGHT FIRES OR RESPOND, IT'S "ARE THEY PART OF THE COMMUNITY", THAT'S MY QUESTION. YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY -AN OLD MARKETING PERCEPTION AND REALITY "IF PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE IN YOU, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO SUPPORT YOU". THAT'S WHAT I SEE AS THE REAL ESSENCE OF WHAT I PERCEIVE THE PROBLEM TO BE..THERE'S NO SUPPORT BECAUSE THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE THINGS THAT YOU DO. COME UP TO MEETING AND SIT IN AND TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING, ALL THE POSITIVE THINGS THAT YOU DO...CERTAINLY I WANT TO INTEGRATE YOU GUYS INTO (THE CITY), BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY AS A CITY TO REALLY DO MUCH MORE THAN PARTICIPATE WITH ONE ANOTHER, THAT'S MY FEELING....

MIKE BUTLER: TO ANSWER, I SHOW UP AT THE MEETINGS AS A REPRESENTATIVE BECAUSE, ALL OF OUR RESPONDERS HAVE WIVES...I MEAN, THEY'VE ALREADY GONE TO THE POINT OF COMMITTING THREE DAYS OUT OF THEIR MONTH FOR A

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BUSINESS MEETING AND TRAINING ALREADY AND...TO SAY EVERYBODY NEEDS TO BE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING...I DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE THAT RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE PUT ON ALL OF OUR FIRE FIGHTERS.

DALE PICKENS: WELL, LET'S DO IT THIS WAY...ROTATE THEM, LET US SEE SOME NEW FACES - ANY OF YOU. I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU COME TO THE CITY MEETINGS. BUT WHATSAYING, THIS IS WHERE THE CONTACTS ARE, THIS IS WHERE THE PEOPLE YOU'RE PROTECTING ARE, THIS IS WHERE THEY WANT TO KNOW WHO, WHAT, WHERE AND WHEN IS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DOING FOR THEM...AND ONE PERSON, THE SAME.....LET'S SPREAD IT AROUND. THAT WAY, THE CITIZENS WOULD KNOW THERE'S MORE THAN ONE FIRE PERSON - AND WHO THEY ARE.

BARBARA MCBRIDE: DO WE NEED THIS AS AN AGENDA ITEM?

DALE PICKENS: IF YOU'D LIKE TO. I USUALLY CALL ON THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT AND IF YOU'D LIKE TO, YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME.

BARBARA MCBRIDE: I KNOW THIS YEAR WE HAVEN'T REFILLED THE TRUCKS MUCH AT ALL, BUT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT IT BEFORE AND WE'RE GOING TO MAKE UP A LOG SO THAT WHEN WE DO, WE'LL LOG THE DATE AND HOW MANY GALLONS WE PUT IN.

DALE PICKENS: WE NEED THAT, BECAUSE WE HAVE TO ACCOUNT FOR THAT.

BURT BURTON: WELL, I THINK IF YOU WANT TO HELP, YOU COULD GIVE WATER TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ITSELF. I MEAN, WE'VE HAD PEOPLE LEAVE MEETINGS BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO GO TO THE BATHROOM.

MIKE BUTLER: WHY IF WE'RE THERE WHAT WOULD THE CITY BE WILLING TO

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RECAP OF POINTS MADE AT SPECIAL MEETING CITY COUNCIL WITH VFD

CITY COUNCIL:

MAYOR DALE PICKENS:

MAJOR CONCERNS: SAFETY OF CITIZENS OF COTTONWOOD SHORES.

DO WE HAVE QUALIFIED AND A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS TO PROVIDE THIS SAFETY.

WE NEED CITIZENS PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF THE VFD.

WE NEED PROOF OF A QUALIFIED VFD AT CITY HALL TO SHOW 1,000 POPULATION CITY.

OTHER VFD ORGANIZATIONS ARE BASICALLY SELF-FUNDED FROM SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISERS.

I DON'T WANT (US) TO TALK ABOUT THE PAST...LET'S GO FORWARD.

THE CITY WILL TRY TO HELP (WITH TML INSURANCE) IF WE HAVE ASSURANCE OF A WORKABLE ARRANGEMENT AND WHEN WE HAVE NECESSARY DATA.

THE CITY SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF THE RUN LOG SHOWING RESPONSES.

VFD SHOULD PLACE NOTICES OF MEETINGS AT CITY HALL.

VFD SHOULD ROTATE AND ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND GIVE A REPORT OF ACTIVITIES.

VFD SHOULD PROVIDE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR WATER USE.

THE CITY WILL CHARGE THE MINIMUM WATER BILL AT THE FIRE STATION. CITY WILL CONSIDER VFD VOLUNTEERS DOING TAP WORK EXCEPT TAP ITSELF. DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM CITIZENS AT CITY HALL ARE LOGGED AND ACCOUNTABLE.

THE VFD SHOULD HAVE NEWSPAPER, PUBLICITY, EXPOSURE.

VFD NON-PROFIT CHARTER DOES NOT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO BURNET COUNTY, ONLY EXCLUSIVELY COTTONWOOD SHORES.

THE CITY WILL NOT INCLUDE THE VFD DONATION AS A LINE ITEM ON THE BILL; IT IS ILLEGAL AND THIS CITY WILL NOT RISK A LAWSUIT.

WE NEED TO WORK OUT DIFFERENCES WITH MORE MEETINGS LIKE THIS ONE. THE CITY NEEDS A ROSTER OF VOLUNTEERS AND EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER FRANK PFEIFER:

WE NEED DETAILS OF EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE.

VFD NEEDS TO DO VISIBLE TRAINING IN THE CITY SO CITIZENS CAN SEE THE ACTION.

VFD NEEDS TO GET OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AND EDUCATE PEOPLE WHAT YOU ARE DOING.

VFD NEEDS TO STRENGTHEN ITS FUND RAISING EFFORTS, DONATIONS.

VFD NEEDS MORE RECRUITMENT.

PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU USE THE MONEY FOR.

AGREE WE SHOULD APPROACH TML RE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR VFD.

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COMMISSIONER RAY WHITIS:

IS THE VFD MEMBERSHIP SUFFICIENT FOR THE POPULATION LEVEL.
INTERESTED IN DEPTH AND VARIETY OF TRAINING VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE.
NEED TO STOP THIS POLARIZATION (OF THE PAST) AND WORK TOGETHER.
VFD NEEDS TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY ABOUT ITS ACTIVITIES.
PEOPLE NEED TO BELIEVE IN THE VFD.
VFD NEEDS TO INTEGRATE WITH THE CITY HALL.

POLICE CHIEF WALTER ELLIS:

REQUESTS CONTACT DATA ON VFD FOR EMERGENCIES AND REQUESTS
MEMBERS MAINTAIN LEGAL SPEED IN CITY.
SUGGESTS VFD "MEET" THE COMMUNITY BY ACTING AS SAFETY OFFICERS,
TALKING WITH CITIZENS AND PROVIDING SAFETY ADVICE, ETC.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

BURT BURTON:

WE HAVE (HAD TO) OVERSPENT ON EQUIPMENT REPAIRS.
SUGGEST CITY EMPLOYEES COME TO VISIT OUR TRAINING SESSIONS.
SUGGEST CITY EMPLOYEES JOIN THE VFD.
STATES THE VFD WILL CHOOSE A COTTONWOOD SHORES HOUSE FIRE OVER A
WRECK IN RESPONDING.
WE ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY.
ALL VFD MEMBERS HAVE SPECIALIZED TRAINING.
I SEE NO PROBLEM WITH A MINIMUM WATER BILL FOR THE FIRE STATION.
I WANT THE CITY BEHIND US, HELPING WITH FUND RAISERS.
I WANT PEOPLE TO ATTEND THE VFD MEETINGS.
I AGREE VFD SHOULD GIVE REPORTS AT THE MONTHLY CITY COUNCIL
MEETING.
I WANT REASSURANCE FROM THE CITY THAT DONATIONS GO TO THE VFD.

BARBARA MCBRIDE:

THE VFD (COULD) START A NEWSPAPER (AGAIN).
VFD COULD PUT A SIGN AT CITY HALL -NOTICE OF MEETINGS, ETC.
WE COULD ATTEND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND GIVE A REPORT AS A
SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEM.
JUDGE MCCLAIN SAYS BURNET COUNTY AS ALWAYS FUNDED OUR VFD.
WILL GET THE INFORMATION TO MAYOR FOR TML INSURANCE.

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MIKE BUTLER:

VFD NEEDS MONEY. MOSTLY FOR EQUIPMENT REPAIRS AND THE INSURANCE IS HIGH.

THE BURNET COUNTY FIRE & EMS ASSOCIATION HOLDS THE FEC COMMUNICATION LICENSE FOR AREA VFDS.

DETAILS TRAINING GIVEN TO VFD AND SOURCES.

SAYS NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POPULATION IN CWS.

AGREES NOTIFICATION OF VFD MEETINGS SHOULD BE POSTED AT CITY HALL. DISAGREES THAT OTHER VOLUNTEERS SHOULD HAVE RESPONSIBILITY OF ATTENDING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

WHAT WILL THE CITY DO TO HELP VFD WITH WATER - DROP THE MONTHLY BILL?

WHAT WILL THE CITY DO TO HELP WITH WATER (AT FIRE STATION) - DROP MONTHLY BILL.

SAYS COMMUNITY (IS GOING TO) GET WHAT IT PAYS FOR.

WANTS THE CITY TO BUDGET MONEY FOR VFD (MORE THAN \$1,000).

WANTS CITY TO INCLUDE THE VFD DONATION AS A LINE ITEM ON BILL.

WANTS CITY TO SEND CITIZENS A LETTER EXPLAINING THE VFD DONATION LINE.

QUESTIONS IF THE CITY IS PASSING ON DONATIONS TO THE VFD.

SUGGESTS VFD PROVIDES A QUARTERLY RUN REPORT TO THE CITY.

WHAT IS THE CITY GOING TO PROVIDE THE VFD....CONTRACT...MORE MONEY?

KEN MCBRIDE:

SAYS VFD VOLUNTEER MEMBERSHIP EQUATES TO CWS POPULATION.

NEED TO DISCUSS OPTIONS FROM CITY HALL FOR HELP, DOLLARS, CONTRACT.

HISTORY IN 1997 SHOWS THE VFD HANDLED CALLS WITH AVAILABALE MANPOWER IN THE CITY.

DETAILS TRAINING.

AGREES VFD SHOULD HANG NOTICES AT CITY HALL.

SUGGESTS PERIODIC TREASURER'S REPORT SHOWING EXPENDITURES BE PROVIDED TO CITY HALL.

AGREES VFD MEMBERS COULD DO ALL WORK ON TAP EXCEPT TAP ITSELF.

AGREES VFD SHOULD PROVIDE CITY WITH QUARTERLY RUN REPORTS, LOG OF WATER USED AND PUBLICIZE THE VFD ACTIVITIES TO THE COMMUNITY.

REQUESTS OCCASIONAL OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE OF CITY EQUIPMENT AND LABOR IN EMERGENCIES.

DALE PICKENS: THANK YOU FOR COMING. WE'VE AGREED TO MEET AGAIN.
BARBARA AND I WILL SEE WHAT WE CAN COME UP WITH IN
NUMBERS AND ALL THE OTHER OPTIONS WE TALKED ABOUT.
WE'LL SET UP ANOTHER MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
LOOK FURTHER INTO THIS, LAY IT ON THE TABLE, SEE WHAT
OTHER THINGS WE CAN COME UP WITH TO HELP EACH OTHER.
AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING.

AT 5 MINUTES UNTIL 9:00 P.M., THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED.

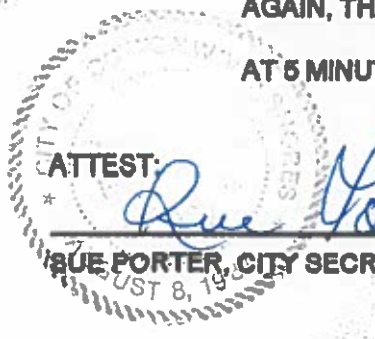
ATTEST:

Rue Porter

RUE PORTER, CITY SECRETARY

Dale Pickens

DALE PICKENS, MAYOR



SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES
4111 COTTONWOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY - JANUARY 22, 1998 - 7:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.
2. CONSENT AGENDA:
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER 1997.
3. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.
4. ADJOURNMENT.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, 3915
COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS ON THIS THE 19TH DAY
OF JANUARY 1998 AT 5:00 P.M.


DALE PICKENS, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUE PORTER, CITY SECRETARY

(THIS FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE WITH ACCESSIBLE PARKING.
REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE
MADE 48 HRS PRIOR TO MEETING. CALL 693-3830.)

PAYING THE TAP FEE BECAUSE WE KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE COSTING MONEY TO LAY THE PIPE, ETC. WHAT WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT IS THE MONTHLY CHARGES. IS THERE ANY WAY THE CITY CAN HELP US OUT THERE...

DALE PICKENS: WELL, THE MONTHLY BILL WE CAN'T HELP YOU WITH -IT WOULD BE A MINIMUM CHARGE ANYWAY. AS FAR AS PUTTING THE TAP IN, I WOULD THINK THAT COULD BE DONE AS VOLUNTEER WORK.

KEN MCBRIDE: WE COULD DO IT ALL EXCEPT THE TAP (ITSELF)....

DALE PICKENS: WELL, THAT'S SOMETHING I WOULD BE WILLING TO...WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL...I DON'T KNOW HOW THE COUNCIL FEELS, HELPING OUT WITH SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

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FRANK PFEIFER: WE COULD PROBABLY HELP OUT WITH GETTING THE TAP DONE. LIKE YOU SAID, ON THE BILL, I DON'T THINK THEY'RE GOING TO LET US DO THAT, BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE COVERED UNDER THE DEAL COVERING DONATIONS.

KEN MCBRIDE: WE KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE A MINIMUM CHARGE....

FRANK PFEIFER: OUR HOUSE...RUNS ABOUT IN THE \$40S...

BURT BURTON: I SEE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT.....

MIKE BUTLER: THAT MONTHLY CHARGE...RECURRING CHARGE...IF WE CAN'T INCREASE OUR RECEIPTS...

DALE PICKENS: WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO DO SOMETHING TO GENERATE SOME SUPPORT FROM THE PUBLIC....

MIKE BUTLER: YOU KNOW, IF THE CITY BUDGETED THE ANNUAL MONTHLY CHARGES.. \$760.00...THAT'S ALMOST THE SAME MONEY THAT THE CITY HAS BUDGETED FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND WE'VE SPENT IT ON A TOILET AND WATER TO FLUSH IT WITH.

DALE PICKENS: WE'RE PLANNING ON PICKING UP SOME OVER HERE, YOU'RE GOING TO NEED SOME WATER...YOU CAN HAVE A UTILITY BILL OF THE MONTH CLUB, A LIST TO SUBSCRIBE TO PAY THE UTILITY BILL FOR YOU.

BURT BURTON: THAT'S THE THING YOU KNOW, WE CAN HAVE FUND-RAISERS AND WE WANT THE CITY BEHIND US. HAVING THE CITY IN THERE HELPING US OUT WITH OUR FUND-RAISERS, SAYING "YEAH, WE'RE DOING THIS"....

FRANK PFEIFER: YOU USED TO HAVE BOOKS PUBLISHED...

BARBARA MCBRIDE: WE DIDN'T MAKE A PROFIT THOUGH.....I DO GET CALLS SOMETIME AND IT IS..I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF REGULAR PEOPLE, I THINK IT DID GO DOWN THIS YEAR, BUT I'VE GOTTEN CALLS LIKE "HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE MONEY I PUT IN THE WATER BILL?" I KNOW YOU FIGURE IT UP AT THE END OF THE MONTH AND MAKE US A CHECK, BUT THEY CALL MAKING SURE THAT WE GET THEIR MONEY. I'VE ASSURED THEM ALL THAT, YES, WE GET THAT.

DALE PICKENS: IT HAS TO BE. IT GOES STRAIGHT TO THE BANK AND IT HAS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR AND IT'S AUDITED. SOME PEOPLE.....

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FRANK PFEIFER: THING IS, IT'S THE RUMORS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO FORGET ABOUT..

MIKE BUTLER: YOU SAID...ONE OF THE THINGS YOU WERE GOING TO TALK ABOUT....RESPONSE DURING THE DAY....

DALE PICKENS: DO WE HAVE THE PERSONNEL TO FIGHT A FIRE? AND IF NOT, LET'S GO GET SOME MORE....LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.

BURT BURTON: YEAH...THAT'S WHY I GO BACK TO SAYING IF WE COULD GET SOME OF THE CITY EMPLOYEES TO JOIN DURING THE DAY...

DALE PICKENS: OUR PROBLEM IN THE PAST IS THAT NONE OF THEM HAVE LIVED HERE.

BURT BURTON: YEAH, BUT EDDIE LIVES HERE (NOW)....HORSESHOE BAY, MARBLE FALLS...ALL DO IT....I'M NOT HERE ON TUESDAY...BUT THE REST OF THE DAYS, I'M HERE.

FRANK PFEIFER: MOST GUYS WORK OUT OF THE CITY...MIKE, I THINK, IS THE ONLY ONE CLOSE ENOUGH FROM THE JOB TO COME IN ON SOME OF THEM. IF WE COULD GET SOME OF THE OTHER PEOPLE THAT DON'T HAVE JOBS....HECK WE HAD SOME 80 YEAR OLD PEOPLE GO OUT AND PATCH THE STREET, WE OUGHT TO (BE ABLE TO) GET THEM SOMEHOW...NEED GOOD PR...

DALE PICKENS: YOU AND CITYINVITE PEOPLE TO ATTEND YOUR MEETINGS.

BURT BURTON: WE ARE A COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT...WE WANT THEM TO BE THERE..

MIKE BUTLER: THE POINT I HAVE IS WE FIND SOMEONE THAT'S INTERESTED IN GETTING IN THE DEPARTMENT AND THEN.....YOU ALMOST HAVE TO SPEND MONEY TO DO IT..TO GET THIS STUFF GOING, YOU HAVE TO GET BEHIND IT. IF WE HAVE A NEW VOLUNTEER COME IN , WE GET AN APPLICATION ON THEM. THE ONLY THING WE CAN AFFORD TO GIVE THEM IS NEW CAP.

DALE PICKENS: FINE. LET'S GET THEIR NAME AND PICTURE IN THE PAPER, TOO, WITH THAT CAP ON.

MIKE BUTLER: BUT WHAT WE'RE UP TO.....BY THE TIME WE HAVE ..SIX MONTHS BEFORE ACTUALLY...COMMUNICATIONS....IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THIS: THIS COMMUNITY IS GOING TO GET WHAT THEY PAY FOR AND IF MAYBE, WE CAN GET SUPPORT FROM THE CITY SAYING OKAY, WE CAN BUDGET THIS MUCH MONEY AND THAT MONEY WILL BE SPENT ON RECRUITING FIRE FIGHTERS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, HEY - THAT'D BE GREAT.

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FRANK PFEIFER: IT DOESN'T COST YOU ANYTHING TO RECRUIT ANYBODY... EXCEPT A LITTLE TIME AND GOOD TALKING TO. LIKE YOU SAID BEFORE, THERE USED TO BE A LOT MORE MEMBERS, BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO MAKE THEM QUIT, I DON'T KNOW....I'VE BEEN IN THIS BUSINESS FOR 27 YEARS...

BURT BURTON: WE'VE HAD TO OVERCOME A BAD IMAGE IN COTTONWOOD BECAUSE WHEN I FIRST GOT HERE, I WAS TOLD THIS WAS CALLED THE HOW MANY 6-PACK FIRE DEPARTMENT....

BARBARA MCBRIDE: EVERYBODY HAD BEER PARTIES...BUT WHEN WE CAME IN, WE SAID THIS IS NOT A BEER PARTY AND THAT MADE A LOT OF PEOPLE MAD. I THOUGHT WE DON'T NEED THEM IF THAT'S WHAT IT IS TO THEM...

BURT BURTON: I THINK WHAT MIKE IS TALKING ABOUT....MY COAT COSTS \$285. IT COSTS LIKE \$500 TO EQUIP ONE FIRE FIGHTER, AND RADIOS....OFFICERS HAVE THEM, BUT SCANNERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND I KNOW THERE'S (A LOT) OF SCANNERS OUT HERE THAT BELONG TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUT THE PEOPLE THAT GOT THEM KEPT THEM.

DALE PICKENS: BEFORE YOU CAN HAVE ANY LEVEL OF....YOU CAN ALL THE GREAT EQUIPMENT IN THE WORLD...WE FIGHT FIRES WITH WHAT WE'VE GOT.

BARBARA MCBRIDE: THAT'S WHY WE DO THE BEST WE CAN. WAS THERE A QUESTION ALSO ABOUT WHY WE GO OUTSIDE THE SUBDIVISION? OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF COTTONWOOD SHORES.

DALE PICKENS: THE ONLY QUESTION THERE WAS THAT IS NOT IN YOUR CHARTER.

BARBARA MCBRIDE: I SAY THAT TOO, BUT ALSO...SINCE BEFORE THIS CHARTER WAS DONE, WE'VE BEEN RECEIVING DONATIONS...I TALKED TO JUDGE MCCLAIN TODAY AND AS FAR AS HE CAN REMEMBER, BURNET COUNTY HAS ALWAYS FUNDED...THEY ONLY FUND US FOR TWO TRUCKS - \$3,290.50 PER TRUCK.

DALE PICKENS: BACK IN 1989 YOU WERE RECEIVING COUNTY FUNDING. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS ORIGINALLY SET UP WHEN YOU SUBMITTED THAT DOCUMENT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN 1974, I THINK.....SOLE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE TO THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES.....

KEN MCBRIDE: AND THEN ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BURNET COUNTY.

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DALE PICKENS: IT DOESN'T SAY THAT.....THAT CAUSES ME TO QUESTION WHETHER YOUR CHARTER IS....I HAVE EVERYTHING THAT'S ON FILE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

BARBARA MCBRIDE: WELL, THE SECRETARY OF STATE....I SIGN AS REGISTERED AGENT...BECAUSE WITH THE COUNTY, I ASKED JUDGE MCCLAIN ABOUT THAT, ANDTHIS IS A MAP OF THE AREA HE EXPECTS US TO...AND IT'S NOT TOO FAR OUT OF OUR CITY....

DALE PICKENS: I...THAT'S GREAT AND WELL...MY CONCERN IS THERE CAPABILITY HERE FOR THIS FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PUT OUT FIRES IN COTTONWOOD SHORES.

BURT BURTON: ABSOLUTELY.

DALE PICKENS: THAT IS MY CONCERN AS FAR AS THIS GOES....

BURT BURTON: THAT'S SOMETHING WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK ON, ALL OF US...AND LIKE I SAY, WE NEED TO START GOING TO THE MONTHLY CC MEETINGS AND GIVE A REPORT AND SAY WHAT WE'RE DOING...

FRANK PFEIFER: LET US KNOW AHEAD OF TIME IF YOU WANT TO BE ON THE AGENDA. SO THE PEOPLE WILL KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND HOW YOU'RE DOING.

DALE PICKENS: I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT AS A SCHEDULED ITEM SAME AS THE WATER DEPARTMENT...

BARBARA MCBRIDE: I AGREE WITH THAT...

DALE PICKENS: BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT ROTATED, I'M TIRED OF SEEING MIKE'S SMILING FACE. AND I'M SURE MIKE WILL AGREE WITH ME. I'M GOING TO RECOMMEND WE EXPLORE SOME POSSIBILITIES ON HOW WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER. I RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL THAT WE DO THIS. THERE AGAIN, COMING FROM YOU I WOULD LIKE A PIECE OF PAPER TO TACK ON THE WALL UP THERE AND PUT IN THE BOOKS TO SHOW THE NEW CITIZENS COMING IN ABOUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT...I'D LIKE SOME PICTURES...I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A CERTIFICATE WITH SOMEBODY'S NAME ON IT, SOMETHING PROFESSIONAL LOOKING THAT SAYS THIS TRAINING WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY....I'D LIKE TO SEE A SHEET OF PAPER MONTHLY, OR QUARTERLY, ON ACTIONS IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, WHATEVER....SOMETHING TO SHOW THE PEOPLE.

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BARBARA MCBRIDE: AT OUR NEXT BUSINESS MEETING, WE ARE TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS...OF ALL OUR MEMBERS...

DALE PICKENS: AND WITH COUNCIL'S APPROVAL, I WOULD EXPLORE TOO THE POSSIBILITIES OF AN INSURANCE PACKAGE. TML IS CHANGING ALL THE TIME, RATES ARE GOING UP AS YOU WELL KNOW - THE INSURANCE YOU'VE GOT NOW IS PROBABLY OUT OF SIGHT...BUT I'M SURE THERE'S PROBABLY SOME ROOM...TML INSURANCE WOULD PROBABLY BE LESS THAN WHAT YOU'VE GOT NOW. WE JUST HAD AN AUDIT IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS AND THERE IS A PLACE IN THERE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

MIKE BUTLER: AS FAR AS THE COMMUNITY SUPPORTING IN A MONETARY VALUE...WE'VE BEEN DOING THE WATER BILL THING FOR A FEW YEARS NOW. IT'S A VOLUNTARY DEAL AND ALWAYS WILL BE. WHAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT DOLLAR TALLIED INTO THE WATER BILL. IF THEY WANT TO PAY IT, FINE. THE CITY OF MARBLE FALLS DOES IT, THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS DOES IT...

DALE PICKENS: THAT IS SOMETHING WE HAVE EXPLORED AND WE CANNOT DO THAT. THERE IS ROOM FOR A LAWSUIT. MARBLE FALLS IS SET UP DIFFERENTLY THAN WE ARE. THEY ARE POSSIBLY OPEN FOR A LAWSUIT, IT HASN'T HAPPENED YET...YOU ALL HAVE THE LEGAL OPINION, MIKE HAS SEEN IT. I'LL GET COPIES TO YOU THEN - I THOUGHT EVERYONE HAD SEEN THAT.

MIKE BUTLER: ME PERSONALLY. I KNOW THAT MAYBE YOU CAN'T. ACCORDING

TO CHANGE THE WATER BILL THAT REFLECTS MORE THAN

DALE PICKENS: MIKE...I'M WORKING ON GETTING RID OF THE SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE...IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT THE CITY CAN AFFORD TO DO RIGHT NOW. RIGHT NOW, IT'S HARD TO WORK WITH - I WOULD LIKE TO DO SOMETHING BETTER ON THERE...GIVE US A LITTLE TIME ON THAT. THE SOFTWARE THAT WE HAVE FOR THAT PROGRAM IS EXPENSIVE, THE PEOPLE ARE OUT OF LOUISIANA. WE HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY GETTING INFORMATION ON IT...I AM PURSUING AND I HOPE FOR SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN THAT AREA. I PROMISE YOU WE ARE WORKING ON IT.

MIKE BUTLER: WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR US OR THE CITY.....IT PROBABLY WOULD BE BETTER COMING FROM THE CITY...TO SEND OUT A LETTER EXPLAINING WHAT THAT CERTAIN LINE ITEM ACTUALLY IS AND DON'T KNOW....

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BARBARA MCBRIDE: MOST PEOPLE THINK IT DOES INTO THE CITY FUND....THAT'S WHAT I HEAR...

MIKE BUTLER: THE BIG QUESTION THAT EVERYBODY HAS...IS THE DONATION ACTUALLY GOING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT....

BURT BURTON: THAT'S WHAT WE'RE SAYING, REASSURANCE FROM THE CITY THAT THE MONEY DOES ACTUALLY GO TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

MIKE BUTLER: CITY OF MARBLE FALLS...ON THE WATER BILL....THEY ARE GETTING SAY 60-80% RETURN JUST ON THE WATER BILL AND IT WORKS OUT REAL GOOD FOR THEM....GRANITE SHOALS, ALSO.

KEN MCBRIDE: WELL, I GUESS WE CAN GO OUT THERE AND PROVIDE QUARTERLY RUN REPORTS, THE AMOUNT OF WATER WE USE...PUBLICIZE ANY NEW VOLUNTEERS....GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO THE CITY...I HOPE WE'RE GIVING SOME ASSURANCES THAT THERE IS NOT JUST ONE FIRE FIGHTER IN COTTONWOOD SHORES - THERE ARE SEVERAL OF US. WE HAVE SOME TRAINING AND SPECIFICALLY WITH THE NEEDS OF COTTONWOOD SHORES.

DALE PICKENS: AND A CERTIFICATE THAT SHOWS THAT YOU HAVE....SOME FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING WITH YOUR NAME ON IT....EACH OF THE FOUR OF YOU. I'LL PUT IT UP THERE ON THE BOARD AND WHEN PEOPLE COME IN AND ASK ABOUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, I CAN SAY "HERE'S THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, RIGHT HERE". CAN YOU DO THAT FOR ME? GET ME OUT A MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY REPORT, SOMETHING THAT I CAN SHOW NEW CITIZENS...I'LL BE GLAD TO DO THAT.

MIKE BUTLER: IS THIS KIND OF WHAT I GATHER THE CITY IS EXPECTING FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT? WE'RE STILL DOING OUR JOB. WHEN A CALL COMES IN, WE GO TO A FIRE. WE CAN REPORT TO THE CITY HOW MUCH WATER WE USE, PROBABLY A QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE RUN...I WAS JUST TRYING TO RECAP WHAT THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES EXPECT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. SOME OF THE RECORD KEEPING, SOME OF THE WATER USAGE. THOSE THINGS THAT ARE NICE FOR THE CITY TO KNOW...

DALE PICKENS: IT'S NOT JUST NICE, IT'S LEGAL.

DALE PICKENS: WELL, THOSE THREE THINGS WERE HIGH ON MY LIST; I CAN'T
SPEAK FOR THESE GENTLEMEN.

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FRANK PFEIFER: THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT THEIR MONEY GOES FOR.

MIKE BUTLER: THE MONEY GOES TO THE GENERAL BUDGET...WE CAN'T SAY IT
GOES TO THIS..OR THAT..

FRANK PFEIFER: IF YOU COME TO A CITY MEETING AND ...YOU CAN SAY..
WE GOT THIS AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR CERTAIN THINGS AND
THIS MUCH FOR...YOU KNOW, LET THEM KNOW WHAT YOU
SPEND THE MONEY FOR....THEY KNOW THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
WANTS SO MUCH MONEY, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT FOR.

BARBARA MCBRIDE: LIKE...THE PURPOSE IS TO REPLACE OUR EQUIPMENT....

MIKE BUTLER: BUT I GUESS....HERE WE ARE...IT'S 8:30 AND WE STILL HAVEN'T,
I STILL HAVEN'T...SEEN ANYTHING OTHER THAN LET'S
INVESTIGATE THE TML THING...UH, OR THE CITY CAN HELP
INVESTIGATE GRANTS...I STILL DON'T SEE HOW THE CITY
HAS A \$1,000 SPECIFIED IN THE BUDGET....THE CONCEPT OF
ADDING A \$1.00 ON THE WATER BILL IS CONSIDERED ILLEGAL,
WATER AND SEWER FOR THE FIRE STATION IS SOMETHING THAT
CAN'T BE CONSIDERED....

DALE PICKENS: MIKE, THERE YOU GO AGAIN. GOING BACK TO THINGS
THAT....THAT'S NOT THE WAY IT IS.

MIKE BUTLER: LET'S GO DOWN HERE..THE CONTRACT. I'M WILLING TO SIGN IT,
OKAY? BUT WE NEED TO KNOW, WHAT'S THE CITY GOING TO
PROVIDE FOR US, IF ANYTHING MORE THAN WHAT WE'VE GOT
DISCUSSED, THAT'S ON THE PAPER.

DALE PICKENS: MIKE. WE'VE ASKED FOR SOME TIME TO HAVE A MEETING JUST
LIKE WE'VE HAD TONIGHT. THIS IS PROGRESS, THIS HAS FINALLY
HAPPENED. IF YOU CAN'T....LET'S DON'T RUIN IT.

MIKE BUTLER: OKAY.

DALE PICKENS: THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I'VE ASKED FOR, WE'VE ALL ASKED
FOR...AND WE NEED TO DO IT AGAIN. WE CAN HAVE A
DIFFERENCE OF OPINION, WE'VE WORKED SOME OF THEM OUT
TONIGHT...WE CAN HAVE ANOTHER MEETING AND WORK OUT
SOME MORE. IF WE CAN HELP YOU WITH THE TML INSURANCE,
THAT WILL BE A HELP TO YOU. THE WATER LINE OVER THERE,
WE SAID WE'D WORK ON THAT...WE'LL DO SOMETHING. AND
THERE'S OTHER THINGS THAT WE CAN EXPLORE TO HELP YOU
WITH, AND YOU CAN HELP US WITH.. SO WE'RE WORKING ON
THAT MIKE. SO LET'S KEEP IT GOING. LET'S DON'T TRY TO PUSH
IT TOO HARD, LET'S....

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MIKE BUTLER: WELL, I GUESS...I'M IMPATIENT.

DALE PICKENS: THIS IS COTTONWOOD, MIKE.

MIKE BUTLER: YEAH, BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE...LIKE ...AND YEAH, IT'S NO SKIN OFF OUR NOSE TO GO UP THERE AND PROVIDE THESE THINGS, THIS INFORMATION, BECAUSE IT'S REALLY NOT COSTING US ANYTHING BUT MORE OF OUR LEG WORK TO PROVIDE THIS STUFF SO THE CITY...

DALE PICKENS: DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU SHOULD NOT PROVIDE IT? TO THE CITIZENS? YOU'RE NOT PROVIDING IT TO ME.

BARBARA MCBRIDE: I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT HE MEANS.

MIKE BUTLER: I THINK THAT THE INFORMATION COULD BE PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY EASILY. AND I GUESS, YOU KNOW, LIKE, WE'RE MAKING THIS ASSUMPTION THAT THE CITY DOES SPEAK FOR ALL OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY. I MEAN. . .WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH ANYBODY COMING IN TO OUR MEETINGS - OUR RECORDS ARE OPEN...THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ANY BUSINESS MEETING....AND I GUESS, WHAT'S THE PLAN, WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

DALE PICKENS: FORWARD.

MIKE BUTLER: ARE WE JUST GOING TO...I KNOW ...WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS TML...DO YOU NEED SOMETHING FROM ME TO BE ABLE TO GET THAT PART OF THIS PROCESS WORKING, MOVING FORWARD.

DALE PICKENS: A ROSTER OF YOUR PERSONNEL.

MIKE BUTLER: OKAY.

DALE PICKENS: A ROSTER OF THE EQUIPMENT, WHICH I BELIEVE IS LISTED ON SOME OF THE DOCUMENTS THAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED. WE NEED TO KNOW A DOLLAR VALUE OF ALL OF YOUR EQUIPMENT AND YOUR BUILDING. WOULD YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO HANDLE THAT...PERHAPS BARBARA AND I COULD WORK TOGETHER TO EXPLORE THAT POSSIBILITY.

MIKE BUTLER: YEAH, WE JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE ALL THAT STUFF IN A NICE LITTLE PACKAGE, RIGHT THERE. SO, IS THAT WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO MOVE FORWARD? BARBARA...I CAN GET THAT

DALE PICKENS: INFORMATION...I WANT TO SEE YOU - I WANT TO SEE BARBARA..

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KEN MCBRIDE: WE CAN GET THAT INFORMATION TO YOU. WHAT DO YOU NEED TO HELP US?

DALE PICKENS: I'M GONNA TELL YOU: WE HAVEN'T TAKEN ANY ACTION TO AGREE THAT WE'RE DEFINITELY GOING TO DO ANYTHING...I CAN'T DO THAT WITHOUT THE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL. I HAVEN'T HEARD THEM SAY NAY TO ANYTHING, SO I'M GONNA ASSUME THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE WORKING TOWARD THIS AND YES, IT CAN HAPPEN. I THINK WE CAN WORK TOGETHER, I THINK WE CAN FIND SOME FUNDING FOR YOU IF YOU CAN ASSURE ME THAT THIS IS ALL POSSIBLE AND WORKABLE AND WE DO HAVE A FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT CAN PUT OUT A FIRE IN THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES - I WILL DO MY BEST TO HELP GET YOU SOME MORE FUNDING. I CAN'T DO IT BY MYSELF.

BARBARA MCBRIDE: DOES THAT ALSO MEAN THAT THE CITY WILL HAVE A CONTRACT WITH US...OR...IS THAT OUT OF THE QUESTION?

BARBARA MCBRIDE: THAT'S HOW IT WAS ON THE AGENDA...

DALE PICKENS: IT SAYS "DISCUSSION/ACTION"...I DID NOT INTEND TO HAVE ACTION PUT ON THERE. I WANTED IT TO BE A DISCUSSION AND I WANT US TO MEET AGAIN...

BURT BURTON: LIKE A WORKSHOP....LET US ALL LINED UP....

DALE PICKENS: YEAH....AN AGREEMENT THAT WE SHOULD MEET AGAIN AND THAT WE CAN GET SOMETHING ACCOMPLISHED. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT HAPPEN. I THINK THAT WE CAN DO THAT. WE HAVE HAD AN OPENING HERE, I THINK WE'VE HAD A GOOD MEETING, I THINK THERE'S BEEN SOME THINGS DISCUSSED AND THAT'S WHAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE....AND I WILL... YOU HELP ME, AND I WILL DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP YOU WITH FUNDING.

BURT BURTON: ...WATER....

DALE PICKENS: WE WILL EXPLORE THAT. OF COURSE, A LOT OF THIS, I WILL HAVE TO HAVE THESE GENTLEMEN'S BACKING AND APPROVAL. SO I DON'T SEE THAT WE NEED TO TAKE ANY ACTION TONIGHT. WE NEED TO SET UP ANOTHER MEETING, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU LIKE: I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT HAPPEN. AND CONTINUE THIS. . . LIKE BURT SAID, MOVE FORWARD.

FRANK PFEIFER: LIKE I SAY, TALK TO TML AND FIND OUT...THEN WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER MEETING. THAT WAY, WE'LL HAVE SOME INFORMATION TO GIVE BACK.

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DALE PICKENS: BARBARA, YOU KNOW WHERE I'M AT MOST EVERY DAY AT ANY TIME THAT YOU....FEEL FREE TO TRACK ME DOWN.

MIKE BUTLER: YOU NEED A ROSTER WITH OUR DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBERS...

DALE PICKENS: YEAH, THAT. EQUIPMENT WITH IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS.

BURT BURTON: IS THERE ANY WAY THAT THE CITY CAN HELP US WITH THE PROBLEM WE'VE GOT WITH THE IRS WITH THE TAX...TO SHOW US AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SO THAT WE CAN BE ELIGIBLE FOR THESE GRANTS THAT WE'VE GOT COMING.

BARBARA MCBRIDE: LET'S SEE WHAT MIKE CAN FIND OUT FROM THAT GUY.... HE CAN FIND OUT WHAT ELSE WE MIGHT NEED.

MIKE BUTLER: IN THE MEANTIME, THE CITY HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF HAVING HIRED PEOPLE THAT CAN DO SOME OF THIS LABOR...IF A NICE, EASY GRANT COMES AROUND, ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS COME UP WITH 20%. THE CITY HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF SEEING SOME OF THESE THINGS. WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME OR THE MANPOWER TO...

DALE PICKENS: NOR DO WE. NOR DO WE. IF THE CITY TOOK IT ON THEMSELVES TO TRY TO DO IT, WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PERSONNEL IN THAT OFFICE TO GET DONE WHAT THE CITY USED TO GET DONE.

BURT BURTON: INFORMATION OFF THE WEB SITE...

DALE PICKENS: BURT I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE WEB SITE INFORMATION YOU

TEXAS.

KEN MCBRIDE: WELL, I GUESS IT'S ABOUT TIME TO QUIT. SOME OF OUR OPERATIONAL ISSUES THAT WE'VE BEEN COMING ACROSS IN THE PAST...WE MAY COME ACROSS A SITUATION WHERE WE NEED THE RESOURCES THAT THE CITY HAS LIKE A FRONT-END LOADER OR THE MAINTAINER IF IT'S RUNNING -I'M NOT SAYING THAT WE'D NEED TO OPERATE IT, BUT THE CASE MAY HAPPEN WHERE WE MIGHT HAVE ON A EMERGENCY, HAVING THAT HAPPEN, IT MIGHT BE NICE TO COME UP WITH SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT OF WHAT THE CITY WOULD....IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, THAT THE CITY WOULD. . .

DALE PICKENS: I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU DRIVE MY EQUIPMENT AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LET ME DRIVE YOUR...BUT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER....

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KEN MCBRIDE: WE MIGHT NEED AN EMERGENCY FIRE BREAK, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT....

DALE PICKENS: I'D LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT WE ADJOURN THIS MEETING. I THINK WE NEED TO SET A TIME AND DATE FOR ANOTHER MEETING. DO WE NEED TO DO THAT NOW?

FRANK PFEIFER: CAN'T. NOT UNTIL WE GET THE INFORMATION FOR TML THAT WAY, WE CAN SET UP A MEETING AND WE'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO PRESENT BACK.

DALE PICKENS: DO THAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BARBARA MCBRIDE: WE'LL START GETTING THE PAPERWORK TOGETHER.

DALE PICKENS: CHIEF ELLIS?

CHIEF WALTER ELLIS: I WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES FOR AN EMERGENCY....ALSO, DO NOT GO OVER TEN MILES OVER THE SPEED LIMIT UNLESS YOU ARE RESPONDING TO A CODE 3, THEN YOU ARE ALLOWED ANOTHER FIVE MILES OVER THE LIMIT. IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU HAVE AN ACCIDENT, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE. I'M ALSO A FIRE FIGHTER, TOO, FOR HORSESHOE BAY, SO I ALSO WANT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HELP ME AND THE CITY WITH THE ORDINANCE ON THESE NUISANCE - YOU KNOW HOW FAST CEDAR BURNS AND WE HAVE A BIG PROBLEM WITH BRUSH. IT MIGHT BE A COMMUNITY PROJECT FOR YOU FOR P.R. TO GO AROUND TO SOME OF THESE PEOPLE, ON THE WEEKEND OR SOMETHING, AND ADVISE THEM OF THE SAFETY, YOU KNOW - FIRE SAFETY AND STUFF AROUND THE HOUSE....TALK TO THESE PEOPLE...AS YOU'RE A COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOULD DO THAT INSTEAD OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE THEY SEE ME COMING IN...THEY SEE YOU ALL COMING IN AS GETTING INVOLVED..AND BEFORE LONG, YOU GET THE KIDS INVOLVED AND BEFORE LONG, MOM AND DAD WILL GET INVOLVED, AND I'VE SEEN IT WORKING. WE HAVE SOME BAD PLACES OUT HERE...AND THE ABANDONED HOUSES....

DALE PICKENS: WE HAVE THE NEW ORDINANCE AND THE FORMS AND AS SOON AS WE GET THE MANPOWER AVAILABLE, WE ARE GOING TO SEND OUT LETTERS (TO THE OWNERS) OF ABANDONED AND RUN-DOWN HOUSES...SO YOU MIGHT WANT TO PUT ON A DEMONSTRATION...

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JOANNE AUSTIN: ONE GOOD WAY TO ...USE THE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER THAT GERRY AND BENTLEY ARE PUTTING OUT...THEY PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THAT LITTLE NEWSLETTER THAN THEY DO TO THE NEWSPAPER.

FRANK PFEIFER: THAT'S THE REASON I SAID AWHILE AGO - THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT YOU'LL DO. ALL THEY KNOW, IS THERE'S A BUILDING OVER HERE, SEE ONE OR TWO PEOPLE SOMETIMES... THEY KNOW THAT YOU'RE THERE, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT GOES ON...

DALE PICKENS: THANK YOU FOR COMING. WE'VE AGREED TO MEET AGAIN. BARBARA AND I WILL SEE WHAT WE CAN COME UP WITH IN NUMBERS AND ALL THE OTHER OPTIONS WE TALKED ABOUT. WE'LL SET UP ANOTHER MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. LOOK FURTHER INTO THIS, LAY IT ON THE TABLE, SEE WHAT OTHER THINGS WE CAN COME UP WITH TO HELP EACH OTHER. AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING.

AT 5 MINUTES UNTIL 9:00 P.M., THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED.

ATTEST:

DALE PICKENS, MAYOR

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