

**CITY OF HUNTERS CREEK VILLAGE, TEXAS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 26, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Hunters Creek Village, Texas held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at City Hall, #1 Hunters Creek Place, Hunters Creek Village, Texas.

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

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor David Wegner called the session to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Ken Spalding.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Al Deaver at 10907 Wickline and Mary Johnson at 10802 Bridlewood both expressed their appreciation to Mayor and Council for the newly planted trees on Memorial Drive.

REPORTS

Treasurer: Shanoop Kothari, City Treasurer, was not present. Tom Fullen, City Administrator presented the financial report and gave a brief summary.

Police Commission: Chief J. D. Sanders reported that Hunters Creek Village had the least amount of flooding of the three villages that Memorial Village Police Department patrols. There have been a total of sixteen thousand calls for service, year to date, with sixty-three hundred of those calls coming from Hunters Creek Village. Twenty-four hundred of the Hunters Creek calls were in March. A total of fifty-nine citations were issued in March. Chief Sanders presented the Memorial Village Police Department's Annual Report and informed the council that the Police Commission will be having a budget meeting on Thursday, April 25th.

Fire Commission: Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Pappas, Fire Commissioner, reported that two Captains from the Village Fire Department are resigning, which will allow an opportunity for other fireman within the department to apply for the newly vacant positions. for the

next four months, the Village Fire Department will be relying on the Houston Fire Department to respond to calls on the west side of Bunker Hill Village due to the bridge closure at Memorial Drive. Councilman Pappas also reported that the department is currently working on the 2017 budget.

Building Official: Tom Fullen, City Administrator introduced Robert Pemberton the new Building Official. Robert gave a brief summary of the building report.

City Engineer: Steve Byington, City Engineer reported on the following public work projects:

a. Traffic Signal Project

The POD system detection has been installed and is operational. The detection loops were replaced with PODs at Voss Road and Beinhorn.

b. Hunters Creek Drive, Boros Drive, Wellesley, Flint River Reconstruction
Construction is ongoing, contactor is 68% complete by time and 70% complete by cost as of April 1st. The anticipated completion is the final week in May.

c. Hickory Hollow, Huntwyck Reconstruction

Bid opening took place Friday, April 22nd and a bid recommendation will be available at the next council meeting.

d. Hickory Hollow Outfall Replacement

The design is complete and CobbFenley is negotiating a Change Order with Conrad. Temporary and permanent easements will be necessary for 915 and 916 Hickory Hollow Drive.

e. Voss Road Panel Replacement

Bid opening took place Friday, April 22nd and a bid recommendation will be available at the next city council meeting.

f. MVWA Creekside Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

Amber Heard with CobbFendley gave a presentation on the current status of the MVWA water system and on the need for additional storage capacity. Her presentation was followed by Q & A session.

g. Storywood Storm Sewer

The storm sewer was inspected via camera from Gawain to Beinhorn, showing no blockage or defects.

Mayor and Council Reports

a. Update on the I10 Noise Abatement.

Mayor Wegner reported that the city has received a letter from Texas Department of Transportation confirming that the contract has been executed and the funds are available. The project is scheduled to start in August of 2016.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 22, 2016.
2. Approval of the Cash Disbursement Journal for March, 2016.
3. Approval of CenterPoint Energy Proclamation for National Safe Digging Month.
4. Approval of City Prosecutor Rate Increase from \$185.00 to \$195.00.
5. Approval of a Proclamation for National Safe Digging Month.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action to appoint unopposed candidate Ken Spalding to vacant council seat Position No. 3.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pappas to appoint unopposed candidate Ken Spalding to the vacant City Council, Position No. 3. Councilmember Cowell seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

Presiding Judge Gary Maddox swore in Councilman Ken Spalding.

2. Discussion and possible action to amend an ordinance amending Chapter 18, Article VII, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hunters Creek Village, which restricts the storage of boats, buses, recreational vehicles, trailers, and large trucks, to clarify the restrictions and eliminate conflicting provisions; providing a penalty for violations of up to \$2,000 per occurrence; and making other provisions related to the subject.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cowell to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 18, Article VII, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hunters Creek Village, which restricts the storage of boats, buses, recreational vehicles, trailers, and large trucks, to clarify the restrictions and eliminate conflicting provisions; providing a penalty for violations of up to \$2,000 per occurrence. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

3. Discussion and possible action to adopt an ordinance establishing parking restrictions on N. Evers Park Drive.

A motion was made by Councilmember Spalding to adopt an ordinance to establish parking restrictions for portions of N. Evers Park Drive. Councilmember Cowell seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

4. Discussion and possible action to adopt regulations permitting property owners to install facilities to prevent vehicle parking on the unimproved street rights of way abutting their property.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pappas to direct the City Attorney and Staff to draft a proposed ordinance for the May meeting. Councilmember Cowell seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

Vincent Giammalva at 506 Lindenwood, Mr. Jennings at 10913 Roaring Brook and Kevin Gruber with F & G Landscaping expressed to council their concerns regarding this matter.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve the WCA recycle rate increase. **A motion was made by Councilmember Pappas to table the item to the May Meeting and Councilmember Marks seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.**

6. Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance that CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC's application for approval to amend its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 25.243 and to reconcile Docket no. 44572 revenues to increase Distribution Rates within the city should be denied; finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pappas to adopt an ordinance providing that CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC's application for approval to amend its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 25.243 and to reconcile Docket no. 44572 revenues to increase Distribution Rates within the City be denied; finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

7. Discussion and possible action to consider CenterPoint Energy's 2016 Annual Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program ("GRIP") Filing and Interim Rate Adjustment Request for the Houston Division.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pappas to suspend CenterPoint Energy's 2016 Annual Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program ("GRIP") Filing and Interim Rate Adjustment Request for the Houston Division. Councilmember Sapien seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

8. Consideration and possible action to increase the number of positions for alternate municipal court judges.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cowell to direct the City Attorney to draft a proposed amendment to Sec. 24-26(a) of the City's Code of Ordinances to increase the number of alternate municipal judges from two to three. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

9. Discussion and possible action to appoint an Associate Municipal Judge.

A motion was made Councilmember Cowell to appoint Mark Easley as the second alternate municipal judge. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

10. Discussion and possible action to approve a proposal considering an amendment to the zoning ordinance to permit fences to exceed the seven foot maximum height limitation in certain circumstances.

A motion made by Councilmember Sapien to direct the Planning and Zoning Commission to make a recommendation on amending Sec. 44-163(3) of the Zoning Ordinance to increase the fence height limit from seven feet to eight feet.

Councilmember Marks seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

Trent Tellespen at 11010 Kemwood and Sandy Sax at 11007 Huntwyck expressed their support regarding this item.

11. **At 9:07 p.m., the City Council recessed into closed executive session to discuss the following items.**
 - a. Discussion or deliberation, to be held in executive session under authority of Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code, regarding economic development negotiations.
12. **At 9:57 p.m., the City Council reconvened into open public session.**

No action taken.

13. **A motion was made by Councilmember Pappas with a second by Councilmember Cowell to adjourn the meeting. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.**
14. **The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.**

These minutes were approved on the 24th day of May, 2016.

David A. Wegner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Crystal R. Seagler, City Secretary