

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES
THURSDAY - MAY 21, 1988**

1. **MAYOR DALE PICKENS CALLED THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:10 P.M. AND A ROLL CALL WAS CONDUCTED: COMMISSIONER FRANK PFEIFER AND COMMISSIONER RAY WHITIS WERE PRESENT, REPRESENTING A QUORUM.**

2. **DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF CASTLE ACRES AND A 0.367 ACRE TRACT OF LAND. COMMISSIONER FRANK PFEIFER MOVED TO ABANDON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF CASTLE ACRES SUBDIVISION AND A 0.367 ACRE TRACT OF LAND DISCUSSED IN A PREVIOUS PUBLIC HEARING AT THIS TIME. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RAY WHITIS AND CARRIED ON VOTE. MAYOR DALE PICKENS STATED TO THE AUDIENCE, MANY OF WHOM WERE PROPERTY OWNERS IN CASTLE ACRES, THAT THE CITY WILL IN THE FUTURE APPROACH THE PROPERTY OWNERS, POSSIBLE MEET IN THE FUTURE. THE PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO HELP THE CITY, BUT DID NOT WANT TO BE ANNEXED.**

3. **PUBLIC HEARING - REGARDING PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF CASTLE ACRES AND A 0.367 ACRE TRACT OF LAND. MAYOR PICKENS ANNOUNCED THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CANCELED IN VIEW OF THE MOTION MADE AND PASSED AS AGENDA ITEM 2. SPEAKING FOR THE CASTLE TERRACE GROUP, MR. BILL SHULTZ THANKED THE CITY ADMINISTRATION FOR AN OPEN MIND AND FOR LISTENING TO THEM AT THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING. HE AGAIN STATED THAT THEY (OWNERS IN CASTLE ACRES) WOULD TRY TO HELP IN ANY WAY THEY CAN.**

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A,B,C. THE COUNCIL REVIEWED THE ITEMS PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND COMMISSIONER PFEIFER MOVED TO ACCEPT AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER WHITIS SECONDED THE MOTION AS TO THE MINUTES PRESENTED AND MOVED TO ACCEPT THE APRIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR. THE MOTION CARRIED ON VOTE.

5. **PEC REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE BIRD THANKED THE CITY AGAIN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT AND PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON PEC ACTIVITIES. HE INVITED CITIZENS TO ATTEND THE PEC ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE 20TH, SATURDAY AT 2 P.M. AT THE RIVER PALACE NORTH OF JOHNSON CITY ON HIGHWAY 281. HE SAID THE EVENT WILL FEATURE A SLIDE SHOW OF EVENTS PEC WAS INVOLVED IN DURING THE YEAR AND OUTLINING THE GROWTH TAKING PLACE. THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES...EMPLOYEE AWARDS AND A DRAWING OF PROXY CARDS WITH A CASH REWARD..PEC NOW HAS OVER 123,000 METERS IN SERVICE IN ITS AREA. THE MAYOR THANKED MR. BIRD FOR HIS GOOD INFORMATION, AS ALWAYS.**

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:

A. MR. BURRIS DESCRIBED THE PROPOSED APPLICATION TO SECURE A GRANT FOR FLOOD RELIEF DAMAGED ROADS IN THE CITY. DUE TO THE DEBRIS AND DESTRUCTION WHICH OCCURRED IN THE JUNE 1997 FLOOD, MONEY IS AVAILABLE TO AREAS THAT SUFFERED ROAD DAMAGE DUE TO HEAVY EQUIPMENT COMING IN FOR RELIEF AND CLEANUP. MR. BURRUS PROPOSES TO APPLY FOR A GRANT OF APPROXIMATELY \$200,038 FOR THE REPAIR OF LAKEVIEW WHICH WAS MOST TRAVELED DURING THE EVENT. THE COUNCIL WILL NEED TO PASS A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE GRANT CONTRACT THROUGH MR. BURRUS' FIRM AT A SPECIAL MEETING. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE CITY WOULD NOT INCUR COSTS BEYOND THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE EFFORT TO SECURE THIS GRANT, IN ADDITION TO HIS "HARD COSTS" WHICH CANNOT, BY CONTRACT, EXCEED \$225.00. MR. BURRUS STATED THAT THIS IS THE "FASTEST" FEDERAL MONEY AVAILABLE - REPUTABLY FINISHED IN 45 DAYS FROM SUBMISSION TO DECISION.

B. COMMISSIONER PFEIFER STATED THAT THE CITY NEEDED TO ADOPT A FIREWORKS ORDINANCE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE EARLY, VERY HOT WEATHER AND VERY DRY CONDITIONS. WE NEED TO ESTABLISH SOME CONTROL WITHIN THE CITY'S LIMITS AND HE PROPOSED TO WORK UP AN ORDINANCE FOR THE JUNE MEETING, TO BE CONSIDERED PRIOR TO THE JULY 4TH WEEKEND. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION, GENERALLY THAT IF FIREWORKS WERE ALLOWED, IT BE ONLY WITH STRICT SUPERVISION, ORGANIZED, PERHAPS A PERMIT SYSTEM, FIRE TRUCK ON THE SCENE....CONTROLLED. COMMISSIONER RAY WHITIS SUGGESTED THAT ANY CITIZENS HAVING IDEAS SUBMIT THEM IN WRITING TO CITY HALL FOR CONSIDERATION BY MAY 31, 1998.

C. VFD CONTRACT. MR. BURTON WAS THE ONLY VFD REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK AND STATED THAT HE JUST STOPPED BY ON HIS WAY HOME, HIS COPY OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACT WAS AT HOME, OTHER VFD OFFICERS WERE NOT AVAILABLE. THE MAYOR SUGGESTED THE ITEM BE INCLUDED IN A SPECIAL MEETING PLANNED FOR SCHEDULING NEXT WEEK IF THE VFD AGREED. ASKED IF LETTING GRASS DIE WOULD HELP THE FIRE HAZARD, MR. BURTON STATED APTLY, "NO. GREEN DOESN'T BURN. BROWN BURNS."

7. MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS:

A. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTED 16 CASES WERE HANDLED, INCLUDING STOLEN PROPERTY, NARCOTICS, ASSAULTS, ONE MISSING CHILD, FOUR CURFEW VIOLATIONS AND 6 ARRESTS. THE BIKE REGISTRATION WENT FAIR.....FORMS ARE IN CITY HALL AND CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS FREE REGISTRATION TO PROTECT THEIR BICYCLES AGAINST THEFT, VANDALISM, ETC. THE MAYOR ADDED TO THE REPORT BY PRAISING CHIEF ELLIS WHO WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THE GRANT FOR THE POLICE COMPUTER SETUP AS WELL AS AN EDUCATIONAL TRAINING GRANT...AND THERE HAVE BEEN 278 HOURS WORKED BY THE OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENT THIS MONTH.

B. LARRY LETT REPORTED FOR THE WATER/SEWER/ROAD DEPARTMENT, STATING THE QUALITY OF THE CITY'S WATER WAS GOOD, THE CREW HANDLED A POWER OUTAGE AT THE PLANT, TESTS ARE CONTINUING FINE AND THE SEWER SYSTEM AND LIFT STATIONS ARE ALL WORKING SATISFACTORILY. THE MAINTAINER IS DOWN AND LARRY ASKED FOR EVERYONE'S PATIENCE UNTIL ALL OF THE EQUIPMENT WAS UP AND RUNNING AGAIN. RANDY TWEED A REPRESENTATIVE FOR HACH COMPANY PERFORMED THE SEMI-ANNUAL METER CALIBRATION THIS MONTH. LARRY REPORTED A FEW SMALL LEAKS, BUT STRESSED USAGE WAS ON THE INCLINE AND ASK THAT PEOPLE CHECK FOR LEAKS AND PLEASE, CONSERVE WATER, TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF RATIONING LATER IN THE SUMMER. HE ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE GENEROUS DONATION BY NANCY HICKLEY OF THE FUNDS TO PURCHASE A DART GUN TO ENHANCE THE ANIMAL CONTROL ENFORCEMENT. THE MAYOR INTERJECTED THAT THIS WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS HELP BOTH IN THE ABILITY TO CATCH A LOOSE ANIMAL AND FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CODE ENFORCERS. MAYOR PICKENS ALSO ENTREATED EVERYONE TO REPORT ANYONE THEY SEE DUMPING ANIMALS, GET THE VEHICLE LICENSE NUMBER IF POSSIBLE - CALL CITY HALL OR THE ON-CALL STAFF ON WEEKENDS.

C. SUE PORTER REPORTED A RISE IN INQUIRIES FOR COPIES OF THE BUILDING ORDINANCE BY INDIVIDUALS, BUILDERS AND REALTORS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CALLS AS WELL AS VISITS TO CITY HALL EACH WEEK. INCREASED ACTIVITY APPEARS TO BE STEMMING DIRECTLY FROM THE CITY'S CAMPAIGN TO CLEAR THE OVERGROWN LOTS. A PERMIT FOR A STORAGE BUILDING WAS ISSUED.

D. THE CIVIC PRIDE GROUP REPORTED A CREW OF FIVE PULLED WEEDS AND CLEANED AROUND THE POOL IN ANTICIPATION OF THE POOL'S OPENING SOON, AND THE PLANS FOR THE NOAH THOMPSON PARK ARE GOING FORWARD. THEY HOPE TO PUT BENCHES THERE - CONCRETE TABLES AND BENCHES ON SLABS - TO BE IN USE SOON. BURT BURTON SUGGESTED LCRA WILL CONSIDER GRANTS FOR PARK IMPROVEMENT ALSO, AND DR. UPSHAW ADDED THAT PEC HAS NICE FREE PICNIC STUFF(SUCH AS BIG CABLE WHEELS).

E. THE COMMUNITY CHURCH AND CHRONICLE, REPRESENTED BY BENTLEY MARTIN, SAID A LOT HAS HAPPENED SINCE LAST MONTH. WITH THE DONATION OF LOTS FROM ABSENTEE PROPERTY OWNERS (CONTACTED FOR CLEARING LOTS), THE CHURCH ERECTED A CROSS ON THE PRIMARY PROPERTY AND HAVE HELD SERVICES. A CLEAN-UP DAY ON THE SITE IS SCHEDULED SOON WITH GLENN HENDERSON VOLUNTEERING HIS TIME, SKILL AND EQUIPMENT TO CUT THE BRUSH AND DEBRIS AND MR. MARTIN CALLED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN HIM IN ROUNDING UP THE LEAVINGS AND SHARE A PICNIC. HE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH FROM OTHER CHURCHES IN THE AREA. MARGIE PHIPPS IS NOW THE ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF THE CHRONICLE AND THE CIRCULATION IS UP TO 300 COPIES EACH MONTH, INCLUDING CASTLE ACRES AND CASTLE TERRACE - A DELIVERY BOY WAS HIRED TO REACH THESE FOLKS. THE CHRONICLE IS SPONSORING A "COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT TEAM" AND WOULD LIKE IT COMPOSED SIMILAR TO THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT - ONE MEMBER FROM EACH COMMUNITY GROUP AGAIN. INITIAL MEETINGS WILL COORDINATE WHAT NEEDS

TO BE DONE AND HOW AND WHEN. A PLAN FOR THE FALL SEASON IS TO TAKE A CITY POPULATION SURVEY WHICH HASN'T BEEN DONE SINCE 1995.

F. BURT BURTON SPOKE FOR THE VFD REPORTING A FULLY OPERATIONAL TRUCK, TWO NEW MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO CITY EMPLOYEES, AND THAT THE VFD HAS OBTAINED WATER SERVICE FROM THE CITY TO SAVE THE TREES ON THE STATION PROPERTY AND PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE STATION. THE VFD WILL SPONSOR THE SEMI-ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC ON JUNE 13TH WITH HOPE ANIMAL CLINIC AT THE FIRE STATION ON BIRCH. BEGINNING ON JULY 1ST, THE FIREMEN WILL PATROL CITY STREETS WATCHING FOR FIREWORKS ACTIVITY AND ON JULY 4TH, IT WILL HOLD ITS BBQ AGAIN.

8. CINDY RIBERA SPOKE ABOUT THE CWS YOUTH FACILITY, A PROJECT SHE GOT INVOLVED IN WHEN APPROACHED LAST YEAR. SOME OF HER OWN CONTACTS HAVE PARTICIPATED AND SHE COMPLIMENTED THE CITY AND VFD THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE MORE UNITY THAN IN THE PAST. MS. RIBERA SAID THEY PLAN TO HOLD VOLLEYBALL/BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS WITH DONATIONS TO THE VFD BEING EARMARKED FOR THE CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE STRESSED THE NEED TO HELP THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND SHE ASKED RESIDENTS TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE KIDS.... SPEAKING OF THE VOLLEYBALL/BASKETBALL COURT AREA, SHE SAID THAT THEY WILL FINISH THE PROJECT BUT YOU (THE CITIZENS) NEED TO USE IT AND TAKE CARE OF IT. MAYOR PICKENS THANKED MS. RIBERA FOR HER GOOD PRESENTATION AND HER CONCERNS.

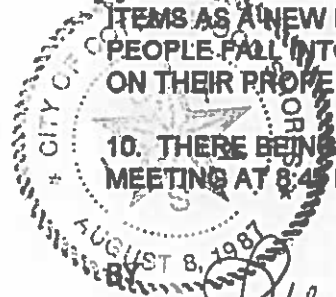
9. OPEN DISCUSSION.

TOPICS INCLUDED THE INTEREST IN CLEARING PROPERTY AND THE VARIOUS INTEREST IN BUYING/SELLING LOTS GOING ON. MR. BARKER ASKED ABOUT CHANGING THE CITY SPEED LIMIT AND THE MAYOR RESPONDED THAT MORE RESEARCH WAS BEING DONE ON THIS AND IT APPEARS THE CHANGING OF SIGNS WOULD BE COST PROHIBITIVE AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF PEOPLE OBEYING THE SIGNS. WE DO HAVE SOME "SLOW...CHILDREN" SIGNS AND WE ARE CONCENTRATING ON SPEED CONTROL ON AN INCREASED EFFORT. CHIEF WALTER ELLIS TALKED ABOUT DEBORAH DUNCAN A RESIDENT AND EMPLOYEE OF E-Z HEAT, WHO HAS INITIATED A PROJECT SPONSORED BY HER EMPLOYER TO GET DONATIONS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR SUCH ITEMS AS A NEW RADAR UNIT, UNIFORMS, ETC. BURT BURTON ASKED THAT PEOPLE FALL INTO LINE WITH 911 NEEDS AND PLACE VISIBLE HOUSE NUMBERS ON THEIR PROPERTY TO ASSIST EMERGENCY AGENCIES IN LOCATING PLACES.

10. THERE BEING NO OTHER DISCUSSION, THE MAYOR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:45 P.M.


SUE PORTER, CITY SECRETARY


DALE PICKENS, MAYOR



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL - MAY 21, 1998

CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES

PLEASE SIGN AND TAKE COPY OF AGENDA, ETC.

George Bird PEC

Jacobs Sattler
Cindy Kibera Yout

Margie Papp

E. Papp

~~David H. Martin~~

Geri Pickens

Soreen Harding

Steve Husley

Pat

Ernie W. H.

Ronda Miller

Patsy & Maurice Clark

Richard L. Baker

Bill Galt

Saddad Galt

Sharon Nash Brandon

Maria Kwalik - (her permission to vote if needed)

M. H. Barker

Mickey Jordan

Mina Miller

Connie & Leon Tishaw

Rae Kirk

Chelene Smith

Will Hill

A. Bryan Hill

W. E. Jones

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

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1998 - 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.
2. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF CASTLE ACRES AND A 0.387 ACRE TRACT OF LAND.
3. PUBLIC HEARING - REGARDING PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF CASTLE ACRES AND A 0.387 ACRE TRACT OF LAND.
4. CONSENT AGENDA:
(A) FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR APRIL 1998; (B) MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 16, 1998; (C) MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING, MAY 7, 1998.
5. PEC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT.
6. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:
A. PROPOSED GRANT APPLICATION BY J.GANDOLF BURRUS FIRM.
B. FIREWORKS ORDINANCE.
C. CONTRACT WITH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.
7. MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS:
A. POLICE DEPARTMENT.
B. WATER/SEWER AND ROAD DEPARTMENTS.
C. BUILDING PERMIT REPORT.
D. CIVIC PRIDE.
E. COMMUNITY CHURCH.
F. VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.
8. PRESENTATION BY CINDY RIBERA.
9. OPEN DISCUSSION.
10. ADJOURNMENT.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, 3915
COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES TEXAS ON THIS 18TH DAY OF
MAY, 1998 AT 5:00 P.M.

ATTEST:
BY: Sue Porter
SUE PORTER, CITY SECRETARY

Dale Pickens
DALE PICKENS, MAYOR

[THIS FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE & ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES
ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INTERPRETIVE
SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. CONTACT 693-
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