

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS
TO BE HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTER, 4111 COTTONWOOD DRIVE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2000 AT 6:00 P.M.**

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.
2. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 082300, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES OPPOSING THE ADDITION ON 34,000 ACRES OF BURNET COUNTY LAND INTO THE BALCONES CANYONLANDS WILDLIFE PRESERVE AND THE REMOVAL OF SAID LAND FROM THE TAX ROLLS OF BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS.
3. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 082300-A, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF "THE TEXAS COLORADO FLOOD SAFETY COALITION" AND APPOINTING CITY REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEES FOR FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT.
4. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES' ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE 2000-2001 FISCAL YEAR.
5. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTING A PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2000 FOR THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS.
6. CITIZENS COMMENTS.
7. ADJOURNMENT.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, 3808 COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS ON THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST 2000 AT 5:00 PM.



DALE PICKENS, MAYOR

ATTEST:



TENA COLLIER, CITY SECRETARY



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** Mayor Pickens called this Special Meeting to Order at 6:06 p.m., with both Commissioner Phipps and Commissioner Pfeifer in attendance, a Quorum was present.

2. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 082300, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES OPPOSING THE ADDITION ON 34,000 ACRES OF BURNET COUNTY LAND INTO THE BALCONES CANYONLANDS WILDLIFE PRESERVE AND THE REMOVAL OF SAID LAND FROM THE TAX ROLLS OF BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS:** Mr. Kenny Baker and Mrs. Linda Ross were present to discuss item 2 on the agenda. Mr. Baker showed the Council a map of the area in which Balcones Canyonlands proposes to add to the wildlife preserve. Mr. Baker stated The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) wants to take this 34,000 acres of Burnet County land to place in the Balcones Canyonlands Wildlife Refuge. He was concerned about the Burnet County property taxes, which would be lost revenue for the county. This land would then be taken off the tax rolls of Burnet County, Burnet ISD and Marble Falls ISD. The tax appraisal value of the land is approximately \$87,039,101.00 (Burnet County Tax Appraisal District). The taxes on this land would be at least \$1,627,631.00 (resulting tax loss). He explained that even though the FWS promised to pay revenue sharing money in lieu of taxes, the history of FWS is that promised amounts are much more than actual payments. Commissioner Phipps stated she thought that wildlife preserves were a great idea, but was concerned about the financial impact on Burnet County residents. Mr. Baker stated that is a lot of revenue to expect other residents to recover. He added the two school districts in Burnet County, the County Commissioners Court and the Highland Lakes Builders Association have all passed resolutions opposing this takeover of private property. He asked the Council to pass a similar resolution. Commissioner Phipps made a motion to approve Resolution No. 082300, a Resolution of the City of Cottonwood Shores opposing the addition of 34,000 acres of Burnet County land into the Balcones Canyonlands Wildlife Preserve and the removal of said land from the tax rolls of Burnet County, Texas. Commissioner Pfeifer seconded her motion, which carried.

3. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 082300-A, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF "THE TEXAS COLORADO FLOOD SAFETY COALITION" AND APPOINTING CITY REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEES FOR FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT:** Mayor Pickens stated being a small city limits who we can appoint to serve on the committee. However, he felt the city should appoint two employees to serve. He added we need to be aware of any dangers and kept up to date on information regarding floodplain management. As we all know, it can flood around here and the city needs to be informed. Commissioner Pfeifer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 082300-A, supporting "The Texas Colorado Flood Safety Coalition". Commissioner Phipps seconded his motion, which carried.

4. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES' ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE 2000-2001 FISCAL YEAR:** Mayor Pickens stated he had been working on the proposed budget. He still had some holes to fill in, but Renee had been out sick so he had not had a chance to discuss anything with her. He asked the Commissioners to get out their

budget and then go over what he had. They discussed Administration, Police Department, Public Works, and the Municipal Court in the General Fund. Then the Water, Sewer and Garbage Departments in the Utility Fund. No major changes were noted. Mayor Pickens stated they would probably need one more budget meeting, then they should be ready to pass the budget in September.

5. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTING A PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2000 FOR THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS:** Mayor Pickens stated the Burnet Central Appraisal District ran numbers for the City. He asked the Commissioners to vote to slightly raise the City's property tax rate. He stated that since the City had obligated \$25,000 towards the grant for water distribution lines we would need additional funds. He stated that last year the City only received around \$64,000 in property taxes, which was not enough to provide the needed services to the City. He added that by raising the rate to .3782 per \$100 of appraised value the City would receive approximately \$4,067.20 more in taxes next year. Commissioner Phipps asked what was the current rate. Mayor Pickens stated .3770 per \$100 of appraised value. Commissioner Pfeifer made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate of .3782 per \$100 value of appraised value. Commissioner Phipps seconded his motion, which carried.
6. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:** There were none.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Pickens adjourned this Special Meeting at 7:37 p.m.


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