

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS
4111 COTTONWOOD DRIVE – CIVIC CENTER
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2001 AT 7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** Mayor Pickens called this Regular Meeting to Order at 7:01 p.m. with both Commissioner Phipps and Commissioner Pfeifer in attendance, a Quorum was present.
2. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 15, 2001:** Commissioner Pfeifer stated he had read the minutes and didn't note any corrections. Commissioner Phipps stated she found no errors. Commissioner Pfeifer then made a motion to approve the Minutes of a Regular Meeting on February 15, 2001. Commissioner Phipps seconded his motion, which carried.
 - B. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2001:** Mayor Pickens stated he had reviewed a preliminary copy and only noted one correction, which had been done. He added it seems to be in order now. Both Commissioners reviewed their copies, and then Commissioner Phipps made a motion to approve the Financial Statements for February 2001. Commissioner Pfeifer seconded her motion, which carried.
3. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY MR. GEORGE COLLINS FOR A FIVE FT. (5') VARIANCE TO THE SETBACK REQUIREMENT IN ORDINANCE NO. 061898, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS REQUIRING UNIFORM APPLICATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF DULY RECORDED RESTRICTIONS AND ZONING AFFECTING THE USE OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, AND TO RELOCATE THE NATURAL DRAINAGE DITCH ON LOT 412, SCARLET OAKS SECTION, COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 194, BURNET COUNTY PLAT RECORDS TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HOME ON SAID LOT 412:** Mayor Pickens stated this lot was in the 600 block of Magnolia Lane. He explained it was a nice lot, but the natural drainage ditch starts on southwest side and ends on the northwest side. Mr. Collins wants to relocate the ditch into the easement in back of the property. Mayor Pickens added at his own expense. Commissioner Pfeifer asked if Mr. Collins would do it himself. Mayor Pickens stated his contractor would be moving it over about fifteen ft. (15"). Commissioner Pfeifer asked if the City Inspector would go by before and after to check on relocating the ditch. Mayor Pickens stated yes, he would make sure there was no damage to his or the adjacent properties. Commissioner Pfeifer then made a motion to approve the request for a five ft. variance to the setback requirement and the relocating of the drainage ditch to allow the construction of a home on Lot 412, Scarlet Oaks. Commissioner Phipps seconded his motion, which carried.
4. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 031899, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS PROVIDING RULES, REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR WATER, WASTEWATER AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY; SPECIFICALLY REVISING THE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AND FEES CHARGED FOR THESE SERVICES BY THE CITY:** Mayor Pickens explained each year he meets with LBJ MUD to adjust the rates LBJ MUD charges the City for treatment and disposal of the City's wastewater. He noted that the rates charged by LBJ MUD have gone up over the past two years, but the fees the City charges it's residents have not increased. He wanted the Council to consider raising fees to cover the cost of additional charges to the City. However, LBJ MUD had not provided him with the new rates. He suggested tabling this item until the new rates are known. He added he would like the Council to consider raising the Tap Fees then as well. He noted the effect the increase in electricity and materials has on our fees charged. He added he calculated about a fifteen-percent (15%) increase would be necessary to cover our additional cost.

5. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A PRESIDING JUDGE AND AN ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE TO CONDUCT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON MAY 5, 2001 FOR THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS:** Mayor Pickens stated Mrs. Claudie Short and Mrs. Ollie "Tootsie" Beyer had volunteered to be the Presiding Election Judge and Alternate Judge for the May 5th election. He noted that Claudie had over fourteen years experience with elections. Commissioner Pfeifer made a motion to approve the appointment of Mrs. Claudie Short as Presiding Election Judge and Mrs. Ollie Beyer as Alternate Presiding Judge for the May 5, 2001 General Election. Commissioner Phipps seconded his motion, which carried.
6. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY THE EASTER BUNNY TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE A PORTION OF LAKEVIEW DRIVE FOR THE 8TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT AND COMMUNITY PICNIC:** Mayor Pickens stated the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Community Picnic had grown so over the years that to ensure the safety of the hunters and picnickers it was necessary to close a portion of Lakeview Drive. Mrs. Gerri Pickens (AKA the Easter Bunny) asked if Lakeview Drive could be closed completely between Fir Lane and Cypress Lane on April 7th from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. for the event. Officer Steve Hallman stated he would be present to assist homeowners to their residence if needed. Mrs. Pickens asked if it would be possible to park on Driftwood Lane. Mayor Pickens asked if there were enough barricades to direct traffic. Mr. Bentley Martin stated Sheriff Joe Pollock had donated some as well as the fire department. Commissioner Pfeifer warned them to watch for kids around the holes in Lakeview Drive. Officer Hallman stated he could put up some police tape around the holes. Commissioner Pfeifer then made a motion to approve closing a portion of Lakeview Drive, between Fir Lane and Cypress Lane to allow for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Community Picnic. Commissioner Phipps seconded his motion, which carried.
7. **MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS:**
 - A. **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**
 - B. (1) **ACTIVITY LOG:** Sergeant Steve Hallman read the Police Department Report. He added he had someone working on a new sign for the Police Department, hopefully, it would be up this weekend. Mayor Pickens asked about the situation between The Summerhouse and Marty McFly's. Apparently, the owner of The Summerhouse had called for a Burnet County Officer and a wrecker to come out. Sergeant Hallman stated the owner of The Summerhouse had posted signs to keep Marty McFly's customers from parking in her lot. He noted she was tired of finding vomit on her lot in the mornings. Marty McFly's owner, Moe Docherty was expanding his parking lot to accommodate her. Sergeant Hallman stated no serious incident had occurred.
(2) **ARREST**
 - C. **PUBLIC WORKS:**
 - D. (1) **WATER & SEWER SYSTEM PERFORMANCE & USAGE:** Mayor Pickens stated Robert Pope was out ill so he didn't have a report to read. He noted the usage was normal with no extreme variance. He added because of the rain we are behind on taps. Hopefully, it will dry some so Robert can get the backhoe out again.
(2) **ANIMAL CONTROL:** Mayor Pickens stated Connie Capone had been reading meters all day so he told her she didn't have to attend. He noted the kennels are full. He asked people to please contain their pets so she didn't have to stop what she was doing to run up and down the streets chasing animals.
 - E. **CIVIC PRIDE:**
(1) **UPCOMING MEETING DATES:** Mrs. Claudie Short stated Civic Pride would be hosting a chili supper on March 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. here at the Civic Center. She announced that on March 31st at 2:00 p.m. Civic Pride would be dedicating the park at the end of Lakeview Drive to Noah Thompson. She stated that Texas Granite had donated a beautiful piece of granite and Bluebonnet Memorials had donated the engraving to make a marker for the park. She added Noah had done a lot for the City and invited everyone to the dedication ceremony.
(2) **FUTURE PROJECTS:** Mrs. Short stated the next meeting would be the second Monday of April at 7:00 p.m. She added Civic Pride does things for the City without using tax dollars. She encouraged everyone to attend and share in honoring the City.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- A. UPDATE ON WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS GRANT:** Mayor Pickens stated that in between the rain the painting was now complete. He stated the electricians were here today running conduit up the side of the tank, and on Monday PEC would be here to change out the transformer. He noted the electric would be out for a short period of time. He added we would start with a full tank, but we could run out if it takes too long to make connections. He stated if everything goes according to the plan, we will connect circuits and motors then fill the tank! He added it would take roughly 13 to 18 hours to fill the tank. Then samples will have to be taken to the health department three separate times. If all test are okay, the new tank will be tied into the water system, which will require the system to be shut down. He stated then we disconnect and start demolition on the old tank. He added we are getting close to completion.
- B. UPDATE OF SEWER PROJECT IN CASTLE TERRACE:** Mayor Pickens stated the project was complete. He added people had been inquiring about purchasing lots and getting ready to build homes. He noted that once the water tank was complete, we would reroute lines in front of the BBQ house and work on redoing the entrance.
- C. FUTURE GRANT APPLICATION FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION LINES:** Mayor Pickens stated still working on the application, no news yet.


9. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Mrs. Gerri Pickens asked if we were going to put Cottonwood Shores on the new blue tank. Mayor Pickens stated that could be discussed later, right now we must complete the contract for installation before we do anything extra.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Pickens adjourned this Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m.


ATTEST:



TENA COLLIER, CITY SECRETARY



DALE PICKENS, MAYOR





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ATTENDANCE RECORD CITY COMMISSIONERS MEETING CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS

DATE: 3.15.01

Please sign in:

Thyllis Warner 710 Yew

Edward Warner " "

Claude + Grace Rains HCO1 Bel 14-H MF

Jim Pittis 205 King WAW M.F

Paula [unclear]

Bob + Phyllis Nouble 903 Daxwood Lane

Drs Bentley Martin

George Pickens

Claudia Hart

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I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, 3808 COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS ON THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2001 AT 5:30 PM.