

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL - CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES
3916 COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1998

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ATTEST:

BY: _____
SUE PORTER, CITY SECRETARY



DALE PICKENS, MAYOR

AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

ON THIS THE 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1998, AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS, THE FOLLOWING ACTION WAS TAKEN:

COMMISSIONER RAY WHITIS MOVED AND COMMISSIONER PFEIFER SECONDED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE J. GANDOLF BURRUS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF HIS FIRM GRANT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO PURSUE THE POSSIBILITY OF SECURING FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER STORAGE FACILITY TO RESOLVE THE T.N.R.C.C. DEFICIENCY SET FORTH AS THE RESULT OF THE ANNUAL INSPECTION PERFORMED BY ELSTON H. JOHNSON OF T.N.R.C.C.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON A VOTE CALLED BY MAYOR PICKENS.

MR. BURRUS IS UNDERTAKING TO MAKE CONTACT WITH COORDINATORS OF THE T.D.H.C.A./S.T.E.P. FUNDING OFFICE AND ARRANGE AN ON-SITE INSPECTION OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT. MR. MYRON WEIR, REPRESENTING WILLIS ENGINEERING, ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETING, STATED THAT HE COULD NOT THINK OF ANY COSTS RISK IN THIS PRELIMINARY EFFORT INSOFAR AS ENGINEERING WORK IS CONCERNED, AND MR. BURRUS STATES THAT THERE WILL BE NO COST TO THE CITY BY THE FUNDING AGENCY OR HIS FIRM.

ADDITIONALLY, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL PLACE AN ACTION ITEM ON THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 17, 1998, TO DISCUSS ANY FINDINGS PRESENTED BY MR. BURRUS.

WITNESS OUR HANDS THIS 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1998.

CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES

BY:


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GRANT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

BY:


J.GANDOLF BURRUS

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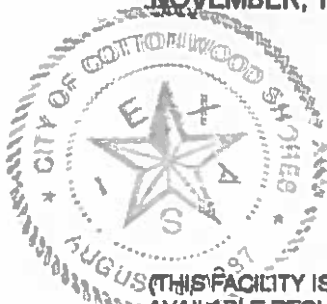
**SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL - CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES
3915 COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1998
4:40 P.M.**

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.
2. CONSENT AGENDA: SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.
3. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE APPLICATION FOR S.T.E.P. GRANT FOR WATER STORAGE TANK.
4. OPEN DISCUSSION.
5. ADJOURNMENT.

**I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, 3915
COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES, TX, ON THIS THE 20TH DAY OF
NOVEMBER, 1998 AT 4:00 P.M.**




SUE PORTER, CITY SECRETARY

**(THIS FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE
AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48
HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. 830-693-3830)**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL - CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES
NOVEMBER 19, 1998**

1. THIS MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR PICKENS AT 7:08 P.M. COMMISSIONERS FRANK PFEIFER AND RAY WHITIS WERE BOTH PRESENT, REPRESENTING A QUORUM.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER WERE TABLED.
- B. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING CONDUCTED OCTOBER 16, 1998 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 26, 1998 WERE APPROVED ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER WHITIS, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PFEIFER AND CARRIED ON VOTE.

3. MR. GEORGE BIRD, REPRESENTING P.E.C., SPOKE TO THE GROUP ABOUT P.E.C. ACTIVITIES AND PREPARATION FOR YK2000. HE BROUGHT 1999 CALENDARS AND BROCHURES FOR THE RESIDENTS TO TAKE HOME, ALSO. MR. BIRD STATED THAT PEC HAS BEEN UPDATING ITS SYSTEMS TO BE 2T COMPATIBLE ALL YEAR AND WILL CONDUCT DOUBLE TESTS EARLY NEXT YEAR WITH LCRA. THE ENTITIES HAVE PARALLEL CHANGE TYPES AND LCRA IS THE ONLY PEC SUPPLIER. MIKE BUTLER, REPRESENTING LCRA, ALSO SPOKE TO THE ISSUE AS HE IS PERFORMING MUCH OF THIS WORK FOR THE LCRA FERGUSON PLANT. BOTH AGREED THAT LOCALLY THINGS ARE GOING WELL ALTHOUGH IF A SECTION GOES OUT IN OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE, IT COULD CAUSE A "BROWN OUT" IN THIS AREA TEMPORARILY. ORDINARY PRECAUTIONS SUCH AS MANY RURAL PEOPLE ALREADY PRACTICE, SUCH AS HAVING ON HAND NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, CANDLES, WOOD HEATERS, BATTERY BACKUPS, ETC. ARE ENCOURAGED. ALSO, STATED MR. BIRD, THERE IS A PARTICULAR GENERATOR MANUFACTURED AND ON THE MARKET WHICH IS BEING RECOMMENDED TO PEOPLE. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT IT REQUIRES SPECIFIC HOOKUP - *CALL PEC TO GET INVOLVED IN THE PROPER HOOKUP IF YOU PURCHASE ONE.* MIKE BUTLER ROUNDED OUT THE DISCUSSION BY STATING THAT THE FERGUSON PLANT RECENTLY CONDUCTED A DRILL (EMERGENCY) WHICH WORKED WELL...THIS PLANT IS SITTING IN ONE OF THE FIRST TWO LOCATIONS IN TEXAS THAT WILL HAVE POWER DUE TO TWO PIECES OF EQUIPMENT BUILT ON TECHNICAL ADVANCES OF THE 1960S - NO COMPUTER @&%&% TO DEAL WITH.

4. **DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA.**

A. **TNRCC 1998 COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION.** THE MAYOR STATED THAT THE INSPECTOR FOUND THE SYSTEM IN PRETTY GOOD ORDER. WATER OPERATOR ROBERT POPE WAS ON LINE TO DO THE INSPECTION WITH THE TNRCC REPRESENTATIVE - IT WENT WELL. THERE ARE THREE MARKS AGAINST US: ONE IS ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF - ONE IS NO REAL PROBLEM...

BUT NUMBER THREE.....WE HAVE NO CAPACITY...DID YOU KNOW WE ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE 200 GALLONS STORAGE PER METER?? FOR MANY YEARS THE CITY HAS KNOWN, SOUGHT AND RECEIVED GRANTS, THE LAST GRANT WAS CUT, WE'VE BEEN TRYING, BUT THE CITY MUST GET A WATER TANK. MR. J. GANDOLF BURRUS, GRANT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, IS (UNDER CONTRACT) TO WRITE A GRANT APPLICATION - THIS IS NOT QUICK ENOUGH TO SATISFY ME. WE ARE EXPLORING OTHER GRANTS. (MOST) GRANTS REQUIRE A 60-40 MATCH, BUT MOST OF THIS CAN BE "IN-KIND" VS DOLLARS...THIS IS FEASIBLE....I'M GOING TO ASK OUR FRIENDS DOWN THE ROAD WHO ASKED US TO LEAVE THEM ALONE (ANNEXATION EFFORT), BUT SAID "WHEN YOU NEED HELP, LET...US KNOW"....

CITIZEN MARGIE PHIPPS ASKED WHAT SIZE OF TANK WAS NEEDED, AND MAYOR PICKENS RESPONDED AT LEAST 70-75 THOUSAND GALLONS. WITH A LITTLE MORE DETAIL, THE MAYOR STATED THAT THE CITY WANTS TO GET SOME ROOM TO GROW...AND THE ADMINISTRATION IS WORKING ON THAT AND WILL KEEP PEOPLE ADVISED BECAUSE THE CITY HAS TO MAKE A DECISION THAT WILL GET THE PEOPLE INVOLVED.

B. FINANCIAL MATTER - CONSIDERATION OF EMERGENCY TRANSFER OF FUNDS. MAYOR PICKENS REMINDED THE AUDIENCE THAT OCTOBER IS THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY AND THERE IS NEVER MUCH (MONEY) COMING IN AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR - LESS WATER USE CHARGES, MOST FOLKS WAIT TO PAY TAXES UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS AND JUST BEFORE PENALTIES ASSESS. THE MAYOR SUGGESTED THE COMMISSIONERS SHOULD CONSIDER AN EMERGENCY TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO MEET SALARIES AND MINIMUM COSTS OF OPERATION. THE MAYOR ADDED THAT SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE NOT PAID THEIR UTILITY BILL....IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND...THE CITY HAS BILLS TO PAY ALSO. AFTER SOME ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION, COMMISSIONER WHITIS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS TO MEET THE CITY'S BASIC EXPENSES. COMMISSIONER PFEIFER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED ON VOTE.

C. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF DAVID BIGGERSTAFF AS A NON-PAID RESERVE POLICE OFFICER FOR THE CITY. EXPLAINING THAT THE CITY LOST OFFICER DERRICK KLOTZ TO A FULL-TIME PAYING POSITION WITH SUNRISE BEACH, AND THAT OFFICER SHANE DOLLAR HAS RETURNED TO LIVE IN AMARILLO, THE MAYOR INTRODUCED DAVID BIGGERSTAFF WHO LIVES WITH HIS FAMILY IN BURNET AND FINISHED IN THE TOP 20 OF HIS POLICE ACADEMY EARLIER THIS YEAR. DAVID HEARD ABOUT CHIEF OF POLICE WALTER ELLIS AND THE DEPARTMENT HE IS BUILDING AND SOUGHT TO BE ADDED TO THE FORCE. HE ALSO HAS EMS TRAINING. COMMISSIONER PFEIFER COMMENTED ON HIS REVIEW OF MR. BIGGERSTAFF'S APPLICATION PACKAGE INDICATING HE WILL BE A GREAT ASSET TO THE CITY AND MOVED TO ACCEPT MR. BIGGERSTAFF AS THE NEWEST RESERVE OFFICER. COMMISSIONER WHITIS SECONDED THIS MOTION WHICH PASSED ON VOTE.

5. APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR OF JIM BARKER AS CENSUS 2000 CITY REPRESENTATIVE. HERE WE GO...YEAR 2000 AGAIN...IT'S CENSUS TIME, STATED THE MAYOR....THE CITY MUST BE REPRESENTED TO WORK WITH THE U. S. CENSUS TAKERS...AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE CENSUS COUNT BE RIGHT SINCE COTTONWOOD SHORES HAS DOUBLED IN CITIZENS SINCE 1990. MR. JIM BARKER HAS VOLUNTEERED, AND I HAVE APPOINTED HIM, TO DO THIS WORK FOR US. OUR RECORDS WILL NOT BE ON COMPUTER AND WE ARE WAITING FOR THE PAPER DOCUMENTS FROM THE WASHINGTON D.C. CENSUS BUREAU TO BEGIN MOST OF THE LEG WORK...JIM WILL BE DRIVING AROUND AND LOOKING AROUND THE CITY....THANK YOU, JIM.

6. MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS:

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF ELLIS REPORTED A SLOW MONTH. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT ITS GRANT APPLICATION FOR EQUIPMENT TO LCRA HAS BEEN APPROVED IN THE SUM OF \$2,383. CHIEF ELLIS STATES THIS MONEY IS EARMARKED FOR EMERGENCY AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR THE PATROL VEHICLES. OTHER GAINS HAVE BEEN PARKING SPACE FOR "OLD BROWNIE" FROM SHELTON THIBEDEAUX (HIS CLASSIC CAR MAY ALSO PAINT THIS CAR FOR US)...LAST MONTH WE PURCHASED A RADAR UNIT FROM THE JOHNSON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT: THIS MONTH THAT AGENCY GAVE OUR DEPARTMENT A SECOND RADAR UNIT. LOCAL AGENCIES ARE WORKING WITH CWS POLICE ON ANY SUSPECTED DRUG TRAFFICKING, AND THE DPS COALITION CONTINUES THROUGHOUT BURNET COUNTY.....WITH MORE TRAINING UNITS BEING PLANNED...A SWAT TEAM OF 12-24 RESPONSE OFFICERS CAN BE SENT BY DPS IN AUSTIN TO OUR AREA IN 3-4 HOURS... MAYOR PICKENS REMINDED EVERYONE THAT MR. THIBEDEAUX PREVIOUSLY DONATED THE \$600.00 THAT PURCHASED ONE OF THE PATROL CARS.

B. PUBLIC WORKS-WATER & SEWER

THE PUBLIC WORKS-WATER & SEWER REPORT STARTED WITH ROBERT POPE, WHO HOLDS A DOUBLE C CERTIFICATE AND RUNS THE CITY'S WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATION, REPORTING THAT THE CITY SUFFERED NO SHUT DOWN PROBLEMS IN THE PAST MONTH; HOWEVER, THE LAKE PUMP IS DOWN AND WE ARE GOING TO REBUILD THAT SYSTEM. NO MAJOR LEAKS, SOME MINOR. WATER USAGE IS DOWN AND WITH THE RAINS, COOLER TEMPERATURES HELP THE OPERATION. EDDIE PROCTOR REPORTED THAT EVERYTHING LOOKS GOOD IN PUBLIC WORKS. HE URGED PEOPLE TO CALL CITY HALL IF THEY SEE SEWER PROBLEMS SUCH AS CAPS GONE, ETC. WE ARE PATCHING SOME STREETS USING SMALL BASE, BUT THE RAIN AND SOIL SATURATION ARE NOT COOPERATING.....TWO NEW SEWER LINES WILL BE INSTALLED WHEN WEATHER PERMITS...ONE UP BY THE NEW HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE. THE INTENSIVE SEARCH FOR A STREET MAINTAINER HAS NETTED NOTHING YET. EDDIE CONCLUDED BY SAYING HIS LAST SURGERY WENT VERY WELL BUT HE IS STILL ON LIGHT DUTY AND UNDERGOING THERAPY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

C. BUILDING PERMITS. NONE.

D. MARGIE PHIPPS REPORTED THAT CIVIC PRIDE, WHICH SUSPENDED MEETINGS FOR THE FALL AND HOLIDAY SEASON, WILL RESUME MEETINGS IN JANUARY 1999. "WE NEED MORE MEMBERS, PLEADED MARGIE. MAYOR PICKENS ADDED THAT THE PARK BENCHES AND TABLE WILL ALSO BE COMPLETED WHEN WEATHER GETS GOOD EARLY NEXT SPRING. OTHER PLANS ARE PLANTINGS ON DUTCH-LEMING (BEAUTIFICATION), NEW STREET SIGNS AROUND THE CITY....EDDIE PROCTOR ADDED THAT HIS PEOPLE ARE PAINTING AND REPLACING SOME STOP SIGNS NOW.

E. MAYOR PICKENS REPORTED THAT RESIDENT FAMILIES HAD A GOOD TIME AT THE POTLUCK-SINGING EVENT RECENTLY AND EVERYONE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE UPCOMING ONE. HE SAID THE STAFF OF THE CHURCH AND CHRONICLE HAD REALLY BEEN BUSY OVER THE PAST WEEKS AND THE NOVEMBER PAPER WAS DELAYED BECAUSE OF RUSH JOBS COMBINED WITH ALL THAT HAPPENS BEFORE CHRISTMAS, THE HALLOWEEN EVENT AND CHRISTMAS PLANNING MEETINGS. THE DECEMBER ISSUE WILL BE A DOUBLE ISSUE AND OUT AROUND THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER.

F. THE VFD WAS REPRESENTED BY MIKE BUTLER AT THIS MEETING. HE SAID THEY WERE BUSY MAKING PLANS FOR THE DECEMBER 19TH CAROLING HAYRIDE. THEY RESPONDED TO ONE CLOSE CALL AT AUNT BEE'S CANDLE FACTORY ON HWY 2147, THREE EMS CALLS, AND ONE UNATTENDED CONTROLLED BURN. THE VFD WILL BE TURNING IN ITS WATER USE REPORT TO CITY HALL FOR ITS ACCOUNTING RECORDS.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT. REFERRING TO THE EXPECTATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF DRIFTWOOD STREET, THE MAYOR ADVISED THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF PRECINCT 4 HAS APPROVED AND PLACED ON THE BURNET COUNTY BUDGET THE PROMISED WORK ON DRIFTWOOD. THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE STREET WILL BE TORN UP AND SMOOTHED OUT. DELAYS HAVE ARISEN BECAUSE OF FLOODING DAMAGE ON RURAL COUNTY ROADS AND CREEK CROSSINGS, BUT IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN, EVENTUALLY. THE SECOND PRIORITY - WATER STORAGE CAPACITY - IS A SERIOUS SITUATION AND A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING REGARDING THIS IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1998.

THE MAYOR TALKED BRIEFLY BUT EARNESTLY OF THE FINANCIAL STRAITS OUR SMALL CITY FACES, ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. WE HAVE FOUR PUBLIC WORK (LABOR) EMPLOYEES AND ARE BUDGETED FOR TWO. TWO OF THEM ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY CLEAR LOTS WE HAVE CONTRACTED TO CLEAR WITH ABSENTEE PROPERTY OWNERS....YOU MAY HAVE BEEN NOTICING THE LOT CLEARINGS, BURNING....SAFETY....BEAUTIFICATION... THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE RESURFACING/RECONSTRUCTION OF LAKEVIEW DRIVE IS SUBMITTED -NO RESPONSE YET. THE AGENCY, T.D.H.C.A. HAS NO "LEADER" RIGHT NOW....COULD ANTICIPATE A DELAY....BUT THIS IS "FREE" 100% MONEY.

8. OPEN DISCUSSION. EUCLID PHIPPS INQUIRED IF THE CITY IS SENDING A FOLLOW UP LETTER TO PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE NOT HAD THEIR PROPERTIES CLEANED UP. MAYOR PICKENS SAID THIS IS A GOOD QUESTION AND YES, AFTER INITIALLY LOOKING AT IT, THIS COMING SPRING, A SECOND

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LETTER WILL BE SENT (BY CERTIFIED MAIL) TO NON-RESPONDERS....NOT AN OVERNIGHT PROJECT. THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE BEGINS WITH A CERTIFIED LETTER AND LEGAL TIME FRAMES MUST BE FOLLOWED. SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS BY RESIDENTS ARE FOLLOWED UP AS RECEIVED, HOWEVER, BY A CERTIFIED LETTER TO THE PROPERTY OWNER. CITIZENS SHOULD FILE A COMPLAINT AT CITY HALL IF THEY WISH A PARTICULAR PROPERTY DEALT WITH AS AN EYESORE.

9. THE MAYOR ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

SUE PORTER, CITY SECRETARY



DALE PICKENS, MAYOR