

**MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES
THURSDAY - AUGUST 20, 1998**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL. MAYOR DALE PICKENS CALLED THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:07 P.M. AND A ROLL CALL WAS CONDUCTED: COMMISSIONER FRANK PFEIFER AND COMMISSIONER RAY WHITIS WERE PRESENT, REPRESENTING A QUORUM.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. THE JULY FINANCIAL STATEMENT WAS TABLED BY THE MAYOR.

B. (1),(2),(3) THE COUNCIL REVIEWED ALL MINUTES PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND COMMISSIONER PFEIFER MOVED TO ACCEPT AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER WHITIS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED ON VOTE.

3. PEC ACTIVITY REPORT. GEORGE BIRD TALKED TO THE COUNCIL AND AUDIENCE ABOUT A NEWS ARTICLE SOON TO APPEAR IN THE PAPER. BASICALLY, PEC WOULD PREFER NOT TO DISCONNECT CUSTOMERS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF THEIR BILL AND HAS A DEFERRED PAYMENT PLAN. BUT - THIS CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE EVERY TWELVE MONTHS AND THE CUSTOMER MUST CALL BEFORE CUTOFF IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE AN ARRANGEMENT. THIS OPPORTUNITY COVERS OTHER TYPES OF EMERGENCIES, NOT JUST WEATHER SITUATIONS. IN ANSWER TO AN INQUIRY, MR. BIRD SAID THAT PEC HAD NOT EXPERIENCED MUCH DIFFICULTY DUE TO THE EXCESSIVE HEAT - OUTAGE TIME HAS AVERAGED LESS THAN 10 HOURS A WEEK.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:

A. RESOLUTION REGARDING ANNEXATION OF RR 2147 ADJOINING THE CITY'S SOUTHERN CITY LIMITS. THE MAYOR READ THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION, AGAIN EXPLAINING THE EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE CITY. COMMISSIONER WHITIS MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. COMMISSIONER PFEIFER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED ON VOTE. TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS HAVE BEEN SET, ONE ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1998 AND THE SECOND ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1998. APPROPRIATE PUBLIC NOTICES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE CITY'S DESIGNATED NEWSPAPER AND AT CITY HALL. A SERVICE PLAN WILL BE DEVELOPED FOR THE PROPOSED ANNEXED AREA.

B. CINDY RIBERA, THE DAUGHTER OF B. E. MARTIN, TALKED AT LENGTH REGARDING THE CITY'S FAILURE TO CORRECT WHAT SHE TERMED A DANGER OF FLOODING TO HER FATHER'S PROPERTY. THE SITUATION DEVELOPED SUBSEQUENT TO THE CITY'S CLEARING OF ADJOINING PROPERTY AND BEING UNABLE TO COMPLETE THE WORK DUE TO LOSS OF EQUIPMENT USE. A WORK ORDER HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SOME TIME AND THE MAYOR ASSURED MS. RIBERA THAT THE CITY WILL ATTEMPT TO TAKE CARE OF THE MATTER AS SOON AS IT CAN, HOPEFULLY WITHIN HER 30-DAY DEADLINE. THE EQUIPMENT IN QUESTION WAS VANDALIZED AND THE ENGINE RUINED. A REPLACEMENT HAS FINALLY BEEN LOCATED AND THE CITY IS PRESENTLY WAITING FOR THE INSURANCE CLAIM TO BE COMPLETED.

C. MS. JEAN ANDERSON REPRESENTED THE LOCAL CRISIS CENTER IN SUBMITTING A PLEA TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A DONATION TO SUPPORT NEEDED EXPANSION OF THE FACILITY. SHE STATED THAT SHE IS VISITING THE SURROUNDING CITIES AND COUNTY MEETINGS IN THIS EFFORT TO BUILD A NEW SHELTER, EXPANDING NEXT DOOR TO THE PRESENT BUILDING. \$251,000 HAS ALREADY BEEN CONTRIBUTED. THE CENTER HOPES FOR AT LEAST \$1,000 DONATION FROM EACH CITY, AND MS. ANDERSON EXPRESSED THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR SOME SMALLER CITIES. ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MS. ANDERSON STATED THAT THE AVERAGE STAY OF CLIENTS CAN BE TWO TO SIX WEEKS, DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION - THE CENTER ASSISTS MEN IN NEED AS WELL AS WOMEN AND CHILDREN. THE NEED IN THIS AREA HAS INCREASED A LOT IN RECENT YEARS. THE MAYOR RESPONDED THAT THE COUNCIL WAS WORKING ON THE FY 1998-1999 BUDGET AND WOULD SEE WHAT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST.

D. IN A DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED FY 1998-1999 TAX RATE, COMMISSIONER PFEIFER STATED THAT THE CITY NEEDS TO UP THE TAXES SOME TO CONTINUE IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY. THE MAYOR ASSURED PEOPLE THAT THE CITY CONTINUES TO SEEK AS MUCH ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE AVAILABLE, THROUGH STATE AND OTHER PROGRAMS AS WELL AS GRANTS. HE TALKED OF THE NEED TO PROTECT THE EQUIPMENT, BOTH FROM CLIMATE ELEMENTS AND FROM VANDALISM SUCH AS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MAINTAINER'S ENGINE. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO EXPAND AND HAS NEEDS....CALLING THE CITY HALL A "MADHOUSE" AT TIMES, HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR MORE SPACE, MORE DESKS, MORE FILE CABINETS....THE CITY IS GROWING AND NECESSARILY, NEEDS MUST GROW LIKEWISE. THE PROPOSED TAX RATE REPRESENTS A 7.5% INCREASE WHICH AVERAGES UNDER \$10.00 A YEAR FOR A PROPERTY APPRAISED AROUND \$34,000. THE ACTUAL INCREASE WOULD BE \$0.0202 PER \$100 VALUE. THE PRESENT RATE IS \$0.3650 AND WOULD GO TO \$0.3852. THE MAYOR RECOMMENDED THIS RATE BE PROPOSED AND A PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 1998 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CIVIC CENTER. VOTING RESULTS:
FOR: 2 COMMISSIONERS
AGAINST: 0
ABSENT: 0

AN OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE HIGHLANDER AND AT CITY HALL.

E. THE MAYOR ALSO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FY-1998-1999 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1998, 7:00 P.M., AT THE CIVIC CENTER. THIS MEETING WILL ALLOW THE COUNCIL TO HEAR COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS REGARDING THE CITY'S PROPOSED BUDGET. A NOTICE FOR THIS PUBLIC HEARING WILL ALSO BE PUBLISHED AND POSTED AT CITY HALL AS THE LAW REQUIRES.

5. MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS.

A. CHIEF OF POLICE WALTER ELLIS IS OUT OF TOWN ATTENDING SCHOOL AND SGT. STEVE HALLMAN REPORTED FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT: THERE WERE 59 CALLS, 3 ARRESTS AND 458 MAN HOURS WORKED, WITH A TOTAL OF 3,298 MILES DRIVEN BETWEEN THE TWO POLICE CARS. THANKING SGT. HALLMAN, MAYOR PICKENS REMINDED EVERYONE THAT BOTH SGT. HALLMAN AND CHIEF ELLIS ARE PAID FULL-TIME OFFICERS NOW SINCE THE C.O.P.S. GRANT WAS AWARDED. THE CITY WILL HAVE A SHARE MATCH WHICH INCREASES EACH OF THE THREE YEARS AND THE GRANT INCLUDES BOTH SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR THE OFFICERS. A BIG IMPROVEMENT!!! AGAIN, THE MAYOR TALKED ABOUT THE MANY, MANY HOURS - DAY AND NIGHT - PUT IN BY THESE MEN ABOVE AND BEYOND ...ENCOURAGING CITIZENS TO THANK THEM, STOP AND SAY HI WHEN YOU SEE THEM...ALSO MENTIONING THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF A NEW RESERVE OFFICER BEING SWORN IN BY THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. ADDITIONALLY, THE CITY HAS A CRIME SCENE TECHNICIAN UNDER CONTRACT WHO WILL PERFORM FINGERPRINTING AND OTHER DETECTIONS WHEN CALLED IN.

B. MAYOR PICKENS REPORTED FOR PUBLIC WORKS-WATER AND SEWER FOLKS....REALLY HAVING A BAD TIME WITH PERSONNEL. EDDIE PROCTOR IS OUT, IN PAIN AND FINANCIAL STRESS, OVER A REGRESSION IN THE INJURY HE SUFFERED LAST OCTOBER. THIS LEAVES LARRY LETT WITH THE BURDEN OF DIRECTING ALL FIELD OPERATIONS AND HE HAS BACK PROBLEMS, TOO. NEW EMPLOYEE TODD HREBIK IS EAGER TO LEARN AND HARD WORKING; AND DALE CASTO HAS BEEN HIRED TO HELP OUT.

C. BUILDING PERMITS FOR THE MONTH: FOUR, WITH A FIFTH PENDING SOON.

D. CIVIC PRIDE. INACTIVE, SOME OUT OF TOWN OR OTHERWISE BUSY....HOPEFULLY GET IN GEAR EARLY IN THE FALL SEASON....TWO COATS OF PAINT HAVE BEEN PUT ON THE CIVIC CENTER FLOOR (NOTICEABLE TO ALL AT THE MEETING)...MAYOR PICKENS ASKED EVERYONE TO CONSIDER COMING TO THE MONTHLY MEETING - AND SAID THAT CIVIC PRIDE NEEDS NEW MEMBERS!

E. THE CHRONICLE NEWSPAPER AND COMMUNITY CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES WERE ABSENT, OUT IN THE COMMUNITY DOING SOMETHING SUPPORTIVE....THEY ARE APPRECIATED.

F. BARBARA MCBRIDE REMINDED EVERYONE THAT THE RABIES CLINIC IS SCHEDULED FROM 9-12, SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND.....A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO GET YOUR PETS PROTECTED AT DISCOUNT COST. SHE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH WAS NOW HOLDING SERVICES IN THE FIRE STATION. MIKE BUTLER SAID THAT THEY ANSWERED THREE CALLS IN THE PAST THIRTY DAYS - NONE FIRE RELATED. HE SAID THE VFD WOULD BE WORKING TOGETHER (WITH THE CITY) WHEN THE FIRE BAN IS LIFTED, PATROLLING THE CITY, SECTION BY SECTION.

6. OPEN DISCUSSION.

MAYOR PICKENS TOLD EVERYONE TO BE CERTAIN TO NOTICE THE MAIL DROP BOX AT THE CORNER OF THE CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT - FINALLY! THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF FRANK SMITH'S INQUIRY...HE ALSO REITERATED THE CITY'S BOUNTY IN MR. SHELTON THIBIDEAUX'S \$600. DONATION FOR ANOTHER POLICE VEHICLE - AND ONE HAS BEEN LOCATED. ALSO, THE CITY'S TATTERED FLAGS ARE BEING REPLACED DUE TO THE GENEROSITY OF FRANCIS AND JEAN SCOTT WHO PURCHASED THE U. S. FLAG AND THE MAYOR MATCHED THIS BY PAYING FOR THE STATE FLAG. A 16 HP RIDING LAWNMOWER WAS DONATED TO THE CITY BY RESIDENT KEITH PATSCHKE THIS MONTH. AS MENTIONED BEFORE, THE CITY LOCATED A NEW MOTOR FOR THE VANDALIZED MAINTAINER AND THE BURNET COUNTY COMMISSIONER HAS COMMITTED TO DONATING A MECHANIC TO INSTALL IT. THE GRANT PROCESS IS STILL BEING HELD UP BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.

MIKE BUTLER ASK IF THE CITY HAD SCHEDULED A MEETING WITH THE VFD AND WHETHER THE VFD WAS A LINE ITEM ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR'S BUDGET (\$1,000)...THE MAYOR, RESPONDING THAT ANOTHER BUDGET WORKSHOP WAS SCHEDULED SUGGESTED THAT THE VFD COME BY THE OFFICE WITH PROPOSED MEETING DATES AND THE COUNCIL WOULD SET A MEETING WITH THE ENTITY.

7. THERE BEING NO OTHER DISCUSSION, THE MAYOR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:20 P.M.



Sue Porter

SUE PORTER, CITY SECRETARY

Dale Pickens

DALE PICKENS, MAYOR

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS, SETTING TWO PUBLIC HEARING
DATES TO CONSIDER THE ANNEXATION OF A PORTION OF THE
RIGHT-OF-WAY OF RR 2147.**

**WHEREAS, THE CITY COUNCIL IS REQUIRED TO HOLD TWO (2) PUBLIC
HEARINGS TO CONSIDER THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY; AND**

**WHEREAS, THE CITY COUNCIL FINDS THAT IT SHOULD CONSIDER THE
ANNEXATION OF A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF RR 2147 THAT ABUTS
THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY FROM THE SOUTHEAST LIMITS TO THE
SOUTHWEST LIMITS OF THE CITY;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS, THAT:**

**THE CITY HEREBY CALLS AND SETS A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD AT
7:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1998, AND A SECOND PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD
AT 7:00 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1998, BOTH AT THE CIVIC CENTER AT 4111
COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS, TO CONSIDER THE
ANNEXATION OF THAT PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF RR 2147 THAT
ABUTS THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SERVICE PLAN
FOR THE PROPOSED ANNEXED AREA.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL FURTHER DIRECTS THAT SEPARATE NOTICE OF
EACH OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARINGS SHALL BE PUBLISHED ONE TIME IN THE
LOCAL NEWSPAPER AS REQUIRED BY LAW.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 20TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1998.

CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS


DALE PICKENS, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUE PORTER, CITY SECRETARY



NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS, WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE CIVIC CENTER, 4111 COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS, AT 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1998, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED INITIATION OF ANNEXATION PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OF RURAL ROUTE 2147 ABUTTING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY FROM THE SOUTHEASTERN-MOST LIMITS AT RR 2147 TO THE SOUTHWESTERN-MOST CITY LIMITS AT RR 2147.

THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROPERTY IS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED BY A MAP OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, AND A DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION ORDINANCE, THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT CITY HALL, 3915 COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS.

MAYOR DALE PICKENS

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES
4111 COTTONWOOD DRIVE - CIVIC CENTER
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1998 - 7:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.
2. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. JULY FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
 - B. MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:
 - (1) REGULAR MEETING, JULY 16, 1998;
 - (2) SPECIAL MEETING, JULY 31, 1998;
 - (3) BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETINGS HELD:
AUGUST 12, 13, 18 AND 19, 1998
3. PEC ACTIVITY REPORT.
4. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:
 - A. RESOLUTION TO SET TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING ANNEXATION OF THAT PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF FM 2147 (ALSO KNOWN AS RR 2147) THAT ABUTS THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY FROM THE SOUTHEASTERN-MOST CORPORATE LIMITS AT FM 2147 TO THE SOUTHWESTERN-MOST CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY AT FM 2147.
 - B. REQUEST BY B.E. MARTIN REGARDING DRAINAGE ON FIR, REPRESENTED BY CINDY RIBERA.
 - C. REQUEST BY CRISIS CENTER FOR DONATION - REPRESENTED BY JEAN ANDERSON.
 - D. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED FY 1998-1999 TAX RATE. IF PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE THAN THE PRECEDING YEAR'S REVENUE, TAKE RECORD VOTE AND SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING.
5. MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS:
 - A. POLICE DEPARTMENT.
 - B. PUBLIC WORKS - WATER AND SEWER.
 - C. BUILDING PERMITS.
 - D. CIVIC PRIDE.
 - E. CHRONICLE AND COMMUNITY CHURCH.
 - F. VFD.
6. OPEN DISCUSSION.
7. ADJOURNMENT.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, 3915 COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES TEXAS ON THIS 17TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1998 AT 5:00 P.M.

ATTEST BY:


SUE PORTER, CITY SECRETARY


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. 830-693-3830]

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES
4111 COTTONWOOD DRIVE - CIVIC CENTER
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1998 - 7:00 P.M.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

ADDED TO THE AGENDA POSTED FOR THIS MEETING:

4. E. SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 1998-1999 BUDGET.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, 3915
COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES TEXAS ON THIS 18TH DAY OF
AUGUST, 1998 AT 11:00 A.M.

ATTEST BY:


SUE PORTER, CITY SECRETARY


DALE PICKENS, MAYOR

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