

CITY OF HUNTERS CREEK VILLAGE, TEXAS
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2008

The City Council of the City of Hunters Creek Village, Texas held a special meeting and workshop on Thursday, October 7, 2008, at City Hall, #1 Hunters Creek Place, Hunters Creek Village, Texas.

Present:	Mayor	Bob Dodson
	Council Members:	Steve Reichel Peggy Burck Ed Neuhaus David Wegner
	City Secretary:	Deborah Loesch
	City Attorney:	John Hightower

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Dodson called the session to order at 12:00 p.m. It was noted that Councilmember Roger Stark was not in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. The second of two public hearings was held on the proposed property tax rate that will result in an increase of the total tax revenues from property values on the tax roll. Mayor Dodson opened the hearing for comments. Comments were received from Jim Frankel opposed to the tax rate increase because values continue to increase; Jim Pittman opposed to the tax rate increase especially since the disaster and should only consider doing projects that are of necessity or emergencies; Tod Dimitry opposes the tax rate increase stating the city should maintain staff and public safety levels with no new projects until we see what the market does next year; Patricia Pittone encouraged the council to continue to do projects that are needed especially those that will prevent street flooding; and Jeff McClanahan commented his opposition to the increase. Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed.
2. Mayor Dodson announced that the council would be voting on the tax rate at their regular meeting on October 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP

A work shop session was held to discuss the following items that will be considered at the regular meeting on October 21, 2008 or any future meetings. The following items are for discussion purposes only and no formal action will be taken.

1. Consider and discuss the proposed budget and tax rate for fiscal year 2009. The Council reviewed presentations of the budget based a tax rate of \$0.205/\$100 and \$0.185/\$100. Council directed the City Secretary to prepare two budgets based on the 2 rates. In addition, Councilmember Burck requested that an additional \$40,000 plus ancillary costs for payroll to provide for any future changes in staffing. This will be on the agenda for October 21, 2008.
2. Consider and discuss the current garbage contract and assignment to Royal Disposal and discuss possible negotiations for a new contract. Councilmember Reichek reported on the conversations he had with Royal Disposal as well as V. F. Waste Services. Further negotiations are required unless the Council is willing to continue to work under the assignment of the contract with Royal Disposal as is. Councilmember Reichek will report further at the October 21, 2008 meeting.
3. Consider and discuss an ordinance approving a franchise agreement with CenterPoint Energy Electric LLC. Councilmember Burck stated that she would like to negotiate further with CenterPoint on term length and other programs not included in the franchise agreement, such as the tree trimming program which would provide a third option agreement. Councilmember Burck agreed to take a minimal use of the city attorney's time in approaching CenterPoint on this matter.
4. Consider and discuss a report by the Mayor on the replacement of the fence surrounding the city hall property. The Mayor reported that he met with the property owners at #1, #2, and #3 Pine Grove with a proposal for the City to participate in replacing a portion of the fence surrounding the city hall property on the northern property line. The estimated cost for the city's portion would be about \$8,000. Council directed the City Secretary to prepare a letter agreement indicating the city's participation based on 60/40 at the entrance to the city property and 50/50 participation for the remainder of the fence that neither party will remove the fence without the consent of all property owners, and no gates will be installed. Approval of the letter agreement will be presented and considered for approval at the October 21, 2008.
5. The followings items had been tabled from previous meetings and will be considered again on October 21, 2008:
 - a. draft ordinance regulating the collection and disposal of solid waste within the City;
 - b. final report from Planning & Zoning Commission and draft ordinance governing fences and walls in Section 44-163 of the Code of Ordinances;
 - c. final report from Planning & Zoning Commission and draft ordinance governing placement of swimming pools on non-conforming lots as a special exception in Section 44-157 (5) of the Code of Ordinances;
 - d. designate a representative and alternate to the H-GAC's 2009 General Assembly; and

- e. cast votes for the Board of Trustees election for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.
6. City Engineer's Report. Charles Eastland presented a revised Capital Improvement Plan from a five year plan to a 12 year plan. Moving some of the projects planned for 2010 – 2013 further towards 7 years from 2009. A full report on on-going activities on the following projects will be presented at the October 21, 2008 regular meeting:
- a. Camelot Woods drainage and paving improvement project;
 - b. Requesting authorizing to solicit bids for the Inwood Oaks/April Way/Beinhorn (between Voss Road and Hedwig Road) drainage improvement project;
 - c. Present a mock up of the pedestrian hand rail to be installed on Memorial Drive at Lindenwood;
 - d. Relocating the decorative light standards on the bridge at Soldiers Creek Crossing.

ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

With there being no further discussions, the special meeting and workshop adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah L. Loesch, TRMC
City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the 21st day of October, 2008.