

CITY OF HUNTERS CREEK VILLAGE, TEXAS  
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALLED  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 28, 2008

The City Council of the City of Hunters Creek Village, Texas determining that an emergency exists of urgent public necessity requiring immediate need to take action to address serious personnel issues in order to avoid substantial disruptions to the operations of the City's Building Inspection Department, to preserve valuable human resources, and to protect the City's interest in consideration of threatened litigation, held a special called meeting on Friday, March 28, 2008 at 12:00 noon in the City Hall at #1 Hunters Creek Place, Hunters Creek Village, Texas.

Present: Mayor J. Robert Dodson III  
Council Members: Michael Cokinos, Mayor Pro Tem  
Peggy Burck  
Art Casper  
Roger Stark  
David Wegner  
Asst. City Secretary: Carmen Knezeak  
City Attorney: John Hightower

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Dodson called the session to order at 12:01 p.m. It was noted that Deborah Loesch, City Secretary was not in attendance.

Under a point of privilege, Councilmember Roger Stark stated that he objected to the call of the emergency meeting that in his opinion and understanding of the law these items did not qualify under the Open Meetings Act as an emergency. Councilmember Stark quoted directly from the Act what is required to call an emergency meeting. The Mayor indicated that having participated with the Personnel Committee which considered certain personnel matters, the emergency meeting was appropriate. Councilperson Burck reiterated that as a member of the Personnel Committee she too felt that the matter should be immediately resolved. Councilmember Stark made a motion to not hold the meeting because no formal complaint had been filed against him and the issue with the building inspector had been known for several months and therefore did not constitute an emergency. The motion died due to a lack of a second. The meeting continued.

The City Council recessed into executive session at 12:16 p.m. for discussion of some or all of the items on the agenda as permitted under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 to consult with the City's attorney and under Section 551.074 relating to personnel matters. The executive session concluded at 12:49 p.m.

The Council reconvened in open session to take action on the following items.

1. Discussion and possible action to consider the duties and possible discipline of Councilmember Roger Stark.

A motion was made by Councilmember Casper with a second by Councilmember Burck to censure Councilmember Stark and to bar him from City Hall beyond Council Chambers and to bar him from any direct communication with any of City Staff unless in the presence of Mayor Dodson for an indefinite period of time. The motion carried. Voting: Aye (4) – Burck, Casper, Cokinos, Wegner; Nay (1) – Stark.

2. Discussion and possible action on threatened legal action by contract building inspector, Roy Palermo.

A motion was made by Councilmember Burck with a second by Councilmember Casper to concur with the Mayor's intention to issue a public apology to Mr. Roy Palermo for poor choice of words and directed the City Attorney to establish contact with Mr. Sam Palermo. The motion carried unanimously.

Before the meeting was adjourned, a letter from Steve Reichel was read by Councilmember Stark for the record stating his objection to the calling of an emergency meeting for consideration of these matters.

ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Robert Dodson III  
Mayor

These minutes approved on the 15th day of April, 2008.