

CITY OF HUNTERS CREEK VILLAGE, TEXAS
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALLED
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

The City Council of the City of Hunters Creek Village, Texas held a special called meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at City Hall, #1 Hunters Creek Place, Hunters Creek Village, Texas.

Present:	Mayor	David Wegner
	Council Members:	Stephen Reichel
		Ed Neuhaus
		Bonnie McMillan
		Michael Schoenberger
		Jim Pappas
	City Administrator/	
	City Secretary:	Deborah Loesch

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Wegner called the session to order at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING. 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.

The public hearing was opened for public comments. Only one resident was present for the hearing. Pat Wakefield asked for an explanation for the tax increase. The Mayor explained the actual tax rate was not increasing but that the tax increase from property values was increasing. He also explained that the additional revenue was needed to complete the capital projects planned for drainage improvements. Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Wegner announced that the council will vote on the tax rate on October 8, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion and possible action to consider the award of the bid for the Bingle Road Guard Rail and Sidewalk Improvement Project.

Bids were opened on Friday, September 25 with 7 bidders submitting proposals. The low bidder was TOPCO with a bid amount of \$56,064.20. The City Engineer, Charles Eastland, presented their recommendation to award the bid to the low bidder, TOPCO, and based on their experience and capability to complete the work. With that recommendation, a motion was made by Councilmember McMillan with a second by Councilmember Neuhaus to award the bid to TOPCO. The motion carried unanimously. It was noted that Councilmember Reichel was not present when the vote was taken.

Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 747 adopting Amendment #6 for fiscal year 2009 appropriating funds in the amount of \$46,000 for sprinkler system installations in city rights-of-way.

A motion was made by Councilmember Neuhaus with a second by Councilmember Schoenberger to approve Ordinance No. 747 adopting Amendment #6 to the 2009 fiscal year budget in the amount of \$46,000 for the installation of sprinkler systems in the city rights-of-way. The motion carried unanimously. It was noted that Councilmember Reichel was not present when the vote was taken.

Discussion and possible action regarding Snow Day activities.

Mayor Wegner explained that the First Congregational Church has agreed to allow the Snow Day activities to be held on their property. Since the Council previously had authorized the expenditure of \$2500 to be used to participate with the City of Piney Point Village in connection with their snow day activities, the Mayor was asking for Council to approve the City hosting the event separate from Piney Point's activities. A motion was made by Councilmember Neuhaus with a second by Councilmember Schoenberger to authorize the Snow Day event to be held at the First Congregational Church on December 5th, with a rain date of December 12th. The motion carried unanimously. It was noted that Councilmember Reichel was not present when the vote was taken.

Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed budget for fiscal year 2010 and proposed budget for group insurance coverage for employees for 2010.

A resident from the Timberglen Subdivision was present and expressed their concerns of the flooding and deteriorating streets in the subdivision. The improvements are scheduled in the Capital Improvements Program for 2011, however, they would like to see the priority for this project move up and be completed in 2010. The project involving Storywood is being re-evaluated for alternatives and Councilmember Schoenberger requested that in that evaluation consider only paving one side of Storywood if possible. There was discussion with no action taken.

Deborah Loesch, City Administrator, advised the Council on the renewal rates for the employee medical insurance coverage for 2010. The original renewal rates for the current plan came in at a 43.5% increase. The broker was asked to go back to Aetna and see if there could be any further reduction to get the costs lowered. The best rate they would offer would be a 39% increase. There were no other rates from other carriers received by the Insurance Cooperative. However, there were 3 plans offered by the Board providing 2 HMO plans and 1 PPO plan. Since all of our employees are currently in the PPO plan, Ms. Loesch, advised that the PPO plan would be the only option to consider. The new plan would provide a 15.7% increase over the current plan with some reduction in benefits. Councilmember Schoenberger stated that he was concerned that none of the plans provided very good benefits. After further discussions, a motion was made by


Councilmember Neuhaus with a second by Councilmember Schoenberger to accept the new insurance coverage as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A second motion was made by Councilmember Neuhaus with a second by Councilmember Reichek to cap the employee deductible at \$1500 with the city paying the last \$500 of the \$2000 deductible and to continue to require the employees to participate in the cost of the premium at \$15 per month deducted from the payroll. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

A motion was made by Councilmember Reichek with a second by Councilmember Schoenberger to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah L. Loesch, TRMC
City Administrator/City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the 27th day of October, 2009.

Ordinance No. 747 is on file in the City Secretary's office and are made a part of these minutes by reference.