



City of Cottonwood Shores

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PUBLIC HEARING
City of Cottonwood Shores, Texas
July 23, 1992
7:04 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joseph Beyer at 7:04 p.m. at City Hall located at 3915 Cottonwood Drive, Cottonwood Shores, Texas. Commissioners Adrian Gawlik and Mike Butler were in attendance. The accompanying sheet provides the names of individuals attending who signed the register as requested.

Mayor Beyer explained that at the last meeting, the general consensus was to go ahead and apply again for the funding for the water system and then opened the hearing up for discussion.

Jim Robertson asked what kind of programs is funding available? Mayor Beyer explained about the other programs that are available for funding.

Al Janke asked, if we were going to wait until the sewer was installed before we upgrade the water? Mayor Beyer said that if we received the grant, it would be done at the same time.

Commissioner Gawlik asked Tony Plumlee of Willis Engineering if we were not given the grant and we re-apply, what are the chances of getting another one?

Tony said that HUD looks at a City's performance with the application process. I still think we do have the numbers that are competitive in the points. We are a little shy somewhere and we need to fine tune at what particular points we are shy. I feel optimistic that if we get it this year, we might not get it next year, but we would be competitive the year after.

Jim Wilson asked why we need the water grant?

Mayor Beyer explained that the Texas Water Commission has mandated some work on the clarifier. There are some other needs that we feel need to be taken care of and we could show some urgency in terms of need.

Al Janke asked if this grant is a gift?

Mayor Beyer said it is a gift, no re-payment. You just pay your 5% matching portion. The actual amount we would have to cough up is \$5,000. The rest of the 5%, we could write off in terms of services, recordkeeping, secretarial, etc.

The Mayor also stated he felt that our chances of getting the grant this year was very good. Our position is good and strong and we ought to go for it.

Jim Robertson stated that if we are under the gun by the Texas Water Commission to make these repairs anyway and the grant would take care of the repairs, he would encourage the council to go ahead and apply for the grant.

Glen Wallace said he agreed and he would do anything he could to help. He also asked, are there any other stipulations or strings attached to this grant and are they telling us that we have to account for the money and it has to be used just for the water system? Mayor Beyer said, oh absolutely! That is a part of what we would be getting our in-kind portion, is that we would be maintaining all of the records and doing much of that work ourselves.

Al Janke said that everyone is going to ask if the water rates will go up if we get the grant? Mayor Beyer said there is no increase in the water rates in next years budget.

Claudie Short asked what the deadline is for applying for the grant? The Mayor said he thought it was in October.

Commissioner Butler said, if we do get the grant and we can make these major improvements on the water system, some of these breakdowns and failures of our older equipment won't be plaguing us as much. These costs will go down.

Commissioner Gawlik asked the Mayor to explain that since we bought the water system what we have put in so far with repairing equipment and problems we have faced.

Mayor Beyer said, Starting at the lake, we have replaced the pump and the foot valve. That was about 5-\$6,000. Going to the plant, there are four motors there, every one of these have been, at some point, either been taken out of service, replaced or repaired. The starter motors for the pumps have all been replaced. That was about \$1,000. That was partly discretionary and I say partly because what happened was there are four units and they are all so old that you can't buy parts to fix them anymore. One of them totally went out, so it absolutely had to be replaced. What happens is, you run into the possibility if these go out you burn up your motor. While we were doing that one repair we bought four units and they cost about \$250 each and we replaced all of them. Now we have new equipment there that can be repaired if necessary. That was somewhat discretionary but I think that it was a worthwhile expense to keep from burning up some motors that cost several thousand dollars a piece. We replaced a number of valves. Every month there was something new. With the exception of the chlorinator, which is the only system we had to do some rewiring on, but everything else, if it's a pump, to pump or move the water, or a valve, or a gauge or a meter, it's all been done. It had to be, it went out and you don't have any choice, it's a question of how long do you want your water off.

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Glen Wallace stated that it looks like this grant would really help us a lot. The Mayor said it would set us up.

Jim Wilson asked if the grant included funds for fire hydrants? The Mayor said it did not. It would be pointless to have them because we can't get far enough with the big line to get water to fire hydrants. Commissioner Butler said we may not be able to put any fire hydrants in this year but if we get the grant this year and we get it next year, that would be fire hydrants.

The Mayor stated that we don't need to take any action at this meeting, but we can take a straw vote to see what we ought to do.

Tony Plumlee said that where you really need the support of your people is during the process of the application where the applicant presents it's case in front of a group of it's peers and that's held down at CAPCO. This lets the Review Committee see the urgency involved.

Mayor Beyer asked if there was anyone who was against going for the maximum amount. There was no opposition. The Mayor then said I'll take that as meaning what we will shoot for and proceed accordingly.

The general concensus was that the City should re-apply for the grant to upgrade the water system.

The hearing adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully,



Shirley Pitts
Shirley Pitts, City Secretary

Joseph F. Beyer
Joseph F. Beyer, Mayor

Public Hearing

Attendance Record
City Commission Meeting
City of Cottonwood Shores

Date: 7-23-92
7:00 P.m.

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Mavis [unclear]
Joseph F. Bay
Jim ROBERTSON
Claudia Lee Short
Ruby Fortenberry
Don Fortenberry
Gloria [unclear]
Jim [unclear]