

CITY OF HUNTERS CREEK VILLAGE, TEXAS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 23, 2010

The City Council of the City of Hunters Creek Village, Texas held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at City Hall, #1 Hunters Creek Place, Hunters Creek Village, Texas.

Present:	Mayor	David Wegner
	Council Members:	Stephen Reichel
		Bonnie McMillan
		Ed Neuhaus
		Michael Schoenberger
		Jim Pappas
	City Administrator/ City Secretary:	Deborah Loesch
	City Attorney:	John Hightower
	City Engineer:	Charles Eastland

With a quorum of the Council Members present, Mayor David Wegner called the session to order at 6:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance led by Nick Eastland. It was noted that City Treasurer, Doug Abbott was not in attendance and that Councilmember Steve Reichel left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments received.

REPORTS

1. City Engineer's Report as reported by Charles Eastland:
  - a. Creekside Manor paving and drainage improvements and Tara Oaks Outfall Improvement projects. Contractor is currently working on W. Creekside and will begin reconstructing Creekside Circle.

Tara Oaks outfall project. The contractor has completed the storm sewer work in Tara Oaks except for the larger inlets at Twelve Oaks Drive. They continue to finalize site restoration at the two properties affected by the storm sewer work. Russo Builders is projected to complete the garage at 10606 Tarleton. The contractor is on schedule for completion by June 25, 2010 and may complete one month early.

- b. Long Shadows and Smithdale drainage and paving improvement projects. The Contractor has completed the paving and drainage work on Smithdale and is preparing right-of-way work with sod, tree plantings and irrigation. On Long Shadows, the contractor will start work on the south side of the road to include waterline work with sanitary sewer rehab ongoing.
- c. Bingle Road Guard Rail and Sidewalk Improvements. Currently waiting for a quote from Metro City for the painting the railings. More information will be provided at the March meeting.
- d. Future projects identified for storm water drainage improvements:
  - Storywood. Current estimates for reconstruction are at \$802,000 for full street and drainage replacement and \$622,000 for replacing only one half of the street and drainage.
  - Kemwood. Continue working on the design for the replacement of the paving and drainage improvements.
  - Bryn Mawr. Continue working on the design for the replacement of the paving and drainage improvements.
  - Saddlewood and Wellesley. Estimate for the replacement of paving and drainage on Saddlewood south of Wellesley and all of Wellesley reconstructed at about \$1.5M.
- e. Street and open drainage ditch inventory programs. Finalizing the inventory and rating schedule in time for a council workshop. The council agreed to meet on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to review the schedules. Also a revised CIP schedule was provided for the Council to review which takes the program out to year 2012.
- f. Replacement of Hedwig Road Bridge over Soldiers Creek by Piney Point Village. The City Engineer is still waiting for a response from TxDOT on the status of the project; however, the City has received notice of their intentions to reconstruct the bridge this fall. Council was also advised that staff had received information that in the City of Piney Point Village's Master Drainage Plan there included work along Soldiers Creek all the way to Pifer Road. Staff will report further on this as information is obtained.
- g. Status of various projects under consideration: (1) a new storm relief drain has been installed at 10712 Beinhorn; and (2) cleaning of the inlets on Voss Road should be completed within the next few weeks.

2. City Treasurer - monthly financial and budget reports. Doug Abbott, City Treasurer, was not present to address the financial reports for the month of January; however, Deborah Loesch, City Administrator was available to answer any questions on the reports provided. Hearing none, the meeting moved to the Police Commissioner's report.
3. Police Commissioner. Commissioner Benny Hruzek and Police Chief Gary Byre were present for the Police Department. Chief Byre reported that in January there were no burglaries or robberies to report; however, in February there has been one incident of burglary. Currently considering a new hire for patrol. Recently hired an actuarial firm to evaluate the health insurance benefits for retirees. Councilmember McMillan asked if the graffiti on the wall at Voss Park was gang related. The department will look into the matter further. Hunters Creek continues to have the most calls for service. An old patrol car has been parked at U.S. Coins on and off and exchanged with a car from the City of Hedwig Village's department.
4. Fire Commissioner. Commissioner and Councilmember Steve Reichek stated concerns facing the Fire Department during the search process for a new Fire Chief. The Commission is concerned about the morale of the staff and that it is important to confirm the reporting authority of the Fire Chief to the Board of Commissioners during this recruiting process. To that end, Councilmember Reichek requested that the Council consider the following actions to resolve some of the issues:
  - a. Discussion and possible action to consider a vote of confidence for the Village Fire Department.
  - b. Discussion and possible action related to the organization and administration of the Village Fire Department.

The City Council drafted a resolution for consideration combining both actions into one resolution that was drafted and revised by the Council. A motion was made by Councilmember Reichek with a second by Councilmember Schoenberger to adopt Resolution No. 2010-02 as revised by the City Council as follows:

"1. The City of Hunters Creek Village City Council wishes to express its full trust and confidence in the capabilities of the Village Fire Department and all its members. This Resolution is an acknowledgement of the exceptional fire protection and emergency medical services routinely provided to this city and its residents by the Village Fire Department. This council is fully committed to the needs of the

Department and its personnel to enable both to continue to provide the City of Hunters Creek Village with both fire protection and emergency medical services.

2. To that end, this Council is committed to the Village Fire Department by supporting the continued participation of Hunters Creek Village as a member city in the Village Fire Department as defined by the Interlocal Agreement. This Council is fully supportive of this Agreement and the Fire Commission created under this Agreement. This Council supports the current effort by the Commission to find and hire a new Fire Chief which will enable the Village Fire Department to continue to provide fire protection and emergency medical services to the City of Hunters Creek Village.

3. It is particularly important at this time, with the selection of a new Fire Chief and other uncertainties facing the Fire Department personnel, that the lines of authority be clear. The authority of the Commission has been laid out in the Interlocal Agreement. The Chief of the Fire Department, and through the Chief, the other Fire Department personnel, reports to and takes direction from the Board of Commissioners.”

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Mayor and Council Reports and Comments.

- a. Councilmember McMillan reported that from the Arbor Day orders the Donovan family donated 5 trees to the City.
- b. Mayor Wegner asked Deborah Loesch, City Administrator, to report on the recent purchases needed for City Hall. She advised that a new dishwasher was purchased for the kitchen to replace the broken one as well a 2 year old used refrigerator and microwaves were purchased.
- c. Google Fiber Network for communities’ project. Mayor Wegner reported that he received information regarding this new project being launched by Google to provide better and faster internet service at ultra-high speed broadband networks in trial locations across the country and offer the service at a competitive price. Over the next few weeks they will be contacting municipalities to participate in the test program, however, they are looking at areas from at least 50,000 to 500,000 people. Since the Villages are not in this market area, it is possible that our area will not be selected for a beta test site. However, he felt sure that our residents would be willing to participate if asked.
- d. Mayor Wegner reported on his meeting the County Commissioner Steve Radack to request additional funding from the Harris County Flood

Control District to do additional drainage projects to complete the drainage problem areas in 2012 for \$1.5M. At this time plans are to meet with John Blount with the Flood Control District and that meeting is being scheduled. As well he discussed with the Commissioner about placing Beinhorn and Kuhlman on the County road logs for the asphalt overlay projects. However, since Council will be reviewing the street inventory program schedule, these projects will be re-evaluated with the results of the inventory and condition of the streets.

- e. Councilmember McMillan stated that a revised tree ordinance was being worked on with Tom Fullen, Building Official, and would have something to review at the March meeting.
- f. Mayor Wegner reported that Hunters Creek Elementary School is planning major renovations to the facility this summer. He will be attending a meeting at the school on March 9 to hear more about the remodeling. In light of this information, the City had planned to do an asphalt overlay of Beinhorn this summer as well, but will put this project on hold for now.
- g. Mayor Wegner also reported that he has met with Congressman Culberson's staff to work with TxDOT to finish the barrier wall along I-10 service road.
- h. Comments or suggestions for items to include on future agendas:
  - (i.) Councilmember Reichek requested that an item be placed on the March agenda to discuss the installation of street signs similar to those installed in Piney Point and stated that residents have contacted him and that they are willing to pay 50% to have the signs on their streets.
  - (ii.) Councilmember Neuhaus requested information on the March meeting on the status of the repairs to the blinking light at the intersection of Beinhorn and Brogden.
  - (iii.) Councilmember McMillan requested drafting of an ordinance establishing standards for yard drainage.

CONSENT AGENDA. A motion was made by Councilmember Pappas with a second by Councilmember Neuhaus, the Council voted unanimously to approve and adopt consent agenda items 1 through 2 as follows:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 26, 2010 council meeting.
2. Approval of the Cash Disbursement Journals for January 2010.

It was noted that Councilmember Schoenberger was not present for the vote, but did return to the meeting to continue with the remainder of the meeting agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Discussion and possible action to consider proposed regulations related to animals to include but not limited to animal waste disposal and maintaining control upon public property or upon the property of another.

Sherry Wallis, Marcy Spalding and Teresa Witte as a special committee on pet waste disposal presented a report on solutions to problems with pet waste on the walking paths in Hunters Creek. They proposed installing pet stations along the busier walking paths. Public Works crew will be responsible to clean the stations on a regular basis. Locations noted for installation of the stations are at: Memorial Drive, north side of the roadway at the bridge near Lindenwood; Memorial Drive, south side between Callie Court and Three Corners; Kuhlman at Memorial; Beinhorn at Storywood; Beinhorn at Pifer Road; Voss Road at Hunters Forest (west side); Voss Road at Memorial (west side); Memorial Drive at Willowend (west of Voss Road, south side of Memorial). In addition it was recommended to include one on Wade Hampton and another on Flint River near the elementary school. The committee proposed several alternatives for the stations and cost options. The committee as well felt that it would be better to educate the residents instead of legislating regulations that would be difficult to enforce.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pappas with a second by Councilmember Schoenberger to authorize the expenditure for the purchase and installation of pet waste stations in the amount of \$3,000-\$5,000 based on the number and style to be paid from the budget line item account for street and drainage maintenance. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Wegner directed Tom Fullen, Building Official, to work with the committee on the purchase of the stations and the locations.

4. Discussion and possible action to consider approval of a memorandum of understanding with Harris County Flood Control District related to data and map modeling changes for future FEMA map updates.

A motion was made by Councilmember Schoenberger with a second by Councilmember Neuhaus to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Harris County Flood Control District as presented and authorize the Mayor to execute the document on behalf of the City. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action to consider an agreement with Wells Fargo Bank for a line of credit in the amount of \$500,000 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

John Hightower, City Attorney, explained that cities are limited in how to borrow money by state law and this product does not fit into the categories provided for borrowing for cities. He is continuing to discuss this with the representative at Wells Fargo Bank to see if they will change the agreement to meet the

- requirements for the City. He will advise at the March meeting. There was no action taken on this item.
6. Discussion and possible action to consider approval of the expenditure of \$6,785.92 for the purchase of additional shelving for the file room from budgeted funds.
- A motion was made by Councilmember Neuhaus with a second by Councilmember McMillan to authorize the expenditure for the portion of the main file room only. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Discussion and possible action to consider the design for new signage at City Hall.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION. The City Council convened into a Closed Meeting at 8:00 p.m. in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to consult with the City Attorney under item #7 attorney-client privileges. The Closed Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.
- The Open Meeting reconvened at 8:09 p.m. to continue discussion of the new sign for City Hall. Deborah Loesch, City Administrator presented a new drawing utilizing the current brick monument with a new face for the sign. However, the Council wanted to see different colors such as hunter green or black for the lettering. In addition, Mayor Wegner will contact Mayor Sue Speck of Hedwig Village and show her the proposed design and concept of the new signage. The discussion will continue at the March meeting. There was no formal action taken on this item.

ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

A motion was made by Councilmember Pappas with a second by Councilmember McMillan to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Deborah L. Loesch*

Deborah L. Loesch, TRMC  
City Administrator/City Secretary

These minutes were approved on the 23rd day of March, 2010.

Resolution No. 2010-02 is on file in the City Secretary's office and is made a part of these minutes by reference.