

**CITY OF HUNTERS CREEK VILLAGE, TEXAS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 25, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Hunters Creek Village, Texas held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at City Hall, #1 Hunters Creek Place, Hunters Creek Village, Texas.

Present:	Mayor:	Jim Pappas
	Councilmembers:	Stuart Marks
		Fidel Sapien
		Ken Spalding
		Chip Cowell
		Jay Carlton
	City Attorney:	John Hightower
	City Administrator:	Tom Fullen
	City Secretary:	Crystal R. Dozier
	City Building Official:	Robert Pemberton
	City Engineer:	Steve Byington

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor Jim Pappas called the session to order at 6:01 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Chief Foster and invocation led by Mayor Pappas.

PUBLIC HEARING. A public hearing will be held before the City Council for the purpose of receiving testimony for or against for proposed amendments to the Zoning Chapter of the City of Hunters Creek Village to: establish new maximum heights, for anything built or placed in a required rear or side yard. More specifically, maximum heights, as measured from natural ground level, would be limited to: 8' if located 5-10' from the rear and side property lines; 10' if located 10-15' from the rear and side property lines; or 15' if located more than 15' from the rear and side property lines.

The Public Hearing was opened for comments. Ronnie Weinstein at 733 E. Creekside addressed the residents on the issue he brought forth to the Council regarding accessory structures. Matt Pasternak at 451 Hunterwood, Philip Curry at 745 W. Creekside, and Matt Benner 12 Voss Park all spoke before the Council either for or against the proposed amendments to the Zoning Chapter, the public hearing was closed.

1. Discussion and possible action to receive the final report and recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

A motion was made by Councilman Cowell to receive the final report and recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission with a second from Councilman Sapien. The vote to carry the motion was unanimous.

2. Discussion and possible action to consider an ordinance to: establish new maximum heights, for anything built or placed in a required rear or side yard. More specifically, maximum heights, as measured from natural ground level, would be limited to: 8' if located 5-10' from the rear and side property lines;

10' if located 10-15' from the rear and side property lines; or 15' if located more than 15' from the rear and side property lines.

A motion was made by Councilman Spalding to refer the proposed amendment back to the Planning and Zoning Commission with instructions to consider the following: a) whether the restrictions should be limited to structures with roofs or covers; b) how the proposed new restrictions would relate to the current one-story limitation on accessory structures; and c) whether the new restrictions should apply to the regulatory front yard. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sapien. The vote to carry the motion was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

Treasurer: Shanoop Kothari, City Treasurer was not present. Tom Fullen, City Administrator, presented the financial report at the Budget Workshop on Monday, July 24, 2017.

Police Commission: Commission Reichel presented the police report and gave a brief summary of recent events. TCO Della Stephens resigned effective July 7th and will be moving to Linden, Texas to be closer to her family. An employment offer was extended to TCO Jessica Hoffman for Waller, Texas and she started on July 9th. Officer Samantha Smith submitted her letter of resignation on July 4th due to health issues. Officer Marks Stokes has informed the Department that he is seeking employment in the Corpus Christi area, as his spouse recently obtained employment there. There was an EPI investigation involving an officer for disabling safety equipment in his vehicle. The complaint was sustained and a disciplinary suspension was imposed and served.

- On 6/23/17, HPD conducted a high speed pursuit that entered the Villages and that involved two suspects who were armed and who had been involved in a shooting. MVPD personnel monitored the pursuit as it entered Bunker Hill and moved into the area without getting specifically involved. When the suspect vehicle went down a cul-de-sac and could not exit, the suspects fled on foot. MVPD officers were close by and immediately set-up a perimeter. Within minutes the suspects were taken into custody.
- On 6/27/17 officers investigating a suspicious vehicle, while conducting a house check, located 2 subjects in a vehicle displaying a license plate that belonged on a different vehicle. The female suspect had outstanding active warrants for her arrest and the male suspect was a registered Aryan gang member and sex offender. One was arrested and the other was ID'd and escorted from the area.
- On 6/22/17 officers investigated a burglary in the 200 block of Gessner. The same suspect had broken into 2 homes in Houston, just north of Memorial, and was surprised by residents. He fled from the area. It is believed that he broke into the Gessner home to change clothes, as his clothing was located in the bedroom and other clothing was missing. Detectives were able to locate surveillance photos of the suspect vehicle, however no license plate was readable. Investigation is on-going.

Fire Commission: Chief Foster, presented the fire report and gave a brief summary on recent events. The Department is currently fully staffed. The Commission is meeting

tomorrow, Wednesday, July 26th. The new ladder truck is currently in San Antonio getting outfitted for service.

Building Official: Robert Pemberton, City Building Official gave a brief summary of the building report.

City Engineer: Steve Byington, City Engineer was not present. Tom Fullen, City Administrator reported on the following public work projects:

a. Comprehensive CIP Plan Progress

A summary and appendices was provided to council at the budget workshop held on Monday, July 24th. A report will be provided to council at the next council meeting giving them different options to move forward with.

b. Traffic Signal Upgrade

The controller cabinets were upgraded in 2015. \$30K is budgeted for additional detection upgrades. The project will be performed this year. \$200k has been budgeted this year for additional signal upgrades. The proposed upgrade at the Memorial and Voss intersection is estimated at \$280K including the pedestrian ramps at all corners, ornamental poles, and mast arms. The ornamental features make up approximately 10% increase in cost of intersection.

At the next meeting there will be an agenda item to approve a proposed city engineering services contract amendment for the traffic signal upgrades.

c. Two Outfall Rehabilitation

A field survey is ongoing now for both sites. Internal video inspection is scheduled for next week and design basis and updated preliminary cost estimate anticipated by the end of August.

Mayor and Council Reports

a. City of Hedwig Village's I-10 Development

Mayor Pappas reported no plans have been submitted to the City of Hedwig Village for the development of property located along I-10 abutting Hunters Creek Village. However plans have been submitted for the lot located at the corner of I-10 and Brogden.

Mayor Pappas also reported that the City has successfully hosted two License to Carry Concealed Handgun classes. The classes were facilitated by R C (Randy) Woodum, who is the owner of All Services Corp., and a resident of the Memorial Villages. The next class will be held on August, 23rd and it will be ladies only.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 22, 2017.
2. Approval of the Cash Disbursement Journal for June, 2017.
3. Approval to declare the 2005 Chevy pickup as surplus property and authorize the mayor to sell by public auction.

A motion was made by Councilman Spalding to approve the Consent Agenda and Councilman Marks seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget for the Villages Fire Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Carlton to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget for the Villages Fire Department and Councilman Spalding seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve the Village Fire Department 2016 Intra-Budgetary Transfers.

A motion was made by Councilman Carlton to approve the Village Fire Department 2016 Intra-Budgetary Transfers and Councilman Marks seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

3. Discussion and possible action to terminate the contract with Harris County Health Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Spalding to table this item to the next meeting and to direct staff to get a list of credentials of: schools, business, municipalities and farmers markets that Bureau Veritas contracts with and also provided an example of a standard ordinance. Councilman Sapien seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

4. Discussion and possible action to contract with Bureau Veritas to provide health inspections.

No action taken.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the proposed trash pick-up days by WCA to Wednesdays for recycling and trash and Saturdays for trash only.

A motion was made by Councilman Spalding to table the item to the next meeting and to direct staff to get clarification on better days for trash pick-up and Councilman Marks seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the agreement between Hunters Creek Village and Spring Branch School District to assess and collect ad valorem taxes.

A motion was made by Councilman Spalding to approve the agreement between Hunters Creek Village and Spring Branch School District to assess and collect ad valorem taxes and Councilman Carlton seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

7. Discussion and possible action concerning proposed legislation in Texas Special Session restricting local control of Texas cities.

No action taken.

8. Discussion and possible action to amend the mowing contract with Manicured Landscapes Inc.

No action taken.

9. Discussion and possible action to accept proposal from Premier Tree Service to raise the tree canopy on Voss Road and along adjacent sidewalks.

A motion was made by Councilman Cowell to accept proposal from Premier Tree Service to raise the tree canopy on Voss Road and along adjacent sidewalks at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Councilman Spalding seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding notices of public hearings.

No action taken.

At 8:00 p.m., the City Council recessed into closed executive session to discuss the following items.

- a. Discussing the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee to wit: various boards, commissions, and committees. (551.074 Personnel Matters)

At 8:38 p.m., the City Council reconvened into open public session. No action was taken on the items discussed in closed session.

11. **A motion was made by Councilman Carlton with a second by Councilman Marks to adjourn the meeting. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.**

12. **The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.**

These minutes were approved on the 22nd day of August, 2017.

/s/
Jim Pappas, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/
Crystal R. Dozier, TRMC
City Secretary