

CITY OF HUNTERS CREEK VILLAGE, TEXAS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2007

The City Council of the City of Hunters Creek Village, Texas held its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 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 7:35 p.m.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Reichek announced that the week of April 15-21, 2007 is “National Volunteer Week” and proclaimed this week as National Volunteer Week in Hunters Creek Village and also declared April 19, 2007 as Volunteer Appreciation Day “You Make the Difference” in Hunters Creek Village. This proclamation recognized the service our citizens make by committing their time in addressing the needs of the community by volunteering their many skills and talents and encourage others to participate as volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were received from the following:

Jim Trippon, 745 Camelot Lane, thanked the Mayor for his leadership in getting a drainage project moving for Camelot Woods and hoped that the interim work on Camelot would continue. In addition he requested the expediting of funding for the drainage project.

Juliet Peterson, 713 Camelot Lane, requested a possible time line for the start of the drainage project for Camelot Woods.

REPORTS

Mayor’s Report:

City Engineer Selection Committee Report. Bob Dodson reported that the committee had completed their interviews with individuals to obtain a better

understanding of the services required of a city engineer. He believes that the committee is now ready to prepare a solicitation document for council approval and could be ready to go to schedule presentations in August with a short list of candidates thereafter. Council interviews will be then scheduled.

Maintenance on the ditches at Camelot Lane is continuing. Vacuum truck pulled out a lot of roots and debris. The work started at Country Lane and Gawain then to Camelot. They are watching the flow of water before putting down the grass.

Metro's Multi-Cities General Mobility Program. Mayor Reichek reported that the City has received information confirming funding of future projects through 2014.

Recodification of City Ordinances. Deborah Loesch, City Secretary, reported that the redlined comparison version of the recodified document has been received and is being reviewed by her office as well as John Hightower, City Attorney. A recommendation of the changes will be made a future council meeting upon completion of that review.

Additionally, the Mayor reported that he will be attending the Harris County's Hurricane Preparedness conference. He will report at the next meeting.

Fire Commissioner's Report: Elwin Peacock, Fire Commissioner, reported that the department is currently running at 1.43% under budget with a 5 minute response time. Calls for service are down. The audit has been completed and determined there is a \$256,870 surplus with approximately \$51,000 being returned to Hunters Creek. The budget for next year is being put together and anticipates a \$4 million dollar budget for 2008 with increases due to salaries with to provide an increase in salaries for various levels for all employees to maintain equality with City of Houston pay standards. May 19 is the annual Spring Shrimp Boil

Police Commissioner's Report: Police Chief Gary Brye explained a pilot program that he has been working with Hunters Creek residents to increase surveillance of construction site. It has been determined that increase in certain crime areas is directly associated with the construction sites. They are looking at how a police officer can legally enter the site. John Hightower is drafting an ordinance for Hunters Creek to set a procedure for providing a waiver of consent for them to enter. Councilmember Shannon encouraged the mayor to pursue this matter.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Dodson, City Treasurer, reported that deposits earned about 5.11% on investments with all bank accounts fully reconciled without adjustment. Completed all investments on treasury bills with automatic renewals in place. Hal Gordon, delinquent tax attorney, reported that Paul Licata has paid in full 2005 taxes, but has not yet paid the 2006 taxes, which will not be considered delinquent until June. Also, he has reviewed the investment policy and recommends no changes.

Engineer's Report:

Memorial Drive Railings at Soldiers Creek Erin Custer with Cobb Fendley reported that the water and sewer lines will need to be relocated and expect to have a preliminary cost estimate at the next council meeting and will be ready to put the project out for bid.

Funding for drainage project for Camelot Woods. Doug Williams reported that he has met with Mike Talbott with Harris County Flood Control seeking \$1.5 million for the project. He was encouraged that funds would be available and expected that within 60-90 days we would have a verbal agreement and then we can authorize a preliminary plans to be drawn.

Soldiers Creek at Pifer Road Bridge outfall. Currently trying to clean out the debris and remove obstacles to help the flow of the water down stream and out of the culvert. Crews are shooting elevations and then will prepare a work scope to go out for bid. There is major blockage from concrete sacks, limbs, natural debris. Councilmember Burck expressed her concern that the elevation of the culvert is causing a blockage at the bridge.

Memorial Drive Phase 3 & 4 drainage and paving improvement project. Bobby Deden, Project Manager, reported that the water line on the north side of Memorial Drive has been completed. They are waiting on test results then they can hook up to the permanent line. Boring under Memorial Drive has begun for the storm sewer and has poured several driveways along Memorial and will soon start pouring sidewalks. The contract is on schedule with possible early completion currently 20% complete). No change orders have been requested and \$1.2M has been expended to date. Contractor crews are parking at City Hall; however, on Wednesdays when Municipal Court is in session, the parking has become a problem because the crews take up the majority of the spaces. It was agreed that the crews will park at another location on Wednesdays only.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilmember Shannon requested 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.

Upon a motion made by Councilmember Casper and a second by Councilmember Shannon, the Council voted unanimously to approve and adopt consent agenda items 2 through 5 as follows:

2. Approval of Ordinance No. 682 providing for the appointment Ed Holland as a replacement alternate presiding judge for the General Election on May 12, 2007.
3. Acceptance of the resignation of Mary Johnson as an alternate on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

4. Approval of the expenditure of \$14,996.00 to upgrade the traffic signal light at Memorial and Voss to LED bulbs from funds appropriated in the 2007 budget.
5. Approval of Ordinance No. 683 amending the budget for amendment #4 for fiscal year 2007 appropriating funds for final pay estimate to Bean Construction for \$8,934.87 for the Pifer Bridge Improvements project.

#### REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the March 20, 2007 council meeting.  
Councilmember Shannon made a motion to amend the minutes for item #5 on the regular agenda to revise the motion to include the statement “subject to its current provisions.” A second to the motion was made by Councilmember Burck. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Discussion and possible action to review and consider possible revision to the City’s investment policy and investment strategies.  
Bob Dodson, City Treasurer, reviewed the current investment policy and recommended that the 2005 policy is adequate to protect the city’s interest and that no changes are necessary or advisable. The City Council was provided with a copy of the policy for its review. Having considered the recommendations of the City Treasurer, a motion was made by Councilmember Cokinos with a second by Councilmember Shannon to approve Resolution No. 07-02 confirming that the Council has reviewed the City’s investment policy and investment strategies and has concluded that no changes are necessary or advisable. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Discussion and possible action to consider a request to allow parking in the right-of-way on Las Alamedas Way.  
Doug Williams and Dennis Holm presented a request from Las Alamedas Restaurant to include a portion of the right-of-way of Las Alamedas Way (52 feet of frontage road in front of the restaurant parking area) as a part of the parking lot to provide additional parking spaces. The asphalt parking lot has recently been replaced with concrete. Las Alamedas is prepared to pay for the construction to city standards and with the understanding that they have no exclusive use of the area.  
A motion was made by Councilmember Casper with a second by Councilmember Cokinos to permit the pavement of the right-of-way for the use of parking spaces with the understanding that the improved area remains city property. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Discussion and possible action to consider appointing Raymond L. Thomas as the City of Hunters Creek Village’s representative to the Villages Insurance Cooperative Board.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cokinos with a second by Councilmember Casper to appoint Raymond L. Thomas as the city's representative on the Villages Insurance Cooperative Board. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible action to consider the default rates for 2007 for telecommunications right-of-way access line rates.

A motion was made by Councilmember Burck with a second by Councilmember Casper to accept the default rates for 2007 as adjusted for inflation for an increase of 1.7%. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action to consider placing stop signs at various intersections in Creekside subdivision.

No action taken.

11. Discussion and possible action to consider a request to participate in fence repairs on private property adjacent to city property.

There was discussion with no action taken. Council requested that Deborah Loesch, City Secretary, contact the property owner to determine a cost estimate for repairs, how the property owner would like the fence repaired, and report back at the next council meeting.

12. Discussion and possible action to consider amending Article 12.400 of the Code of Ordinances to permit the use of public streets to bicycle riders when there is no bicycle path available.

There was discussion with no action taken. The discussions included standard requirements for bicycle lanes, safety issues, and consulting with a traffic engineer to address these issues. Councilmember Burck and Deborah Loesch, City Secretary will work together to make contacts with traffic engineers. Councilmember Casper proposed talking with J. R. Daley for assistance.

13. Discussion and possible action to consider a request from Doug Gilstrap to waive penalties and interest due on 2005 property taxes.

Determining that a computer error at the tax office, Memorial Villages Water Authority as the City's tax assessor/collector, resulted in the tax statement being undeliverable to the property owner in accordance with Section 33.011(b) of the Texas Property Tax Code, a motion was made by Councilmember Burck with a second by Councilmember Casper to approve the waiver of penalty and interest on 2005 taxes due for 265 Bryn Mawr. The motion carried unanimously

ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

A motion was made by Councilmember Stark with a second by Councilmember Cokinos to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Deborah L. Loesch*

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City Secretary

These minutes approved on the 15th day of May, 2007.

Ordinance Nos. 682, 683 and Resolution No. 07-02 are on file in the City Secretary's office and are made a part of these minutes by reference.