

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES  
3915 COTTONWOOD DRIVE - CITY HALL  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1999 AT 4:00 P.M.**

**A G E N D A**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.
2. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SECURING E.M.S. SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS.
3. OPEN DISCUSSION.
4. ADJOURNMENT.

I CERTIFY THE ABOVE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, 3915 COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS ON THIS 22nd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999 AT 5:00 P.M.

  
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DALE PICKENS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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TENA COLLIER, CITY SECRETARY



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** Mayor Pickens called this Special Meeting to Order at 4:05 p.m. with both Commissioner Phipps and Commissioner Pfeifer in attendance, a Quorum was present.
  
2. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON SECURING E.M.S. SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS:** Mayor Pickens explained how for twelve years the City had never been approached for Emergency Medical Service funding. He asked the E.M.S. representatives present, Mr. Larry Greer, Mr. Johnny Campbell, and Mr. Robert Tarbet, to accept a reduced amount for one year since there were no funds in the current City budget. He explained the City had received a \$250,000.00 matching grant and the City's match was \$25,000.00 so there were no reserve funds available this fiscal year. Mr. Greer stated the Cities of Marble Falls and Meadowlakes were questioning why the City of Cottonwood Shores was not charged and that was what prompted the E.M.S. to propose a contract asking of \$11,200.00. He explained it was expensive to provide the level of care, which the E.M.S. provided. He added the quality of people and service for this area is very good. Mayor Pickens noted he had never heard a negative word about the quality of service they provided. Mr. Greer noted the volume of calls and the processing of insurance forms is time consuming and expensive. Mr. Campbell stated there were seventy (70) calls in Meadowlakes, which represented six-percent (6%), and forty-nine (49) calls in Cottonwood Shores which represented four-percent (4%) of the call volume in 1998. Commissioner Phipps asked if the proposed fee was based on number of calls in an area. Mr. Campbell stated no; the population of an area served was the basis. Commissioner Phipps asked if the proposed fee was based on the average age of the population in the area served. Mr. Campbell said just the population figure is the basis. Commissioner Pfeifer asked if the individual was charged for pick-up. Mr. Greer stated yes. Commissioner Pfeifer said the proposed fee is just for being able to come out here to then. Mr. Campbell stated they don't always collect for picking-up someone. He noted that Meadowlakes had an eighty-percent (80%) collection rate while Cottonwood Shores had a twenty-percent (20%) collection rate. He added if everyone paid for the service provided to them then there would be no need for the proposed City fee. Mr. Greer agreed and noted they have really got to stay on top just to collect. Commissioner Pfeifer stated that seemed like a double charge for the same service since the City paid as well as the individual. Mr. Greer stated if E.M.S. lost funding from Marble Falls or Meadowlakes then the Burnet County taxes would have to be raised. Commissioner Pfeifer stated with funds from the county as well, then that would be a triple charge for the same service. Mr. Tarbet stated that was a popular concept to say, but once Burnet County taxes are paid they go into a pool, undefined as for their use. He added it is difficult to identify dollars. Mr. Campbell asked if a volunteer contribution could be put on the water bills. Mayor Pickens stated the City had tried that before and it failed. He noted in 1997, only four dollars (\$4.00) was taken in for the V.F.D. Mr. Campbell noted Granite Shoals generates about twenty-eight hundred dollars (\$2,800.00) a year with their donations. Mayor Pickens stated sixty-seven to seventy-percent (67%-70%) of the City's residents were low to moderate income and had trouble just paying the utility bill. Mr. Campbell asked what the City proposed for a ten (10) month contract till September 2000. Mayor Pickens stated they didn't have a dollar figure. He noted on two occasions where low-income grants were awarded

for emergency equipment. Mr. Greer stated that Marble Falls had received grants for some equipment. He noted they have someone in house to assist instead of paying an outside grant coordinator any fees. Mr. Campbell proposed to have a contract by December 15th for a two dollar (\$2.00) donation on utility bills by February 2000 would work for the remainder of this year. Commissioner Pfeifer asked if they could have a contract for the Council to review before the December 16th meeting. Mr. Greer stated the E.M.S. representatives could be present at the December meeting.

3. **OPEN DISCUSSION:** Mayor Pickens stated we would need to get help with fund raising. He noted Chris Pugh and Jim Turpin had volunteered to help drum up support as well as help with mailings. Commissioner Phipps stated we needed to get the citizens involved.
4. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Pickens adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

  
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Dale Pickens, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Tena Collier, City Secretary



# **COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MONTHLY REPORT WATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR NOVEMBER 1999**

**RAW WATER USAGE  
3,121,000 GALLONS TOTAL  
104,000 GALLONS AVG.  
144,000 GALLONS MAX.  
83,000 GALLONS MIN.**

**TREATED WATER USAGE  
2,884,000 GALLONS TOTAL  
96,000 GALLONS AVG.  
131,000 GALLONS MAX.  
81,000 GALLONS MIN.**

**17,000 GALLONS OF UNACCOUNTED  
WATER LOSS**

**192,000 GALLONS OF WASTEWATER  
PUMPED TO L B J MUD FOR  
TREATMENT**


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**MEMORANDUM**

Sheila J. Jalufka  
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**TO:** Dale Pickens, Mayor  
**FROM:** Barney Knight   
**DATE:** December 9, 1999  
**RE:** Castle Ventures Development Agreement

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The above referenced matter should be placed on the Commission agenda for action at next week's Commission meeting. Appropriate Agenda items are as follows:

Consider and act upon a "Development Agreement Concerning Castle Terrace Subdivision Water and Wastewater Improvements"

Accept a Utility Easement and a Temporary Construction Easement from Castle Venture, Ltd. for the construction and location of an elevated water storage tank.

Ed Padgett, Manager of Castle Ventures, Ltd., has already executed the Development Agreement, the Easements, etc. Please find those executed originals enclosed with the mailed original of this Memorandum. Of course, the execution of the documents by Castle Ventures does not in any manner obligate the Commission to approve and execute the Agreements. However, if the Commission does not approve the Development Agreement it should not accept - and should return - the Utility and the Construction Easements.

Mr. Padgett has also executed a petition requesting the City to annex the property. He has deposited that petition with this office on the condition that it not be released to the City until after the approval of the Development Agreement, and after January 1, 1999. There is a valid reason for the conditional deposit of the annexation petition - I will explain via telephone.

If the Commission approves the Development Agreement - you should not deliver an executed copy until Castle Ventures reimburses the City for your legal fees and expenses on this matter. I will advise you of such amount via facsimile, at the appropriate time.

# Barney L. Knight & Associates Attorneys at Law

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Date: December 9, 1999

Client # 011.00

## TELECOPIER COVER SHEET

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