



**CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE, TEXAS
REGULAR MONTHLY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016
6:30 P.M. - 955 PINEY POINT ROAD**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brian Muecke called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Present: Mayor Brian Muecke

City Councilmembers:

William Johnson

Carrol McGinnis

Barry Putterman

Bob Wiener

Kelly Johnson, City Administrator/City Secretary-Treasurer

Lane Standley, Building Official

David Gott, Police Chief

Lisa Modisette, Assistant City Secretary

Alan Petrov, City Attorney

Absent: Matt Woodruff, Councilmember

2. CITIZEN/VISITOR COMMENTS

Sue V Speck, former Mayor of Hedwig Village, spoke in memory of David Moehlman.

City Council Comments - Thursday, December 8, 2016

I want to go on record to honor one of our most distinguished Hedwig citizens who passed away in October 2016, my friend and mentor, Mr. David Moehlman. I want my comments in the city minutes, as a historical preservation and record of his selfless acts and his valuable contributions to our city.

This Aggie graduated from Texas A&M with a Civil Engineering degree in 1949, went to work for the City of Houston, married Jean in 1951, and was drafted by the US Army for the Korean War in 1954, and returned from his station in Germany back to Houston in 1956.

He worked for 35 years with the COH and retired as the Assistant Director of the Waste Water Department. He then worked for a consulting engineering firm.

David was the last remaining member of Hedwig's original Streets and Drainage Committee. I had the sheer pleasure of working with David Moehlman, along with the other members, Wendell Beard, Jose Correa, Harold Clark, Mayor Vic Thompson and Mayor Bob Goehrs, when we built the first major drainage project in all of the Villages. David and the others I named were legends.

A young engineer who worked for a private engineering firm told me once that he happened to be at the county offices one time, when our drainage group walked into the room. He said it was apparent that we were somebody special. So, he asked another person there, Who are those people? "That's Hedwig Village."

In addition to all his work on the Drainage Committee, David served as a representative of the Memorial Villages Water Authority, and even served as Citizens on Patrol for the HVPD. He was a unique and important part of our history and Hedwig culture. He worked with integrity and excellence for our city and his motives were pure, beyond reproach, and not governed by ego.

These days, at least to me, there is a feeling emanating primarily from city hall, that Hedwig is somehow not good enough. That Hedwig advancement is only accomplished by being more like the other villages, by spending more money, by changing historical emblems and symbols, and by changing long-held customs, traditions and practices of the city.

David Moehlman is one example of why that theory of "not good enough" is absolutely wrong. We should not forget David or the other founder's contributions to Hedwig, and we should never forget the importance of our history, symbols and customs.

I am giving his funeral service handout to Lane Standley, and I hope that it will be placed in the David Moehlman Plan Room.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**– All Consent Agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes

September 30, 2016 Special Council Meeting
October 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

B. Approval of General Fund Bills

General Fund Bills - #32144 - #32228
Voided Checks – 0

C. Approval of General Fund Bills over \$2,500

Bob Baldwin - \$3,125.00
Brandon Industries - \$2,865.48

D. Approval of Construction Fund Bills

0 Items - \$0.00

E. Approval of Police Seizure Bills

0 Items - \$0.00

Councilmember Putterman moved, Councilmember Wiener seconded, for the approval of the consent agenda.

Councilmembers Johnson, McGinnis, Putterman, and Wiener voted “Aye”, “Noes” none.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. REPORTS

A. Financial Report – October 2016 – Kelly Johnson, City Administrator/City Secretary-Treasurer

Kelly Johnson presented the financial report for the city:

- Sales tax shows a year to date increase of three percent from last year.
- Cash balance – \$1.4 million as of the end of November, just under \$500,000 available with approximately \$900,000 restricted
- Hedwig Village is fully collateralized at 11/30/2016.
- 91.6% of budget completed
- Revenues at 90.28% of budget
- Expenditures at 83.25% which is under-budget
- Received ad valorem taxes for 2017 – listed as deferred revenue, approximately \$140,000

B. Police Report – October 2016 Crime Report & Statistics – Police Chief Gott

Chief Gott discussed the Police Department Annual Awards Ceremony. Several officers were given awards for outstanding service.

- 5 Years of Service Award given to Sergeant Sanford and Dispatcher Holdaway
- 10 Years of Service Award given to Sergeants Collins and Kessner
- 15 Years of Service Award given to Officer Owens
- Telecommunicator of the Year – Dispatcher Holdaway
- Guardian of the Year – Officer Frazier
- Officer of the Year – Officer Buhs
- Crime Fighter of the Year – Officer Roye
- Most Valuable Employee of the Year – Officer Wu

Chief Gott discussed the crime report:

- Total number of non-violent crimes is down for the year with 16 non-violent crimes in the city.
- 33 arrests including three arrested and charged with intent to deliver and one illegal alien arrested who is a convicted felon and had been previously deported.

C. Fire Department – Meeting – Councilmember Putterman

Councilmembers Putterman reported on the following:

- Resolution honoring Mrs. Foster for her contribution to the department
- Cheryl Easley's last meeting and a lunch is planned for her retirement at the end of the month
- Commissioners accepted the Villages Mutual Insurance Cooperative Board's insurance recommendation
- Property and casualty insurance – under review and set for discussion at the January meeting
- Approved investment report and investment policy
- 2.9 % under budget through November 2016
- The 100 foot ladder truck was ordered and delivery is expected around August 2017. The ladder truck is expected to be under-budget.

D. Drainage Committee – Update – Mayor Muecke

Mayor Muecke reported on the following:

- The committee met in late November.
- Jeff Cannon gave a preliminary report. He had reviewed drainage documents that pertained to this area. A report will be available in January. He stated a report for an entity to the west suggests water flowing into Hedwig Village. The report also stated that up to 16 acre feet of water flows east into Hedwig Village at a peak rate of 204 feet per second. These figures are for a 150 year rain event. The report presented in January will put these figures in an understandable context. LJA will begin survey work soon. Three possible solutions include more efficiency in the Hedwig Village drainage system, more underground pipes to create a third route to carry water to the bayou, and modification of the streets to act as “rivers” to move water to the bayou.
- The next meeting will be in early January.
- City of Bunker Hill held an Open House on drainage. Two projects are still viable:
 - Additional work to their Strey Lane project along Taylorcrest
 - Eventually work will be started on Blalock Road

E. Planning & Zoning Commission – November Meeting – Councilmember/P&Z Liaison Wiener

No meeting

F. Mayor – Report – Brian Muecke

Mayor Muecke stated the new website is now live and working well. He requested all resident’s sign up for the E-Notification module on the website. The city will be distributing information through this source effective in the New Year. He also stated the newsletter was mailed.

G. Building Official – Monthly Report – Lane Standley
Lane Standley discussed the following:

- Two new houses under construction.
- 12 houses under construction including five houses being remodeled.

H. City Administrator – Update on Decorative Street Poles, Newsletter, Website and Holiday Dinner

Kelly Johnson reported on the following:

- Decorative Street Poles – all street poles are installed, except for several along I-10 frontage road
- Decorative Street Poles Phase II – powder coating the old poles. There is a significant cost saving to powder coat and re-use old poles.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS – The City Council will discuss and consider possible action of the following:

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE, TEXAS ACKNOWLEDGING REVIEW OF THE CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE INVESTMENT POLICY.

Kelly Johnson, City Administrator, discussed the minor changes to the policy. The number of required training hours has been reduced from ten hours to eight hours for recertification. Another change is the removal of an old bank account that has been recently closed due to no activity since 2005.

Councilmember McGinnis moved, Councilmember Johnson seconded, to approve the Investment Report with the suggested changes.

Councilmembers Johnson, McGinnis, Putterman, and Wiener voted “Aye”, “Noes” none.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE, TEXAS SUSPENDING THE DECEMBER 21, 2016 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE STATEMENT OF INTENT OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY TO INCREASE RATES WITHIN THE HOUSTON AND TEXAS COAST DIVISIONS AND CONSOLIDATE THE HOUSTON AND TEXAS COAST DIVISIONS TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; FINDING THAT THE CITY’S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH THE GULF COAST COALITION OF CITIES; HIRING LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.

Kelly Johnson stated this resolution suspends Centerpoint’s effective date for the maximum time frame allowed by law so the Gulf Coast Coalition has the necessary time to properly review the rate increase.

Councilmember Johnson moved, Councilmember McGinnis seconded, to approve the Resolution.

Councilmembers Johnson, McGinnis, and Wiener voted “Aye”, “Noes” none. Councilmember Putterman abstained from the vote.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- C. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 14, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE VI, MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY DURING CONSTRUCTION, SECTIONS 14-218 THROUGH 14-219, OF THE CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE CITY’S REGULATIONS CONCERNING STORM WATER DISCHARGE.

Mayor Muecke stated that several years ago the city adopted a five year plan addressing storm water. He stated this was done due to an unfunded mandate from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The five year plan included steps the city would take to manage storm water. This year, year two, the plan states the city will adopt ordinances to mitigate storm water run-off. He stated Mark Dessens, with Schaumburg and Polk, prepared this ordinance for the city’s approval. He asked Alan Petrov, City Attorney, to explain the function of the proposed amendment to the City’s code.

Alan Petrov stated this ordinance and the next ordinance on the agenda for review and possible approval are inter-related. He stated the ordinance will make minor changes to the code concerning building requirements and environmental requirements. He stated the changes are consistent with other cities. The regulations are required for storm water management.

Councilmember McGinnis asked Lane Standley, Building Official, to explain the enforcement of the regulations.

Lane Standley stated the Terry Vick and himself will be monitoring the work sites within the city for possible violations. He stated the city has required construction sites to maintain a greenbelt or a silt barrier during construction. The city will charge a fine if the greenbelt or silt barrier is not maintained.

The city benefits as well from this requirement. The city inlets and pipes require less cleaning of built up silt and debris.

Terry Vick, Maintenance Supervisor, has attended the necessary school and is certified to inspect the sites for maintenance of the silt barrier or greenbelt.

Lane Standley stated enforcement should be easy. Contractors are aware of the requirements and have followed the regulations. The city has not issued any citations but the steps are outlined as follows:

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Citation

Councilmember Johnson asked if a public hearing is required due to the changes to the Code.

Alan Petrov stated a public hearing is not required.

Councilmember Johnson moved, Councilmember Wiener seconded, to approve the Ordinance.

Councilmembers Johnson, McGinnis, Putterman, and Wiener voted “Aye”, “Noes” none.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- D. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 30, ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE II, CONDITION OF PREMISES, SECTIONS 30-32 AND 30-38 THROUGH 30-39, OF THE CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE CITY’S REGULATIONS CONCERNING STORM WATER DISCHARGE.**

See discussion under Agenda Item 5C.

Mayor Muecke asked Alan Petrov to explain the list of defensible violations listed in the ordinance.

Alan Petrov explained that some actions, while technically a violation, are so minor and causes no harm to the bayou system that citations are defensible in court. A list of these actions is a part of the ordinance and includes, but is not limited to, lawn watering, air conditioning condensation, springs, rising ground water, etc. These actions become indefensible if known harm was caused to the bayou system.

Councilmember McGinnis moved, Councilmember Johnson seconded, to approve the Ordinance.

Councilmembers Johnson, McGinnis, Putterman, and Wiener voted “Aye”, “Noes” none.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 6. CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS** – The City Council will discuss and consider possible action on the following:

None

- 7. CONSIDERATION FOR REQUESTS FOR COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION** - The City Council will discuss and consider possible action on the following:

None

- 8. DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL REPORTS**

None

- 9. CLOSED SESSION** – The City Council will retire into Closed Session as authorized by Chapter 551; Texas Government Code, to discuss the following matters:

None

- 10. ACTION – CLOSED SESSION** - The City Council will discuss and consider any action necessary on items discussed in Closed Session.

None

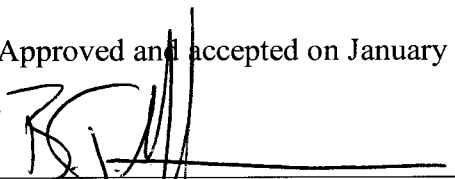
- 11. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Woodruff moved, Councilmember Wiener seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Councilmembers Johnson, McGinnis, Putterman, and Wiener voted “Aye”, “Noes” none.


MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approved and accepted on January 12, 2017.



Brian Muecke
Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Modisette
Assistant City Secretary