

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES
THURSDAY - APRIL 16, 1998**

1. MAYOR DALE PICKENS CALLED THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:05 P.M. AND A ROLL CALL WAS CONDUCTED: COMMISSIONER FRANK PFEIFER AND COMMISSIONER RAY WHITIS WERE PRESENT.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

THE COUNCIL REVIEWED THE ITEMS PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND COMMISSIONER PFEIFER MOVED TO ACCEPT AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER WHITIS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED ON VOTE.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:

A. SARA MORGENROTH, REPRESENTING THE L.C.R.A., DETAILED THE UPCOMING SPRING CLEAN-UP (HAZARDOUS MATERIALS) ON MAY 2, 1998. MS. MORGENROTH STATED THIS IS A COMBINED EFFORT OF THE L.C.R.A. AND THE FRIENDS OF THE COLORADO RIVER FOUNDATION, AN ANNUAL EVENT ACROSS THE AREA, INTERFACED WITH THE RECYCLING CENTER AT INDUSTRIAL BLVD. IN MARBLE FALLS. NEW THIS YEAR, ADULT CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO COME TO THE SITE BETWEEN 2-4 P.M. AND RECEIVE FREE OF CHARGE ANY USABLE PAINTS OR OTHER HOME CHEMICALS DISCARDED BY OTHERS. SARA CONTINUED, DESCRIBING THE "ADOPT A BARREL" PROGRAM WHICH HELPS DEFRAY THE COST OF DISPOSAL AT THE PLANT IN SAN ANTONIO. IT COSTS ROUGHLY \$250 A BARREL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE, AND SPONSORS CAN RECEIVE RECOGNITION OF THEIR SUPPORT BY "ADOPTING" A BARREL. THE MAYOR RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL THAT THE CITY BECOME A SPONSOR AGAIN THIS YEAR AND COMMISSIONER WHITIS MOVED TO ADOPT A BARREL AT A COST OF \$250.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PFEIFER AND PASSED ON VOTE.

B. THE MAYOR EXPLAINED BRIEFLY THE SITUATION COVERED BY THIS ITEM WHERE A CITIZEN COMPLAINED THAT CITY CREWS DESTROYED WOOD SHE INTENDED TO USE. ASSUMING THIS WAS RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY AS MS. NANCY HICKLEY WAS NOT PRESENT, THE MATTER WAS CLOSED BY THE MAYOR AND NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

C. THE MAYOR EXPLAINED TO THE AUDIENCE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL WAS CONSIDERING PURCHASE OF ANOTHER VEHICLE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. AT THIS TIME, THE DUMP TRUCK IS BEING USED BY FIELD STAFF FOR WORK IT WAS NOT INTENDED FOR AND USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES IS NECESSARY WITH THE RESULTING MILEAGE COSTS TO THE CITY. A 1975 DODGE PICKUP WHICH HAS A PIPE RACK AND TOOL BOX IS AVAILABLE FOR \$1,800.00 LOCALLY. IT HAS HAD SOME WORK ON IT AFTER NOT BEING IN USE FOR SOME TIME: OTHERWISE, IT IS PURPORTED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND WOULD MEET THE CITY'S NEEDS. COMMISSIONER RAY WHITIS SUGGESTED THAT THE VEHICLE BE EVALUATED PRIOR TO A DECISION. MADE A FORMAL MOTION, IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PFEIFER AND PASSED ON VOTE.

3. D. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL NEXT DISCUSSED THE REOPENING OF THE CWS SWIMMING POOL. LIFEGUARD VICKI ROGERS HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WORKING FOR THE CITY AGAIN THIS YEAR AND ALL AGREED SHE WAS VERY CAPABLE AND HAD GOOD CONTROL OVER THE PARTICIPANTS. COMMISSIONER FRANK PFEIFER MOVED TO OPEN THE POOL AT THE SAME RATE, HIRE MS. ROGERS AT THE SAME RATE AND SEE HOW THINGS GO. COMMISSIONER WHITIS SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED ON VOTE. THE MAYOR NOTED THAT THE POOL WILL NEED TO UNDERGO A MAJOR OVERHAUL WITHIN ANOTHER YEAR.

E. THE MAYOR BEGAN DISCUSSION REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO INITIATE PROCEDURES TO ANNEX MORE LAND INTO THE CITY BY STATING HE HAS STUDIED THE ISSUE EXTENSIVELY AND ALSO CONSULTED WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY, BARNEY KNIGHT. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE CITY NOW SERVICES CASTLE ACRES RESUBDIVISION AND AN ADJOINING TRACT OF LAND WITH WATER AND IN SOME CASES, SEWER SERVICES. THE BENEFIT TO THE CITY IS A BROADER TAX BASE AND TWO BUSINESSES. MAYOR PICKENS STATED THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ARE ALREADY PATROLLING THE AREA TO SOME EXTENT. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD NEED TO VOTE TO HOLD THE REQUIRED TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS, PUBLISHING NOTICES TO ALLOW RESPONSE TIME FROM THE PUBLIC. A MUNICIPAL SERVICE PLAN NEEDS TO BE AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL FOR REVIEW BY THOSE INTERESTED. THIS BASICALLY PROVIDES THAT THE CITY WILL PROVIDE ALL CURRENTLY AVAILABLE SERVICES AND BENEFITS TO THE NEW TERRITORY IF ANNEXED. THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION WOULD ALSO TAKE IN THE PORTION OF STATE RURAL ROUTE 2147 (FORMERLY CALLED SOUTH LAKE DRIVE) WHICH GOES THROUGH CASTLE ACRES. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT THE STATE WOULD PUT UP CITY LIMIT SIGNS ALSO. AFTER AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION DISCUSSION, COMMISSIONER WHITIS MOVED TO GO FORWARD AND SCHEDULE THE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS (ONE FOR MAY 7, ONE FOR MAY 21 - 1998), NOTICE OF WHICH WILL BE DULY PUBLISHED IN THE HIGHLANDER NEWSPAPER. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PFEIFER AND PASSED ON VOTE. MAYOR PICKENS EXPECTS THE CITY ATTORNEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.

F. ANNOUNCING THAT APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH, THE MAYOR STATED THAT THE CITY HAS ABIDED BY THE FEDERAL LAW AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO AND A PROCLAMATION HAS BEEN ISSUED ACCORDINGLY WHICH IS POSTED AT CITY HALL.

4. MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS.

A. POLICE CHIEF WALTER ELLIS REPORTED A FAIRLY QUIET MONTH WITH TWO ARRESTS AND TWO MINOR INCIDENTS. CHIEF ELLIS SAID THAT ON MAY 17TH, FROM 1-5 O'CLOCK P.M. AT THE CIVIC CENTER, A BICYCLING REGISTRATION WILL BE SPONSORED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THIS WILL ENTAIL OBTAINING SERIAL NUMBERS AND DESCRIPTIONS OF THE BICYCLES IN THE CITY WHICH WILL BE KEPT ON FILE AT CITY HALL FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES IN THE EVENT OF THEFT OR VANDALISM. SGT. STEVE HALLMAN WILL HEAD UP THIS CAMPAIGN..AND HAS ALSO BEEN TALKING WITH THE E-Z HEAT CORPORATION ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY - WITH ENCOURAGING RESPONSE TO DATE.

B. LARRY LETT REPORTED ON THE WATER SYSTEM: THE CITY HAD A SMOOTH MONTH, BUT USAGE IS BEGINNING TO INCREASE. THE CITY HAS USED APPROXIMATELY 100,000 PER DAY FOR FIVE DAYS IN A ROW. LARRY IS CHARTING THE HISTORY OF USE VERSUS 1997 TO DETERMINE A SUMMER PROJECTION. AT THIS TIME, THE PLANT IS DOING ALMOST ALL IT CAN DO. LARRY WARNED THAT HE MAY ASK FOR A VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND IF THERE IS A REAL PROBLEM HE MAY ASK THE COUNCIL FOR A MANDATORY RATIONING. EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE AWARE OF THEIR WATER USE.

EDDIE PROCTOR SAID THE CITY WAS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS ON THE VARIOUS PROJECTS THROUGHOUT TOWN. EMPLOYEES ARE IN THE PROCESS OF TAKING THE BLACKTOP OFF OF STREETS AND SMOOTHING THEM OUT, WESTWOOD IS ALMOST READY FOR ROAD BASE; THE BOAT RAMP IS NEARING COMPLETION OF ITS FEMA-GRANT REBUILDING AS A RESULT OF LAST SPRING'S FLOOD DAMAGE....THE WEST END OF COTTONWOOD DRIVE IS READYING FOR COMPLETION AND WHEN WESTWOOD IS COMPLETED, THE CREWS WILL BEGIN ON DRIFTWOOD. THE MAINTAINER HAS ONLY ONE BRAKE WHICH IS NOT HOLDING WELL AND EDDIE IS THE ONLY ONE DRIVING IT AT THIS TIME. EDDIE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLIMENT LARRY LETT ON THE GREAT WATER QUALITY - EXCEEDING THAT OF THE PAST YEAR.

COMMISSIONER FRANK PFEIFER OFFERED ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE CITIZENS TO COME AND GET THE PACKAGED DRY ENZYMES AT CITY HALL. JUST A TABLESPOON A WEEK IN DRAINS CLEANS OUT THE LINES AND REDUCES THE HARDSHIP ON THE LINES.

C. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, THE MAYOR DISBANDED THE COMMITTEE SINCE THERE HAS BEEN NO ACTIVITY IN SEVERAL MONTHS.

D. THE BUILDING PERMITS INCLUDED A STORAGE BUILDING, A GARAGE AND REMODELING OF A PORCH TO INCLUDE A SPA.

E. THERE WAS NO REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND NO ACTION TAKEN.

F. JOANNE AUSTIN REPORTED FOR THE CIVIC PRIDE ASSOCIATION, STATING THAT WHEN WEATHER WAS NICE FOR SEVERAL DAYS, THE FLOOR OF THE CIVIC CENTER WOULD BE PAINTED. THE BENCHES IN THE CENTER WILL BE MOVED TO THE PARKS. COMMISSIONER PFEIFER MENTIONED THAT THE WORK MIGHT ALSO BE DELAYED BY SEVERAL RENTAL EVENTS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

G. AT THE MAYOR'S REQUEST, GLENN WALLACE REPORTED THAT THE DEEDING OF LOTS TO THE CHURCH WAS PROCEEDING AND THAT SERVICE TITLE COMPANY HAS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE LEGAL AND TITLE WORK WITHOUT CHARGE. THIS IS A GREAT SAVINGS.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT: THE MAYOR REPORTED TREMENDOUS RESPONSE TO THE MOWING CAMPAIGN, WITH MANY PROPERTY OWNERS COMING TO TOWN TO LOCATE AND CLEAN THEIR PROPERTY. THERE ARE A LOT OF CONTROLLED BURNS GOING ON, WHICH WILL MAKE THE CITY SAFER IN THE HOT SUMMER. "IT'S WORKING", SAID MAYOR PICKENS. ALSO, BFI WILL SEND ADDITIONAL STAFF TO PICK UP "SPRING-CLEANING" ITEMS WITH THE REGULAR TRASH PICK UP ON THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD. WITH THINGS MOVING ON AND PROPERTY BEGINNING TO SELL, BUILDING IS GOING TO INCREASE. THE MAYOR REMINDED PEOPLE THAT PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR MANY IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING SUCH AS INSTALLATION OF NEW CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS (BECAUSE OF THE ELECTRICAL WORK INVOLVED). . . .CHECK WITH CITY HALL BEFORE BEGINNING ANY IMPROVEMENTS. GROWTH - LIKE IT OR NOT - THINGS ARE MOVING!

6. OPEN DISCUSSION.

MR. BARKER INQUIRED ABOUT THE CITY'S POLICY ON ANIMAL CONTROL. HE WAS SATISFIED TO LEARN THAT THERE IS AN ORDINANCE AND IT IS BEING ENFORCED. WARNINGS AND THEN CITATIONS ARE GIVEN AS NECESSARY BY CODE ENFORCERS EDDIE PROCTOR AND LARRY LETT. ANIMALS PICKED UP ARE DESTROYED AFTER A THREE-DAY PERIOD IF NOT CLAIMED.

IN A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE SPEED LIMIT, CHIEF ELLIS EXPLAINED THAT RADAR IS BEING USED NOW AND INCREASED EFFORTS ON SPEED CONTROL ARE IN PLACE. THE SPEED LIMIT THROUGHOUT THE CITY IS PRESENTLY 30 MPH AND MANY IN THE MEETING AGREED THAT THIS IS TOO FAST WITH THE MANY CHILDREN AT PLAY. AT THE REQUEST OF CITIZENS, THE PROPOSAL OF LOWERING THE SPEED LIMIT WILL BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING IN MAY. CHIEF ELLIS WARNED ALSO THAT ONCE STREETS ARE SCRAPED TO LEVEL GRAVEL, THE REACTIONARY TIME TO STOP A VEHICLE IS INCREASED BY A DISTANCE OF 11 FEET PER 10 MPH. CHIEF ELLIS IS RECOMMENDING 20 MPH IN THE CITY LIMITS AND STATED THAT THE BICYCLE CLINIC WILL ALSO COVER SAFETY AND TRAFFIC LAWS FOR BICYCLISTS - WHICH

ARE THE SAME AS FOR VEHICLES. MAYOR PICKENS PROMISED TO RESEARCH THE CITY'S AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES ON THIS ISSUE.

IN A DISCUSSION ABOUT ABANDONED PROPERTIES, THE MAYOR ASSURED CITIZENS THAT THIS IS ALSO A PROJECT TO GET UNDERWAY THIS YEAR AND WILL BE DILIGENTLY PURSUED. ONE BUILDING HAS BEEN TORN DOWN AND CHIEF ELLIS STATES THAT IF A PLACE BECOMES A DRUG HABITAT, IT HELPS EFFORTS TO GET RID OF IT. ADDITIONALLY, COMMISSIONER PFEIFER REPORTED ONE PROPERTY OWNER STATING SHE WOULD HAVE AN OLD BUILDING TORN DOWN HERSELF. REITERATING THE MANY THINGS GOING ON AROUND THE CITY, THE MAYOR REQUESTED CITIZENS BEAR WITH THE CITY ADMINISTRATION IN GETTING SO MANY IMPORTANT THINGS ACCOMPLISHED IN AS TIMELY A MANNER AS POSSIBLE.

7. THERE BEING NO OTHER DISCUSSION, THE MAYOR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:35 P.M.

BY


Sue Porter
SUE PORTER, CITY SECRETARY


DALE PICKENS, MAYOR

CWS - CC Regular Meeting
Thursday April 16th

Janice Austin

Dave Austin

Stanley Slocum

Sara Morgenson

Jim Barber

Ed Phipps

Shirley Ballan

Edgar Pardo

Darrell W. Hill

R.E. Phipps

PROCLAMATION

OF "APRIL" AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, THE NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING LAW OF 1968, AS AMENDED, PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING AND DECLARES IT A NATIONAL POLICY TO PROVIDE, WITHIN CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITS, FOR FAIR HOUSING IN THE UNITED STATES; AND

WHEREAS, THE PRINCIPLE OF FAIR HOUSING IS NOT ONLY NATIONAL LAW AND NATIONAL POLICY, BUT A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN CONCEPT AND ENTITLEMENT FOR ALL AMERICANS; AND

WHEREAS, THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING LAW, DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AMERICANS TO RECOGNIZE THAT COMPLETE SUCCESS IN THE GOAL OF EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE HELP AND COOPERATION OF ALL AMERICANS.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, DOES PROCLAIM APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES AND DOES HEREBY URGE ALL THE CITIZENS OF THIS LOCALITY TO BECOME AWARE OF AND SUPPORT THE FAIR HOUSING LAW.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ITS DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICER HAS AFFIXED HIS SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF THIS THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1998.

ATTEST:

BY

SUE PORTER, CITY SECRETARY


DALE PICKENS, MAYOR



**REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES
4111 COTTONWOOD DRIVE - CIVIC CENTER**

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1998 - 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.**
- 2. CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH 1998.**
 - B. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 19, 1998.**
- 3. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA:**
 - A. CITY SPONSORSHIP OF THE "ADOPT A BARREL" CAMPAIGN - LCRA.**
 - B. REQUEST BY MS. NANCY HICKLEY REGARDING PLAYHOUSE LUMBER.**
 - C. PURCHASE OF USED PICKUP FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.**
 - D. SWIMMING POOL: (1) DAYS/HOURS OF OPERATION; (2) CHARGE TO SWIM (ADULTS/CHILDREN) AND (3) HIRING OF LIFEGUARD.**
 - E. CONSIDER ESTABLISHING PUBLIC HEARING DATES FOR ANNEXATION OF CASTLE ACRES AND ADJOINING PARCEL OF LAND INTO THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES.**
 - F. PROCLAMATION OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.**
- 4. MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS:**
 - A. POLICE DEPARTMENT.**
 - B. WATER/SEWER AND ROAD DEPARTMENTS.**
 - C. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**
 - D. BUILDING COMMITTEE.**
 - E. VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.**
 - F. CIVIC PRIDE.**
 - G. COMMUNITY CHURCH.**
- 7. MAYOR'S REPORT:**
 - A. REPORT ON MOWING-CLEANUP CAMPAIGN.**
 - B. CWS SPRING CLEANUP (APRIL 23RD) & COUNTY HAZARDOUS CLEANUP (MAY 2ND).**
 - C. MARCH CUTOFFS: N-O-N-E !!**
 - D. BUILDING PERMITS - NEW HOME, STORAGE SHED, FUTURE EXPECTATIONS...**
- 8. OPEN DISCUSSION.**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT.**

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, 3916 COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES TEXAS ON THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 1998 AT 6:30 P.M.

ATTEST:
BY Sue Porter
SUE PORTER, CITY SECRETARY

DALE PICKENS
DALE PICKENS, MAYOR

[THIS FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE & ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. CONTACT 693-3630]

