

# *City of Cottonwood Shores*

3915 Cottonwood Drive

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The City of Cottonwood Shores Commissioners convened in a Public Hearing, Tuesday, November 26, 1991 at 7:00 P.M. at the Property Owners Association Clubhouse located at 4111 Cottonwood Drive, Cottonwood Shores, Texas. Those present were Joseph Beyer, Mayor; Commissioners Adrian Gawlik and Mike Butler.

## MINUTES

Mayor Beyer advised that the reason for the hearing is to inform the public of the grant application status for a centralized wastewater collection system and to tell of the need for response from the community to see if we should proceed with the application.

Paul Pape, Utility Coordinator, from LCRA, was present to answer any questions the public may have. His suggestion was to aggressively pursue the wastewater treatment facility. In 1987 a regional study was done to determine the wastewater needs of the entire Highland Lakes area. One of the sub-areas was Cottonwood Shores. LCRA's opinion is that it is in everyone's best interest if everyone in the community was hooked up to a central sewer system. It will improve the quality of life here. The LCRA has been inspecting on-site septic systems for years and every time we revise our rules they become considerably more stringent. It is now to the point where if you apply for a permit from the LCRA, it is very difficult and very expensive to receive one. We now require low-flow shower heads and ultra low-flow toilets to be installed.

Mayor Beyer asked how we would handle any problems that might come up during the construction period if we had to cite someone for a defective system?

Mr. Pape advised that LCRA's attitude has been to work with the County Sanitation or City officer and to realize the objective is to get the centralized collection system built and get everyone hooked up. In the past they tried to deal with the situations that were an imminent health hazard. They would have to be dealt with on an immediate basis and there are ways to deal with problems temporarily without it having to be very expensive. A person could put in a holding tank instead of a whole new septic.

Bill Maddox, Inspector for LCRA, suggested we deal with any problems on an as needed basis. The suggestion was made to retrofit your home with low-flow shower heads and toilets whether we are septic or on a centralized collection system. If you could retrofit your house, it may extend the life of the existing system.

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## MINUTES CONT'D

Tony Plumlee, from Willis Engineering, explained that we elected to go with a gravity flow system and not have the electrical cost as with a pumping unit. With the terrain in Cottonwood we would be forced to put in 3 lift stations. Which means in a particular drainage area, you would have a system draining to one low point then you would pump to another. The 3 stations are small and they pump to a large lift station, which would then pump the effluent to Horseshoe Bay. There will be a meter at the main lift station so Horseshoe Bay as well as Cottonwood can see how many gallons will be transported to their facility. It will be read monthly. Estimated cost of construction will be \$1.7 million. Farmers Home Administration has grant dollars available up to 75% of the grant. They determine the availability of the grant or how many dollars to kick in by your average sewer cost per month. FmHa will give the City of Cottonwood Shores a 70% grant with \$530,000 remaining, to be paid back on a bond issue or a certificate of obligation over a 40 year time period at 5% interest. Structuring the rates for monthly costs was based on water usage during 4 winter months. (Dec.-Jan.-Feb.-Mar.) Included in the grant is the provision that at the time of construction, if a customer agreed to hook-up to the system, there would be no cost to the customer for the hook-up. Tony also gave estimated sewer rates on a per 1000 gallon basis - structured to help people with low incomes and be compatible with water rates as: Minimum of 2000 gallons at \$14.00 a month with \$1.60 per 1000 gallons after that.

Horseshoe Bay will make a 40 year contract with the community to accept the wastewater. They will also charge us a proportionate share of the treatment costs to be billed to the city monthly. Horseshoe Bay will charge us ~~\$.46~~ <sup>\$1.32</sup> per 1000 gallons to treat the water, with a yearly estimate of \$7000.00.

Construction time is approximately one year. The repair of streets is included in the cost of construction. They will not replace them. The sewer line will be installed on the side of the street that has the most houses.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M..

Respectfully,  
*Shirley Pitts*  
Shirley Pitts  
City Secretary



*Joseph F. Beyer*  
Joseph F. Beyer, Mayor

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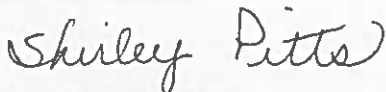
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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Cottonwood Shores will be holding a Public Hearing on November 26, 1991 at 7:00 P.M. at the Property Owner's Association Clubhouse located at 4111 Cottonwood Drive, Cottonwood Shores. The Public Hearing is in regard to the submission of an application to the Farmers Home Administration for Federal Assistance for the installation of a centralized wastewater collection system.

The purpose of this meeting is to allow all interested citizens the opportunity to discuss the proposed project.

Respectfully,



Shirley Pitts  
City Secretary/Clerk

I certify that the above notice was posted on the bulletin board located at 3915 Cottonwood Drive and 4111 Cottonwood Drive, Cottonwood Shores, Texas and that the Highlander was notified this 18th day of November, 1991 at 12:00 P.M.