

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS
4111 COTTONWOOD DRIVE – CIVIC CENTER
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2003 AT 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.
2. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - (A) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2002.
3. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY MR. & MRS. DON JOHNSON FOR AN ADJUSTMENT ON THE UTILITY BILL FROM THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES FOR HIGH WATER USAGE DUE TO A WATER LEAK AT THEIR BUSINESS LOCATED ON LOT 5, CASTLE TERRACE SECTION I, BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS, KNOWN AS THE SUMMERHOUSE.
4. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CHANGING THE TIME OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS.
5. MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS:
 - A. POLICE DEPARTMENT:
 - (1) ACTIVITY LOG
 - B. PUBLIC WORKS:
 - (1) WATER & SEWER SYSTEM PERFORMANCE & USAGE
 - (2) ANIMAL CONTROL
 - C. CIVIC PRIDE:
 - (1) UPCOMING MEETING DATES
 - (2) FUTURE PROJECTS
 - D. VFD
6. MAYOR'S REPORT:
 - A. FUTURE GRANT APPLICATION FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION LINES
7. CITIZEN COMMENTS.
8. ADJOURNMENT.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, 3808 COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS ON THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2003 AT 5:00 P.M.

ATTEST:


TENA COLLIER, CITY SECRETARY


DALE PICKENS, MAYOR



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** Mayor Pickens called this Regular Meeting to Order at 7:02 p.m., with both Commissioner Phipps and Commissioner Pfeifer in attendance, a Quorum was Present.
2. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - (A) **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2002:** Both Commissioners stated that they had no questions in regards to the financial statements. Then Commissioner Pfeifer made a motion to approve the Financial Statements for the Month of December 2002. Commissioner Phipps seconded his motion, which carried.
3. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY MR. & MRS. DON JOHNSON FOR AN ADJUSTMENT ON THE UTILITY BILL FROM THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES FOR HIGH WATER USAGE DUE TO A WATER LEAK AT THEIR BUSINESS LOCATED ON LOT 5, CASTLE TERRACE SECTION I, BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS, KNOWN AS THE SUMMERHOUSE:** Mr. Johnson thanked the Council for hearing him again. He stated he was not sure what to say, but that a month ago when they discussed this situation he thought that it was settled. Then he received a bill for \$720.00, which was for only six to nine days of usage, depending upon when the water was turned off. He noted that he was unaware that the bill was for the 15th of November and the water was not turned off until after the 15th. He thought that the matter was settled earlier. Then he talked to the City Secretary and realized that he did owe for the week or so water was still on after November 15th. He added that at first he thought that the \$618.00 he already paid was part of the \$720.00, but that the City Secretary had informed him that it was for the usage after the 15th of November. He stated he was here tonight to see if he could get some help on the current bill. Commissioner Pfeifer stated that he had made a motion last month to give an adjustment on his bill and according to the ordinance it was only a one-time adjustment. Mr. Johnson stated that he understood that it was a one-time adjustment, he just thought that was his last bill. He was unaware that he would have another bill sent. He asked if the Council was aware that another bill was coming. Commissioner Pfeifer stated that everyone knows that their water bill comes once a month and that another one will be coming. He added that the ordinance states a one-time adjustment and he couldn't give another adjustment. Mr. Johnson stated that he felt very misled. Commissioner Pfeifer asked who turned off the water at his business. Mr. Johnson replied he did. Commissioner Pfeifer stated that according to the Work Order when the City employee went to disconnect the water Mr. Johnson had already done so on December 2, 2002. Mr. Johnson noted he did so because he went down into the ravine and saw the water running. He added he thought that it was silly to just let it run. Commissioner Pfeifer agreed. He added that Mr. Johnson had already received his bill before he shut off the water so he should have known there would be additional usage. Mr. Johnson stated that if he had known he would have put the two months together. Commissioner Pfeifer stated that the next month was a different bill and he couldn't override the ordinance. Mr. Johnson stated that since he was not expecting another bill that another adjustment seemed fair. Commissioner Pfeifer stated that he had received his one-time adjustment according to the rules and regulations of the City. Mayor Pickens stated that the City had a one-time adjustment and from what he heard no other City gives an adjustment. Mr. Johnson stated that he didn't understand why he couldn't do both bills together. He added that the Council knew he was getting another bill and that they should look at it as one situation. Commissioner Pfeifer stated that they can't, they had already given him an adjustment. He then made a motion to deny the request. Commissioner Phipps seconded his motion, which carried. Mayor Pickens noted that Mr. Johnson put up a good argument, but that it was a one-time adjustment. Mr. Johnson asked what his next step was. He didn't want to leave with no way to appeal. Mayor Pickens stated he was not sure of any appeals, but to check with the City Secretary in the morning.
4. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON CHANGING THE TIME OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS:** Mayor Pickens stated that there was some discussion from residents about moving the time of the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Phipps stated that she worked till 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Pfeifer suggested 6:30 p.m. Mayor Pickens noted that in the Winter time it gets dark earlier and it would be nice to be home before dark. Commissioner Phipps stated she would ask about hours at work. Mayor Pickens suggested looking into this further and doing something at another meeting. No action on this item.

5. **MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS:**

A. **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

(1) **ACTIVITY LOG:** Mayor Pickens read the report for the Police Department. He noted that he could already tell that Steve's new car got better gas mileage.

B. **PUBLIC WORKS:**

(1) **WATER & SEWER SYSTEM PERFORMANCE & USAGE:** Mayor Pickens stated that the usage was normal for this time of year. He noted that we had a couple of sizable leaks.

(2) **ANIMAL CONTROL:** Mayor Pickens stated that the white Labrador in the kennel was adopted out today.

C. **CIVIC PRIDE:**

(1) **UPCOMING MEETING DATES:** Mr. Euclid Phipps stated that he had nothing to report.

(2) **FUTURE PROJECTS:** Mayor Pickens stated that he was working on getting an auger to drill holes for the signs.

D. **VFD:** Mr. Mike Butler stated that they had painted the Fire Station. He stated they were getting a new truck from the Forrest Service so they would be retiring the old Dodge. He noted that they had fourteen calls with the biggest majority being EMS assists. He added that they were starting a drive to recruit some new volunteers and had already received five applications.

6. **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

A. **FUTURE GRANT APPLICATION FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION LINES:** Mayor Pickens stated nothing new to report. We were still waiting to hear, but some action hopefully in February.

7. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Mr. Euclid Phipps asked if something could be done about the hot-rodders out here.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Pickens adjourned this Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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