

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS  
4111 COTTONWOOD DRIVE – CIVIC CENTER  
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2000 AT 7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** Mayor Pickens called this Regular Meeting to Order at 7:05 p.m., with both Commissioner Phipps and Commissioner Pfeifer in attendance, a Quorum was present.
2. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - A. **MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY MEETING ON APRIL 20, 2000 AND A SPECIAL CITY MEETING ON MAY 4, 2000:** Commissioner Pfeifer stated he had read the minutes from both meetings and had nothing to discuss. He then made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 20, 2000 and the Special Meeting on May 4, 2000 as recorded. Commissioner Phipps seconded his motion, which carried.
  - B. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH AND APRIL 2000:** Mayor Pickens stated he had reviewed the financial statements and found them to be in proper order. He then asked for any questions from the Council. Commissioner Phipps made a motion to approve the Financial Statements for both March and April 2000. Commissioner Pfeifer seconded the motion, which carried.
3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:**
  - A. **MR. WAYNE MCKEE TO GIVE QUARTERLY PRESENTATION FOR P.E.C.:** Mr. George Bird was in attendance to represent P.E.C. He announced the new credit card services were now in effect. Now you can charge your electric bill payment. Bank drafts are also available. He noted a lot of absentee owners use this service to avoid delays in payment. He added next month the call center in Marble Falls would begin staying open until 9:00 p.m. for service requests by phone. He explained P.E.C. was trying to become more available. Since the deregulation, they were focusing on Customer Service. Meeting customer needs is a priority with P.E.C. He added that only 1% of customers have to be reminded to pay their bills. It is not fair for everyone to absorb the cost of rebilling so in order to keep some costs down, collection notices would now include a \$10.00 fee for late payment. He stated the *Co-Op Magazine* is available to all customers free of charge. If you do not receive one call P.E.C. at 888-554-4732.
  - B. **MRS. AMANDA BARNETT TO DISCUSS LATE FEE CHARGES AND DISCONNECT NOTICES FOR UTILITY BILLS:** No one present to address this item.
4. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE TAKE ACTION ON SETTING POOL HOURS AND FEES CHARGED FOR THE CITY SWIMMING POOL:** Mayor Pickens stated school would be out soon. Although the pool is old and in need of new filters, it will be opening soon. Hours of operation will depend on need. If more people come to swim the hours will be longer. He announced Ms. Vicky Rogers would be the lifeguard again this year. She plans on opening the pool on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Maybe Saturdays depending on the need. He stated the City had not raised fees in several years. The fees need to be raised in order to cover costs of new filters. He noted in the past, the fees were \$1.00 for children and \$1.50 for adults. Mr. Keith Patschke stated the pool in Marble Falls charges \$3.00. Mayor Pickens suggested \$1.75 for children and \$2.25 for adults. Commissioner Phipps suggested \$2.00 for children and \$2.50 for adults. Mr. Frank Smith asked about a season pass. Mayor Pickens stated those would be done on a case-by-case basis depending upon length of the pass. Commissioner Pfeifer then made a motion to set the new fees for the swimming pool at \$1.75 for children and \$2.50 for adults. Commissioner Phipps seconded his motion, which carried.

5. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE TAKE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY MR. CHARLES CARNEY TO RELOCATE THE UTILITY EASEMENT AND EXISTING WATER MAIN ON LOT D, CASTLE ACRES SUBDIVISION:** Mayor Pickens stated we were not able to contact Mr. Carney. He explained the City had an easement and a four-inch water line which supplies water to Castle Acres along Wirtz Dam Road. Then the old road was moved. Mr. Carney gained some land, but now the water line is in his way. He added the City Attorney says the City has an easement. P.E.C. has an easement recorded, also. He was not asking for any action now, just informing the Council of the situation.
6. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE TAKE ACTION ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF MR. REINHARD REEH AS CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS:** Mayor Pickens stated the only Police Chief the City ever had retired after two years and six months of service. The Council had thought hard to find a replacement. Mr. Reeh has over 30 years experience with Burnet County. He understands the City's unique situation. He understands there is not a lot of money, but it's a great place to work. Mr. Reeh then stated he was pleased to be in the City. He acknowledged there are good people working here already. He liked small areas because they were more like family. Commissioner Phipps stated she thought he would be great as Chief, and then made a motion to approve the appointment of Reinhard Reeh as Chief of Police for the City of Cottonwood Shores. Commissioner Pfeifer seconded her motion, which carried. At this time, Tena Collier, Notary Public, swore Mr. Reeh into Office. Then Sergeant Hallman presented the Chief with Badge No. 531.
7. **MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS:**
  - A. **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**
    - (1) **ACTIVITY LOG:** Sergeant Hallman read the report for the Police Department.
    - (2) **ARREST:** Sergeant Hallman stated he and the border patrol had been in the Northwood Drive area and had arrested a couple of illegal aliens.
  - B. **PUBLIC WORKS:**
    - (1) **WATER & SEWER SYSTEM PERFORMANCE & USAGE:** Robert Pope read the Water Usage Report. He asked if anyone saw any leaks to please give City Hall a call. He explained that the meter for sewage to L.B.J. M.U.D. had been inaccurate. He had recently had it checked out so now it read correct. Only problem was it was running slow. Now bills from L.B.J. would probably triple. He stated the guys were clearing lots. All lots have been done except one on Driftwood.
    - (2) **ANIMAL CONTROL:** Connie Capone read the report for Animal Control. She apologized for the small numbers making her look bad. She explained she had been out of commission with a broken toe. Mr. James Gillis stated he knew she did a good job. He thanked her for removing two dogs from his property sometime ago.
  - C. **CIVIC PRIDE:** Mayor Pickens stated Civic Pride had been somewhat inactive due to lost members. He stated Ms. Claudia Short had expressed interest in getting Civic Pride up and running again. He added the Open House was an enormous success. Ms. Short then stated there was a great response to the Open House, and a lot of good food. She thanked everyone who contributed towards the community togetherness.
    - (1) **UPCOMING MEETING DATES:** Ms. Short will keep us informed, but nothing scheduled now.
    - (2) **FUTURE PROJECTS:** Nothing scheduled at this time.
8. **MAYOR'S REPORT:**
  - A. **WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS GRANT:** Mayor Pickens asked if anyone had seen the notice in the paper for bids on the water system improvements. He noted this would be a big benefit to the City water system. Mr. James Gillis asked when the construction would begin. Mayor Pickens stated it would probably be sometime in July before construction began. Mr. Gillis asked if the new tank would have the same design as the old. Mayor Pickens stated engineers were still working on the design. He added it would be approximately 100' tall. It will provide water storage for the City for years. It will increase the water pressure in Castle Terrace, too.
  - B. **NEW CITY HALL LOCATION:** Mayor Pickens stated if anyone had not been by the new City Hall to stop by for a tour. He thanked Civic Pride for a great job with the Open House. He stated that over eighty people had attended the Open House. He added he was glad to see Commissioner Oakley in attendance.

**C. CLOSE OUT OF LAKEVIEW DRIVE DISASTER INITIATIVE RECOVERY GRANT:** Mayor Pickens stated the work which was done on Lakeview Drive was the result of the damage caused by the flood in 1997. The road was not in good shape before the flood. The City received a grant to repair the road. The funds could only be used to repair the road. They couldn't be spent to make it better than before, but we could put the road back the way it was. Now that the work was complete, the auditors were ready to close out the grant. Mr. Joe Ramos did the Close Out Audit on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pickens then read a portion of the letter from Mr. Ramos stating they were pleased with the City's handling of the grant funds. Mayor Pickens added, basically they are happy with us. Mayor Pickens then stated when he first came into office he discovered paper work for a grant, which had never been closed out. This made the City ineligible for grants for sometime. Now, when we apply for future grants the review committee will look favorably on the City.

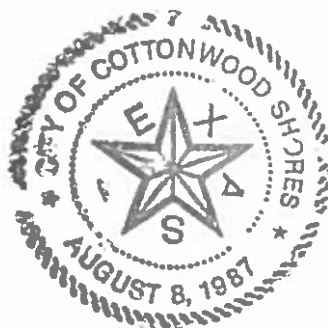
**8. OPEN DISCUSSION:** Mr. Euclid Phipps asked if anything had been done about Mr. Rainey's request to rezone his lots on Hwy 2147 from Residential to Commercial. Mayor Pickens stated this would be a benefit to the City. We just need time to notify owners and set dates for public hearings. Mr. Phipps then asked if the City could sell Aspen Park since it was not being used. Mayor Pickens indicated if the land had been dedicated for a park, the City could not sell the property. He added in his opinion, the City could not afford to lose any parkland. Ms. Claudia Short added she felt people didn't realize it was a park. Commissioner Pfeifer stated there used to be swings at the park, but people tore them up. Apparently, the City Crew has been mowing the area. Mr. Frank Smith asked if the City had considered hiring summertime workers to help with the mowing. He added he knew a couple of kids who were interested. Mayor Pickens stated to have them come by and he would put them to work. Mr. James Gillis asked if the City would monitor the crew working on the tank as far as driving to fast and cleaning up after completion. Mayor Pickens stated there would be requirements in the contract as to removing the old tank and installing the new tank. He added the police would be patrolling the area as well. He asked Mr. Gillis to report anything he saw. Mr. Gillis then asked about debris dumped on lot next to water tower. Mayor Pickens stated he would try to contact the owner and have them clean up their lot.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Pickens adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
TENA COLLIER, CITY SECRETARY

  
DALE PICKENS, MAYOR



Keith Patschke  
4108 Lakeview  
Marble Falls, TX 78654

May 22, 2000

City of Cottonwood Shores

Dear Mayor and Commissioners of Cottonwood Shores:

I am requesting a zoning change for lot 74 of the Bluff View Subdivision of the City of Cottonwood Shores. The request is that lot 74 be changed to commercial zoning which permits the use of an RV park. This lot is situated within forty feet of Vic's Tile. It has a 69KV power line within 40 feet and a 7.2 KV distribution power line crossing the property which makes the property less desirable for residential use.

Applicant name:

Keith Patschke  
4108 Lakeview  
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The location of the property falls within the incorporated city limits of Cottonwood Shores.

Sincerely,

*Keith Patschke*

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I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, 3808 COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS ON THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2000 AT 6:00 PM.

ATTEST:

  
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