

CITY OF HUNTERS CREEK VILLAGE, TEXAS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 20, 2007

The City Council of the City of Hunters Creek Village, Texas held its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at City Hall, #1 Hunters Creek Place, Hunters Creek Village, Texas.

Present:	Mayor	Steve Reichek
	Council Members:	Peggy Burck, Mayor Pro Tem
		Art Casper
		Michael Cokinos
		Roger Stark
		George Shannon
	City Secretary:	Deborah Loesch
	City Attorney:	John Hightower

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Reichek called the session to order at 7:36 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were received from the following:

Juliet Peterson, 713 Camelot Lane, requested an update on what plans were being discussed to correct the flooding issues on Camelot Lane. Mayor Reichek agreed to meet with the residents of the subdivision to discuss what they would be willing to agree on before council could make a decision on how the design plans should be drawn. The Mayor as well as other council members were willing to meet at a time agreeable with the residents.

Wendy Dalton, 714 Camelot Lane, commented on the poor drainage of the street and that her property looked like a lake had formed across the yard.

Janice Jucker, 10406 Memorial Drive, commented on the progress of the Memorial Drive Phase 3 & 4 project was going well, but communications is a key. She was concerned with the tree cutting of several large oaks in the easement and that she had been told they would not be cut. Upon returning from vacation she found they had been significantly cut back. She suggested that the trees be replaced with 100-gallon size trees and also that the city should consider replacing the sprinkler system connections in the easements. She also stated concerns that the brick pavers, planters, lighting in the easement were removed as they were told to do, but the ligustrums remained in place. Why were they not removed?

Steve Read, 10402 Memorial Drive, commented on his concerns that the Magnolias in his yard were trimmed twice, with the second time without any authorization.

Ed Holland, 314 Shasta, commented on the enforcement of the ordinances for signs in the residential district.

REPORTS

Mayor Reichek reported that he has met with the other mayors on the issues regarding the Villages Insurance Cooperative Board. He received a letter from the City Attorney for Piney Point Village that it was in their opinion they had not withdrawn from the cooperative. They are trying to resolve the issues on the conditions for withdrawing and returning to the cooperative if you choose not to accept the insurance plan of the cooperative. The mayor is planning to meet with Mike Montgomery of the Water Authority, Mayor Sue Speck of Hedwig Village, and Mayor Mike Andrews of Spring Valley to work on getting everyone back in the cooperative. Councilmember Cokinos recommended that the city's representative on the board not be someone who is a beneficiary to the plan.

Allan Watson with Cobb Fendley & Associates reported for the Mayor on the railings at Memorial Drive crossing Soldiers Creek that all surveying is complete and structural plans are 90% complete. Mayor Reichek reported that he has submitted a request to Metro for 50% funding from the Multi-Cities program.

Mayor Reichek reported that city has contracted with vendors to work on cleaning the ditches at Gawain, Country Lane, and Lindenwood.

Bob Dodson reported that the City Engineer Selection Committee has been formed that includes Mike Schoenberger, Jay Carlton, and himself. The committee has identified specific tasks to bring to council a well documented contract and expectations during the selection process. Each member will be conducting interviews with various individuals to assist in developing the scope of qualifications.

Councilmember Burck stated that she would like to discuss at the next council meeting the bicycle ordinance prohibiting riding on public streets such as Memorial Drive and Voss Road.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Dodson, City Treasurer, reported that the city has completed the purchase of US Treasury Bills investing all of the reserve funds and are scheduled to renew every month at \$170,000 each. Deposits at Wells Fargo at the end of January were approximately \$9 million, all fully secured; however, there was an error in interest earned in once which was lower than agreed by contract. Adjustments will be made on the March statement. According to the delinquent tax attorney, Hal Gordon, Paul Licatta has not paid the 2005 taxes but was expecting payment by the end of March. 2006 taxes are also outstanding. He requested that staff and the mayor look at the format of the budget and management reports to provide line item entries for contracts.

Police Commissioner: Police Chief Gary Brye reported that the department was operating under budget and currently has one personnel vacancy. The 2006 audit is proceeding. The DARE program is continuing in the schools. They are considering adding an additional officer in each village for STEP to the current staffing. A group of residents working with the department have identified that construction sites contribute to

burglary incidents in the city. The department is working to set up procedures to be proactive in investigating these properties while under construction. They are recommending the construction sites install fencing, lighting and considering adding additional fees for this service to the permit fee structure. Mayor Reichel requested the Chief to look into making the minutes of the commission meetings available on the web site.

Engineer's Report: Bobby Deden, Project Manager for Memorial Drive Phase 3 & 4 project reported that contractor is currently laying 72" concrete pipe between Kuhlman and Three Corners (west entrance). The permanent water line for Three Corners is complete and temporary service should be switched to permanent service in the next couple of weeks. Work is progressing on the 36" storm sewer at Three Corners with a small section has been placed at Three Corners (east entrance). Work is proceeding on schedule at the 43rd day of 320 days, with a couple of rain delays. No change orders have been submitted. Bobby Deden explained the tree trimming process as was approved by Brad Hendricks, Urban Forester, trying to save as many shrubs as possible. He will provide the recommendations at the next meeting. He also explained why the sidewalks are moved and not against the easement due to variations to placement of the drains. They are placed 2-3 feet off the right-of-way line.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilmember Stark made a motion to request that item #1 be removed from Consent Agenda and placed in the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cokinos and the motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Burck and a second by Councilmember Shannon, the Council voted unanimously to approve and adopt consent agenda item 2 follows:

2. Approval of an interim Professional Services Agreement with Cobb Fendley & Associates, Inc. to provide professional engineering services as City Engineer.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 27, 2007 council meeting.

Councilmember Stark requested that a correction to the minutes be made to item #9 on the agenda to include the statement "and requested that George Bridges remain on the job until a qualified replacement is found." With that correction being so noted, a motion was made by Councilmember Shannon with a second by Councilmember Burck to approve the minutes as modified. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding sign regulations in residential district R.

Staff reported that several complaints have been received regarding signs being placed on properties in the residential district and the enforcement of the ordinance. There were explanations of the current sign ordinances which does not allow for signs such as alarm company (security signs), school athletic recognition signs, etc. Sign regulations for schools and churches are very restrictive in size and these signs are currently non-conforming. Council was advised that since any changes to these regulations are included in the zoning ordinance the process for any amendments would need to begin with a review by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

With no further comments forthcoming, a motion was made by Councilmember Burck with a second by Councilmember Casper to forward this issue to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and to make recommendations for applicable changes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action to consider approving an ordinance amending the budget for fiscal year 2007 for amendment #3 revising general ledger accounts for capital projects and consulting services.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stark with a second by Councilmember Shannon to approve Ordinance No. 681 amending the budget for fiscal year 2007 providing for the re-designation of general ledger accounts for capital projects and to appropriate funds in the amount of \$31,350 from general fund balance and transfer of funds from capital funds 9004e in the amount of \$28,050 to general fund account 6503 for consulting services associated with the contract with Doug Williams. The motion carried.

Voting Aye: 4 (Shannon, Cokinos, Casper and Stark), Nay: 1 (Burck).

5. Discussion and possible action to consider a revised agreement with Doug Williams to provide consulting services.

A motion was made by Councilmember Stark with a second by Councilmember Cokinos to continue the existing consulting contract with Doug Williams for the remainder of the year at the rate set forth in the contract subject to its current provisions. The motion carried.

Voting Aye: 3 (Shannon, Cokinos, Stark), Nay: 2 (Burck, Casper)

The letter agreement with Doug Williams approved in January 2006 is on file in the City Secretary's office and referred to in these minutes by reference.

6. Discussion of possible acquisition of real estate.

No action was taken on this item.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The City Council met in a closed session pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code, Section

551.072, to discuss real estate transactions. The closed meeting convened at 10:28 p.m. and adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

8. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING. At 10:41 p.m. the Open Meeting reconvened.

ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

A motion was made by Councilmember Casper with a second by Councilmember Cokinos to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Loesch, TRMC
City Secretary

These minutes approved on the 17th day of April, 2007.

Ordinance No. 681 is on file in the City Secretary's office and is made a part of these minutes by reference.