



## City of Cottonwood Shores

3915 Cottonwood Drive  
Marble Falls, Texas 78654  
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### BUDGET MEETING

September 10, 1993

7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kathy Griffith at the City Hall located at 3915 Cottonwood Drive, Cottonwood Shores, Texas. All members of the City Council were present and confirmed by roll call, except Councilman Jim Wilson.

The Mayor suggested discussing the proposed tax rate first. She then explained that Stan Hemphill had given her a form that had to be voted on by the Council and then published in the paper, September 16, for notice of Public Hearing on the proposed tax increase. She also explained that the proposed increase was .31 cents per \$100.00 valuation. Councilor Maugham asked if it had to go to a public vote. The Mayor explained it did not. After some discussion, Councilor Maugham made a motion to accept the tax increase. Councilor Gawlik seconded the motion. All - Ayes, 0 - Noes. Motion carried.

The Council scheduled a Public Hearing for discussion of the proposed tax increase for September 23, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Council then discussed where to cut the budget \$10,000.00. The first budget had more expenditures than revenues.

Councilor Smyrl suggested a 3% raise for employees. There was discussion of giving Bill Martin a 3% raise even though he has not been here a year. The Mayor advised that the Council had approved paying Bill \$1060.00 a month. With a 3% raise his salary would be \$1092.00 a month. The Mayor said she felt that all employees needed a raise. There was some discussion of the salary of Shirley Pitts. Councilor Smyrl suggested that her salary be \$1250.00 a month.

The Council discussed several cuts in the Water Department. The telephone bills for the the Water Department was discussed. The Mayor advised the Council that all employees are keeping a telephone log for all long distance calls made. The logs are turned in to her when the bills are paid.

There was some discussion of trimming the budget for insurance. (Property & Liability, & Worker's Comp.) The Mayor said if we trimmed it to \$3,000.00 and the insurance goes up we would have to amend the budget. Councilor Maugham made the suggestion to keep a close eye on an item to see if they are going to go over-budget. She also suggested one place they could trim the budget was schools for Sharon and Shirley.

There was some discussion of lowering the amount that the City gives to the Volunteer Fire Department. Councilor Maugham said she was willing to help with fund raisers. Councilor Gawlik said that the \$3,000.00 figure was agreed upon over a three year period. This will be the third year, so the amount has to stay in the budget.

The Mayor made the suggestion to put on the next agenda that anyone who wants an animal picked up, pay \$5.00 to pick up the animal. This would be for anyone calling to have an animal picked up at their

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house even if they don't know who the owner is. If the owner pays then they won't have to pay. The amount would be \$5.00 per animal. The City can't keep picking up animals for nothing.

The Council decided that Ken's salary would be \$16,995.00 per year and Bill's salary would be \$13,104.00 per year. The total for salaries in the Water Department would be \$30,100.00. The suggestion was made for a separate line item for contract labor. Councilor Maugham said if you included the amount for contract labor, \$4,500.00, the total amount for salaries in the Water Department would be \$34,600.00. This would cut the budget about \$5,900.00. The cuts also included the salaries for John Renfro and Larry Moddle. The amount for their salary was \$3,320.00. These cuts would also lower the amount paid out for Social Security and Medicare and to the Texas Employment Commission.

There was a question raised about the amount overspent in Office Supplies in the Water Department. It was explained that there was bills that had to be printed, postage, etc. The Council decided to leave the amount of \$1,000.00 for Office Supplies in the Water Department. There was some discussion of the costs of chemicals and the increase in the prices for the coming year.

After some discussion of the cost of equipment repairs, the Council decided to cut the amount to \$1,000.00.

The Mayor said that there was two loads of cold lay ordered. When it is delivered, anyone can call City Hall and advise them that they would like to pick up some of the material and they can patch their own roads. Councilor Smyrl advised of some road repairs that were badly needed at the corner of Willow and Driftwood. Ken McBride explained to the Council about some needed repairs at the Tank Farm. The two tanks need to be replumbed. The tanks are not being used as part of the system like they should be. There is also some ground that is washed away that he would like to replace. The Council asked if these repairs could be spread out over a period of time so it would not be such an expense in this budget. Ken said that some of it could wait.

The Council suggested to have a line item for equipment repairs instead of budgeting for new typewriters.

The total cuts from the first budget that the Council prepared was approximately \$12,000.00.


There was some discussion of increasing the cost of water for customers outside the city limits. This would include customers in Castle Acres, Castle Terrace and the homes east of Cottonwood on Hwy 2147.

The date for the Public Hearing was set for September 30, 1993. The Public Hearing is being held to announce the date that the Council will vote on the proposed tax increase.

The Mayor said she would take the revised budget to Howard Benton on Monday and maybe he could have it back to her by that afternoon.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully,

  
Shirley Pitts, City Secretary



  
Cathy Smith, Mayor



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### BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE CITY COUNCIL

September 10, 1993

7:00 P.M.

### CITY HALL

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### AGENDA

1. Discussion and/or action on proposed Budget for 1993-94 fiscal year.
2. Discussion and/or action on proposed tax rate for the 1993-94 fiscal year.

I certify that the above notice was posted on the bulletin board located at 3915 Cottonwood Drive, Cottonwood Shores, Texas this 7th day of September, 1993.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Pitts".

Shirley Pitts  
City Secretary/Clerk