

**Special Meeting of the City Commission**  
**Thursday, January 9, 1992**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Joseph F. Beyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 3915 Cottonwood Drive, Cottonwood Shores, Texas. Commissioners Adrian Gawlik and Mike Butler were in attendance.

Mayor Beyer opened the meeting, stating that the meeting was to discuss and take the appropriate action on the proposed sewer project. He read a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for a loan/grant in the amount of \$1.7 million to the Farmers Home Administration, designating the City's official representative and other matters relating to the application. The Mayor said that if the City approves the resolution, he would begin work to move ahead with the project. He then opened the floor to discussion.

Jim Wilson and Jim Smyrl said they feel the project would place a hardship on citizens of limited or fixed income. Mr. Smyrl said that some people already are behind in water and garbage payments and adding sewer would make matters worse. Vesta Hicks and Mike Lenz said they did not feel this is the right time and if sewers became mandatory, grants or loans would be available then. Mr. Hicks said there was not enough information on the extent to which rates could be increased. Mayor Beyer said that a Farmer's Home's requirement is that the City would have to set the rates high enough to service the debt, accumulate depreciation and other reserves, and cover operating and maintenance costs.

Mr. Smyrl asked for a breakdown of the projected rate. The Mayor said \$10.69 was to cover bonded indebtedness, \$6.81 for treatment, and \$2.16 for operation, maintenance and reserves.

Joe Short asked if Commissioners would be influenced by personal problems they might have with sewer and Mr. Wilson wanted to know what influence whatever decision Commissioners made. Mayor Beyer said he would not let personal concerns influence his decision. Commissioner Gawlik said his vote would not be influenced by personal problems either. He said he was influenced to some extent by septic experiences of the neighborhood and that feels having to spend several thousand dollars to overcome septic problems could place a hardship on many persons. Commissioner Butler said that he has 4 lots, that his septic is operating satisfactorily, and his concern was whether or not we have a City that is moving forward.

Don Fortenberry spoke up in favor of the project, feeling that it will cost more to build the system later. Mr. Fortenberry also expressed concern that with the present situation individuals on a fixed income could be faced with costs of several thousand dollars to repair or replace defective septic systems. Ruby Fortenberry said we should improve the City rather than downgrade it. Jim Robertson said he has a functional septic system and adequate lot space, but that he favors the project as being in the City's best interest.

Mr. Fortenberry asked what would happen if bids were higher than are estimated. The Mayor said that an acceptable bid must be obtained before the loan could be closed.

Mr. Smyrl presented a written request with 23 signatures asking that the City not pursue the loan/grant at this time. The Mayor read the statement. A letter dated June 23, 1991 with 24 signatures also was presented protesting the 1991 change in water rates and mandatory trash pick-up.

Mr. Smyrl said he thought a referendum is indicated. The Mayor stated that the City could

not legally conduct an election to determine whether or not to take the action on the agenda. Mr. Fortenberry suggested that the Property Owners Association may wish to conduct a referendum before a decision is made on whether or not to move ahead with the sewer project. The Mayor said there was not enough time to do that before making a decision on the Farmers Home application. He also said that the City's bond counsel would advise the City on whether or not a referendum would be necessary in order to issue the bonds, and that if it was required, a referendum would be scheduled.

Becky Ramesbotham asked about the number of renters in the City. The Mayor said that a recent count was 84 renters, with perhaps a dozen rental properties vacant. Concern was expressed that the addition of sewer charges would drive away renters who now can afford to live in Cottonwood, further reducing the number of connections to the sewer system.

Mrs. Hicks said she believes we need fire hydrants more than sewer. The Mayor said fire hydrants were a part of the City's long range plan. Mr. Hicks asked if scheduling of this meeting in conflict with the Property Owners Association meeting was deliberate. The Mayor said the Special Meeting was scheduled to meet the City's timetable on the project, and that other meetings had no bearing on the scheduling.

Commissioner Gawlik made a motion that the City accept the Resolution. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion.

Cecil Long said he favors doing the sewer now and that it would cost more a few years down the road.

The Mayor said that he was in favor of moving ahead with the project at this time because he believes it would benefit a majority of the residents of the City. He said he believes that sewers will become mandatory in the future, and that this is an opportunity to provide that service at a respectable cost.

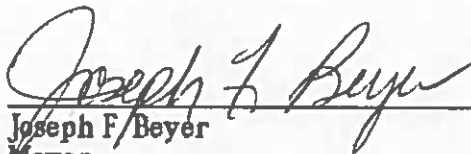
The Mayor called for a vote on the motion. Commissioner Butler abstained. Commissioner Gawlik and Mayor Beyer voted FOR the Resolution. The motion carried.

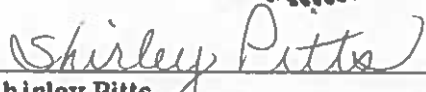
Mayor Beyer said he will contact the Farmers Home Administration and move forward with the application.

Commissioner Butler made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gawlik seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully,



  
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Joseph F. Beyer  
Mayor

  
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Shirley Pitts  
City Secretary

To: The City Commissioners  
City of Cottonwood Shores  
City Hall  
3915 Cottonwood Drive at Pecan Lane  
Marble Falls, TX 78654

June 23, 1991

We, the undersigned residents of the City of Cottonwood Shores, Burnet County, Texas, protest the action taken by the City to cut in half the number of gallons of water each customer may use under the minimum charge. This action, we feel, will impose an undue hardship on our residents. We also protest the addition of \$9.00 to the water bills of businesses.

We also protest the new City Ordinance imposing mandatory trash pickup on our citizens, with charges for trash collection added to their respective water bills. While we are in sympathy with efforts to eradicate the problem of trash being dumped within our City Limits, we see these dumping incidences as being primarily concerned with materials too large and bulky to qualify for pickup on any house-to-house route; that is, they are the type of cast-offs which could properly have been disposed of only by hauling to an approved and designated dumping site.

If the average resident of this community could afford the services and 'progress' that the City officials seem to insist upon putting into effect, they would live somewhere else and not in Cottonwood Shores. Certainly other communities offer more attractive amenities for pleasant living. Our City's ambitious attempts to compete by upgrading services will only serve to burden our population to the point of forcing our present residents to leave the community, while failing to offer sufficient enticement to others of higher average income to effect replacement in equal or higher number.

Until such time as the City of Cottonwood Shores can address issues and pose feasible and equitable solutions in keeping with the socio-economic status of its citizens, we are opposed to having these mandates imposed.

Your attention and appropriate action on our behalf will be most appreciated.

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

VOTER REGISTRATION NO.

1. Bill Hennessey 704 Fir 26350

2. JEAN-ALLEN 3802 COTTAGEWOOD

3. Darrell Mosley 3903 Willow Dr. 24319

4. August Steen 989 Fir St

5. William Goe 830 Hawthood

6. Joe Satsky 710 Fir Lane

7. Ala Flitt

8. H.V. Day Jr 699 Aspen

9. John Maynard 705 Driftwood

10. Warren Maynard 705 Driftwood

11. Johnny Lee Maynard 705 Driftwood

12. Sybil Maynard 705 Driftwood

13. Robert Maughan 648 Fir

14. Barbara Maughan 648 Fir

15. R.P.R. Maughan 648 Fir

16. ~~David M Hernandez 817 Westwood~~

17. David M Hernandez S.A. Tex

18. Melody E Hernandez 817 Westwood

19. Albert & Lina Daniell

20. Don & Bessie Rider

Bessie M Maughan

22. Doug Maughan 646 Fir Ln

23. Judy Miller

24. ~~Walter R. Brown~~

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25. J.L. Smith 644 Fir

# *City of Cottonwood Shores*

3915 Cottonwood Drive

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The City of cottonwood Shores Commissioners will convene in a Special City Meeting Thursday January 9, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall located at 3915 Cottonwood Drive, Cottonwood Shores, Texas to discuss and take appropriate action on the following:

## AGENDA

1. Discussion and/or action on the proposed sewer project.
2. Open discussion.

I certify that the above notice was posted on the bulletin board located at 3915 Cottonwood Drive, cottonwood Shores, Texas and that the Highlander was notified this 6th day of January, 1992 at 12:00 P.M..

Respectfully,

*Shirley Pitts*

Shirley Pitts  
City Secretary

We the undersigned respectfully request the City Commissioners of Cottonwood Shores not to pursue the F. M. H. A. grant to install sewer system facilities at this time. The potential cost of this service will place an undue hardship on a substantial percentage of Cottonwood Shores residents.

The low interest rate to be had is not a good enough reason to subject residents to these charges.

The prime interest rate is lower than 4% at this time, so grant money should be just as cheap or less at a later date.

1. Eta Hicks
2. Mary Hicks
3. W. F. Reid
4. Oleta Reid
5. Paul Graham (at meeting Tues)
6. Neva Graham
7. Calvin F. Hunter (at meeting Tues)
8. W. H. Deane
9. Imogene Thompson (at meeting Tues)
10. M. Ruth Middle
11. Larry Middle
12. Laura Smith
13. Forest J. Davis
14. Louise Mae Davis
15. Alene Schooley
16. Elynda Christy
17. Jim Smyr
18. Jim McBo
19. Cornell Logan
20. Diana Larrain
21. Becky Ramesbrock
22. Ray McBride - (want signature) removed - Ray F. McBride
23. Mike D. Jay
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