

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES
THURSDAY - JANUARY 15, 1998**

1. MAYOR DALE PICKENS CALLED THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:07 P.M. AND A ROLL CALL WAS CONDUCTED: COMMISSIONER FRANK PFEIFER AND COMMISSIONER RAY WHITIS WERE PRESENT.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. THE MAYOR TABLED ITEM A, FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER 1997 DUE TO SOME NECESSARY CORRECTIONS TO BE DONE.

B&C. COMMISSIONER PFEIFER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 1997 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 5, 1998. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WHITIS AND PASSED ON VOTE.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:

A. CITY AUDITOR BURL HARPER PRESENTED THE FY 1998-1997 ANNUAL AUDIT, OUTLINING BRIEFLY THE END-OF-THE-FISCAL-YEAR FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE CITY. HE CALLED IT A "CLEAN OPINION" AS ISSUED BY A 3RD PARTY SUB-CONTRACTED AUDITOR THROUGH THE LAMPASAS OFFICE OF HIS FIRM. THE MAYOR THANKED MR. HARPER FOR HIS PRESENTATION AND EXPLANATIONS, AS WELL AS FOR THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE CITY BY HIS FIRM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. COMMISSIONER FRANK PFEIFER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WHITIS. CARRIED ON VOTE.

B. JUDGE JOANNE AUSTIN REPORTED ON 1997 CALENDAR YEAR COURT ACTIVITIES. IT WAS A BUSY YEAR AND SHE WAS PLEASED TO REPORT FORMER PROBLEM AREAS BEING SOLVED, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF ANIMAL CONTROL. SHE PRAISED THE CITY (ADMINISTRATION) FOR TAKING AN INTEREST IN DOING SOMETHING ABOUT LOOSE DOGS AND GETTING THE OFFENDERS IN LINE BEFORE IT GETS TO COURT. THOSE THAT HAVE GONE TO COURT, JUDGE AUSTIN CAUTIONED, HAVE BEEN RATHER HEAVILY FINED FOR THE ORDINANCE VIOLATION. SHE REPORTED 105 CASES FILED WITH THE COURT OF WHICH 98 WERE TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS, 6 ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS AND 1 A JUVENILE CASE. ALL 105 CASES WERE DISPOSED OF BY 12/31/97 (THIS MEANS ALL HAVE COME IN TO COURT AND ARE BEING RESOLVED). THERE WERE NO CASES PENDING AT THE END OF 1997. DISMISSALS TOTALED 28: 5 FOR CAUSE; 3 TOOK DRIVING SAFETY COURSES; 15 WERE ABLE TO PROVE THEY HAD INSURANCE ON THEIR VEHICLE; 1 SERVED COMMUNITY SERVICE TIME AND 1 CASE WAS DEFERRED, ADJUDICATED 6 MONTHS. TOTAL REVENUE \$5,787.25 (AVERAGING \$500 A MONTH): THIS IS AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY \$900 OVER THE PRIOR YEAR. JUDGE AUSTIN ALSO COMMENTED ON THE IMPROVED POLICE SERVICE WITH THE NEW POLICE CHIEF, WALTER ELLIS.

C. THE MAYOR CALLED ON THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT AND BURT BURTON RESPONDED THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS WORKING WITH WALTER ELLIS, GRANITE SHOALS, MARBLE FALLS, BURNET AND JOHNSON CITY TO RESEARCH NON-STREET LEGAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE DATA. THE COMMITTEE WANTS TO INCLUDE BICYCLES AT NIGHT IN THE ORDINANCE - THE MAYOR CONCURRED WITH THIS INTENTION. SECONDLY, BURT BURTON READ A RESIGNATION GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE BY BENTLEY MARTIN.

D. CHIEF OF POLICE WALTER ELLIS GAVE A MONTHLY REPORT OF THE POLICE ACTIVITIES, SPECIFICALLY THE WORK ON CRIMINAL JUVENILE CASES IN PROCESS. WORKING WITH THE MARBLE FALLS ISD TRUANT OFFICER NOW, THEY ARE TRYING TO REACH PARENTS TO COOPERATE AND WALTER ASKED RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE TO CALL CITY HALL WHEN YOUTHS ARE SEEN IN WHAT MIGHT BE A SUSPICIOUS SITUATION. HE ALSO BROUGHT TO THE GROUP'S ATTENTION THE CONCERN THAT THE CURFEW ORDINANCE DOES NOT COVER SCHOOL HOURS FOR KIDS NOT IN SCHOOL (FOR WHATEVER REASON) - SOMETHING BEING LOOKED INTO. CHIEF ELLIS ADVISED THAT THE CITY SUBMITTED A BID FOR A MARBLE FALLS PD VEHICLE - AN 1989 CHEV CAPRICE IN GOOD CONDITION BEING RETIRED. THE CAR HAS ALL EQUIPMENT EXCEPT THE RADIO. COMMISSIONER FRANK PFEIFER MOVED TO MAKE THIS BID. HE WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WHITIS AND THE MOTION PASSED ON VOTE. THE CITY'S BID WAS \$800 AND THE CAR HAS ALL EQUIPMENT EXCEPT THE RADIO. LASTLY, CHIEF ELLIS READ HIS "WISH LIST": A TYPEWRITER, 35 MM CAMERA, 2 HANDHELD RADIOS, USED PORTABLE TV, VCR, CAMCORDER, 25' STEEL TAPE, 100-300 FT. FIBERGLASS TAPE, CASSETTE RECORDER, FINGERPRINT PAD, NARCOTICS PORTAPACK...ANYTHING.... WHILE EVERYONE LAUGHED LIGHTLY, SEVERAL SPOKE UP VOLUNTEERING SOME OF THE ITEMS, MUCH TO WALTER'S GRATITUDE. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE HELP OF THE CITIZENS VERY MUCH. THE MAYOR THANKED CHIEF ELLIS AND COMPLIMENTED HIM ON SPENDING A WHOLE LOT OF HOURS IN THE CITY DAY AND NIGHT.

4. MAYOR DALE PICKENS UPDATED THE CITIZENS ON THE PERSONNEL SITUATION - EDDIE PROCTOR BACK ON LIGHT DUTY, LABORERS...NEED VOLUNTEERS....PROJECTED ROAD MAINTENANCE IN NEAR FUTURE....ANIMAL CONTROL....GRANT WRITING CONTRACT BEING FINE-TUNED AND EXPECT THOSE EFFORTS TO BE UNDERWAY SOON (FOR STORAGE TANK AND LAST OF THE WATER LINES ON EAST SIDE OF THE CITY)...

5. OPEN DISCUSSION. BURT BURTON STATED THAT BEGINNING FEBRUARY 19, 1986, HE WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE EMS SERVICE IN COTTONWOOD SHORES, WITH MARBLE FALLS EMS HAVING THE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND UNDER THE CHANGED AGREEMENT, WHICH, MAYOR PICKENS EXPLAINED, OCCURRED WHEN BURNET COUNTY RE-CONFIGURED THE OPERATION AND KNOCKED OUT RESPONSE FROM HORSESHOE BAY TEAMS.

6. THE MAYOR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:20 P.M.

ATTEST
BY Dale Porter Dale Pickens
DALE PICKENS, MAYOR

