

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS  
4111 COTTONWOOD DRIVE – CIVIC CENTER  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2003 AT 7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** Mayor Pickens called this Regular Meeting to Order at 7:06 p.m., with both Commissioner Pfeifer and Commissioner Hildebrand in attendance a Quorum was present.
2. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - A. **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 17, 2003:** Commissioner Hildebrand made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 17, 2003. Commissioner Pfeifer seconded his motion, which carried.
  - B. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2003:** Commissioner Hildebrand had a question on the Year to Date Totals. Mayor Pickens explained that this was an accounting procedure for adjusting entries. Commissioner Pfeifer made a motion to approve the Financial Statements for July 2003. Commissioner Hildebrand seconded his motion, which carried.
3. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON A REQUEST BY MS. DORIS MIDDLETON FOR A REFUND OF EXPENSES TO REPAIR HER GRINDER PUMP DUE TO IMPROPER INSTALLATION AT HER RESIDENCE LOCATED ON LOT 1, CASTLE TERRACE, SECTION I, BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS:** Mr. Will Baschum showed the Council pictures of what their plumber had found the day he came. He explained that the way it was installed forced the toilet paper to stop up the drain and caused their toilet downstairs to overflow. Ms. Middleton stated that the pump jammed up by the discharge and the plumber had to move the pump from where it was located inside the grinder vault to allow the discharge to flow. She gave the Council a copy of the bill from her plumber for putting it back right. She stated that she had a \$1,000 deductible on her insurance for damages inside her home. She added that she would like to recoup that expense. Mr. Baschum stated that he asked Robert about installing a grinder pump at their residence when they had problems with their septic system. He noted that Robert never mentioned a plumber, all he said was they would have to get an electrician to hook everything up. He stated that Robert finished on Thursday and the next day, Friday, they had problems. He explained that Nathan came out and replaced the pump, and then a day or two later they noticed water on the floor. Ms. Middleton stated that they had to replace everything downstairs. She added that they still had not finished. Mr. Baschum stated that their plumber showed them the installation to cover his self. He noted that they were out the \$540.00 bill from the plumber and the \$1,000.00 deductible and that was why they were here, they were requesting restitution of the \$1,548.34 they had paid out. Commissioner Hildebrand asked Nathan Cantrell about a work order dated June 6<sup>th</sup> that was for repairing a broken line outside the grinder pump. Mr. Cantrell stated that the first time he went up there he pulled the lid off where it looked like it had been overflowing. He stated that the vault was actually pumped down, but the tank had settled and cracked the line, which is where the water was coming from. He repaired the line on the outside of the vault. He noted that the pump was working and there was no paper in the vault. He felt that the plug was in the line and when the plumber unplugged the line, the paper came out. Ms. Middleton stated that the plumber said that the pump was installed wrong and he moved the pump to the side. Commissioner Hildebrand asked if the grease trap was tied in after June 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Nathan Cantrell stated that was correct. He added that Robert didn't tie it in. He added that he told Ms. Middleton that she would have to get a plumber. Ms. Middleton stated that when the water was going down the walkway she tried to talk to the Mayor for about three weeks, but could never talk to him to find out what was going on. She added that was when everything started overflowing in the house with raw sewage everywhere. Commissioner Hildebrand stated that on the parts list from her plumber there was twenty feet of 1½" PVC pipe. He asked if he had to replace anything outside of the tank. Ms. Middleton stated that he connected the vault to the grease trap and the washing machine. Commissioner Hildebrand stated that it would be nice to have the plumber to talk too. Ms. Middleton stated that is why she told the Mayor who he was so if he wanted to question him. She noted she would like to have had him here too, but was sure he would want to charge her. She added that she figured if you had any questions you could have called him. Commissioner Hildebrand asked if she

had any problems between June 11<sup>th</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Middleton stated that she was having problems from day one. She added that she kept calling and coming down to see the Mayor to try and straighten this whole mess out. Commissioner Pfeifer stated that if the grease trap was tied in after the house flooded then this should have nothing to do with the house flooding. He added that the \$450.00 for labor included tying in the grease trap. Ms. Middleton stated that she was not sure what all the parts were used for. Commissioner Pfeifer stated that he agreed that we needed to talk to the plumber. No action was taken on this item.

4. **CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN ANIMAL BURIAL AFFIDAVIT ON LOTS 30, 31 AND 32, YELLOWSTONE SECTION, COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS TO BE RECORDED IN BURNET COUNTY DEED RECORDS:** Mayor Pickens stated that these lots were at the end of Aspen Lane on Lakeview Drive. Commissioner Pfeifer made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the affidavit. Commissioner Hildebrand seconded his motion, which carried.

5. **MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS:**

A. **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

- (1) **ACTIVITY LOG:** Mayor Pickens stated that the Police Department was very busy today. He then read the monthly report.

B. **PUBLIC WORKS:**

- (1) **WATER & SEWER SYSTEM PERFORMANCE & USAGE:** Mayor Pickens read the monthly report. He noted that last month TCEQ came down and made the annual inspection. He added that thanks to Nathan's hard work we only received three minor violations. He noted that we needed a drought contingency plan, an operations manual for the plant and chemical containment documentation. He noted that they had also bladed the roads a couple of times.

- (2) **ANIMAL CONTROL:** Mayor Pickens stated that we had a serious problem with dogs the last month or two. He noted that at one time, we had seven dogs in the pound. He noted that two were picked up on Lakeview Drive. He added that the owner from Pecan Lane came and paid the fine to pick up the dog. He noted that the other owner slipped in and got his dog by himself, but we know who it was and who did it so the Police went down and wrote him a citation for Criminal Trespass and he should be in court next week. He noted that there were still three in the pound if anyone was interested.

C. **CIVIC PRIDE:**

- (1) **UPCOMING MEETING DATES:** Mayor Pickens stated that Civic Pride was out of business for the near future.

- (3) **FUTURE PROJECTS:** Mayor Pickens stated that hopefully we could do a fish fry when it cools off.

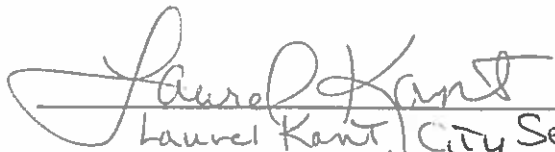
D. **VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:** No one present to give a report.

6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Mr. Baschum stated that he wanted to let Nathan know that the water never tasted better than it does now. Mrs. Patty Pugh stated that she didn't want to be here, but that her husband told her if it was something she believed in then she should. She stated that she liked Sergeant Hallman as a person, but as far as a Policeman she was disappointed. She explained that one evening while Steve was at her home, as he is frequently, a teenage boy in a brown truck kept flying around the corner, over and over and over again. She mentioned to Steve that she had the license plate number of the truck and he told her he would go talk to the boy about his driving. She said that the next several days nothing changed, he kept flying around the corner. She stated that she saw Steve and told him that the boy didn't listen to him because he was still driving fast. She noted that Steve said he had not talked to him yet. She added but he had time to visit her home. She said she left a message for Steve at the Police Department, but no one ever called her back. She stated that she felt like every time Steve needed work done, Chris had volunteered to help. She stated that Steve had a job and it was not getting done. She explained that one time Chris and her neighbor were by the road when this boy went by and asked him nicely to please quit speeding. She added that he said okay, but when they went home he came flying down the road again. She stated that if the speed limit is not going to be enforced then we should just take down the speed limit signs. Mr. Chris Pugh stated that he had told Steve that the next time the kid comes flying by the corner when

he is out in the yard with his kids, he was going to reach into the window and pull the kid out of the truck. He added that Steve said that he would have to haul him off to jail. Mrs. Pugh stated that citizens should not have to do that. She stated that Sonny Stone had approached someone at the convenience store and almost got into a fight. She added someone was going to get hurt. She added that someone is paid to do this, and it is not getting done. She added that if they are busy as you said, then why do they have time to sit and drink coffee like they have nothing to do. Mayor Pickens stated that he could see that she was upset and he appreciated that. He told her that in the past week there were two or three citations issued in the 600 block of Pecan, one of the gentlemen lived east of her on Willow. Mr. Pugh suggested borrowing the speed display machine from Marble Falls. He added that he didn't know if they rented that out or what, but he had seen it all around the Marble Falls area. Mayor Pickens stated that he had seen it around. Mr. Pugh stated that he would make a donation towards the rental if they would put it up by his house. Commissioner Pfeifer stated that he didn't know if that was accurate or not. He added according to his truck, which had been checked, the machine was off by ten miles an hour. Mr. Pugh asked if he didn't think it was a good idea. Commissioner Pfeifer stated that he thought it was a good idea. Mr. Pugh stated that if it would slow down one speeder by his house it was worth it to him. He then suggested finding out how much it cost, as he might be able to afford the entire cost. Commissioner Hildebrand stated that Chris and Patty were not the only concerned citizens. He noted that he was concerned about it and he saw that same kid. He added that it was not always the same kid. Mayor Pickens stated that he had different people in different vehicles speeding by his house, too. Mr. Pugh stated that he had talked to the two Police Officers out here to talk to the kid and nothing had happened. He added that it was a waste of his breath and that is why they were here tonight. Commissioner Pfeifer stated that we would talk to Steve. Commissioner Hildebrand stated that he thought we ought to have a policy stating what the Police Officers are required to do while on duty. He stated that from his experience working for the City a lot of things went undone, and if we had to rewrite policy to make the citizens feel safe then that was well worth the time. Mr. Bill Plumley stated that he was concerned about the Police Department, too. He stated that he saw Steve at Marty McFly's way too often and too long. He explained how he and his family were in there having dinner one night and Steve came in around 7:30 went right behind the bar and made him self a drink of tea or whatever. He stated that forty-five minutes later he was still there. He noted that he walked up to Steve because he knows him and told him that there was an awful lot of speeding down Oak Lane. He added that Steve left for fifteen minutes and then was back. He added that two hours later he was still there. He stated that this was a Friday night, but he didn't know if it was the same night the kids were drinking beer at the park and turning over the granite sign. He noted that he had lived here over three years and had never seen an officer drive down Oak Lane. He added that he had nothing against Steve he thought he was a nice guy. He explained how his son's bike was stolen and when he went to the Police Department to file a complaint the report consisted of a yellow legal pad in which Steve wrote yellow mongoose on. He stated that it was great that somebody had written some citation this week, but what about at night. He added he didn't want to get the guy in trouble, but maybe he needs to focus on his job more. Mr. Pugh stated that when Walter Ellis was here he would patrol for hours on end. He added that Walter may not have written tickets, but he would tell people to slow down, and they would. Mr. Plumley stated that they never stop at the stop sign on Willow Drive. Mayor Pickens stated that there again, we have that same problem all over the City. He added that in front of his house on Pine there is a stop sign, and they do not stop. Mr. Pugh stated that he should get Steve out of Marty's and out on the road.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Pickens adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Laurel Kant, City Secretary  
Replaces Original Minutes  
Dec. 21, 2008

**TENA COLLIER, CITY SECRETARY**







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Dale Pickens - Mayor

Tena Collier - City Secretary

## AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

I hereby request the following subject to be placed on the Agenda for the next Regular Meeting of the City Commissioners of the City of Cottonwood Shores, Texas:

Date of next Regular Meeting: 8-21-03

Subject to be addressed:

grinder pump  
refund expenses for repair due  
to improper installation.

Informational  
Presentation:

Yes ✓ No       

Requires Action  
by Commission:

Yes ✓ No       

Name(s) of requester: Doris J Middleton

Address: 100 Kings Way

Phone No.: 830-693-3893

Doris J Middleton 8-21-03  
Requester Date

Tena Collier 8-8-03 10:20  
Received by City Employee Date Time a.m./p.m.

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I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL, 3808 COTTONWOOD DRIVE, COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS ON THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2003 AT 5:00 P.M.

ATTEST:



TENA COLLIER, CITY SECRETARY

