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**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
116 ASPEN LANE
CITY OF HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011
5:00 P.M.**

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a Regular Council Meeting Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, 116 Aspen Lane, Hill Country Village, Texas. This was an open meeting subject to the open meetings law of the State of Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Carl A. Register
Councilwoman Elizabeth Worley
Councilman James Allen
Councilman George "Rick" Evans

Members Absent

Mayor Kirk W. Francis
Councilman Gabriel Durand-Hollis

City Staff Present:

Jennifer Gonzales, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to order.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Register called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Register led those present in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The City Council has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed in a previous meeting. All items can be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately, unless requested by a Council Member or a citizen, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence

after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one motion and vote of the City Council.

3. Discussion/action on approval of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 28, 2011.

4. Discussion/action on approval of the minutes of the City Council Work Session and Special Meeting of August 10, 2011.

5. Discussion/action on approval of the minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of August 18, 2011.

Councilman Evans moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

6. Citizens to be heard.

AT THIS TIME, CITIZENS WHO HAVE FILLED OUT A REGISTRATION FORM PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING MAY SPEAK ON ANY TOPIC THEY WISH TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY SO LONG AS THAT TOPIC IS NOT ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING. CITIZENS MAY SPEAK ON SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS WHEN THAT ITEM IS CALLED FOR DISCUSSION. DURING THE CITIZENS TO BE HEARD SECTION NO COUNCIL ACTION MAY TAKE PLACE AND NO COUNCIL DISCUSSION OR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED TO THE SPEAKER. A TIME LIMIT OF TWO MINUTES PER SPEAKER IS PERMITTED; THE COUNCIL MAY EXTEND THIS TIME AT THEIR DISCRETION.

No one signed up to speak.

7. Discussion/action on fees associated with a street/drainage project and start up time for a street/drainage project from Givler Engineering.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Register tabled this item due to Councilman Durand-Hollis not being present.

8. Discussion/action on an amendment to the contract with Waste Management of Texas, Inc. for solid waste collection services to extend the term of the contract through April 30, 2014 with optional extensions thereafter.

Mr. Albert Perez, representative from Waste Management of Texas, Inc., was present and spoke about our cities solid waste collection services. Mr. Perez said the main issue was that our city has a lot of residents putting out too much brush that exceeds our current contract.

Councilman Evans asked Mr. Perez if our residents were putting out too much brush why were the drivers picking it up.

Mr. Perez informed the council the drivers have been taking care of the city for many years and are in the mindset that they will have to come back to pick it up, so why not do it now while they are here.

Councilman Evans commented that maybe we need to have an ordinance in place that specifies when and how much brush a resident can put out. Once the ordinance is in place and the standards are not met our officers can then enforce the ordinance. Councilman Evans also wanted staff to look into Hollywood Park's ordinance on brush.

Councilman Evans also discussed the possibility of the city establishing a tree trimming permit. In the permit the city could require the tree trimming companies to haul off any tree limbs that they cut.

Mr. Perez informed the council that our city was the last one to approve a contract where brush was cut back to smaller sizes. He related that Live Oak, Universal City, Leon Valley and others have already approved their contracts and brush sizes were smaller. Mr. Perez mentioned we could keep the same service we have now of trash twice a week and brush once a month with a reduction of quantities to 10 x 5 x 5 for \$39.00 per month.

*City Council asked Mr. Perez for two quotes:
Brush pick up every other month (6 times a year)
Brush pick up every quarter (4 times a year)*

Staff asked Mr. Perez if he could extend the brush pickup for a few extra months since we have not come into an agreement on a contract and he agreed.

9. Discussion/action regarding the acceptance of proposals on health, dental, and life insurance and disability coverage for the employees of Hill Country Village.

Mrs. Jenni Haff, representative from Worthman Insurance spoke about the insurance renewal for city employees. Mrs. Haff told council that there were no increases for dental, vision, life and disability, however, health insurance had an increase of approximately 16%.

Councilman Evans asked Mrs. Haff about a Health Savings Account (HSA). Mrs. Haff said she would look into this for next year's renewal.

Councilman Evans and Mayor Pro-Tempore Register both said they have set this up for their companies.

Councilman Evans moved to approve the acceptance of proposals on health, dental, life insurance and disability coverage for the employees of Hill Country Village, seconded by Councilwoman Worley. Motion passed unanimously

10. FY 2011-12 Budget and Tax Rate for 2011:

- a. Discussion/action regarding possible amendments to proposed FY 2011-12 budget.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Register asked staff if the fire department line item was updated. Mrs. Gonzales confirmed it was.

Councilman Allen asked what we were going to do with the extra money from the fire department.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Register told Councilman Allen the extra money would be placed in reserves.

Councilman Allen asked about a Fire Fund that could be set up like the Road Maintenance Fund we have in place.

There were no amendments to the proposed FY 2011-12 budget.

- b. Discussion/action on an ordinance approving the budget for the City of Hill Country Village, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2011-12, beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012, and ordering same filed with the City Administrator and County Clerk.

Councilman Evans made a motion to approve the budget for the City of Hill Country Village, Texas for Fiscal Year 2011-12, beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012 and ordering same filed with the City Administrator and County Clerk, seconded by Councilwoman Worley. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Discussion/action on an ordinance approving the budget of the Hill Country Village Economic Development Corporation for Fiscal Year 2011-12, beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012, and ordering same filed with the City Administrator and County Clerk.

Councilman Evans made a motion to approve the budget of the Hill Country Village Economic Development Corporation for Fiscal Year 2011-12, beginning October 1,

2011 and ending September 30, 2012 and ordering same filed with the City Administrator and County Clerk, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Register. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Discussion/action on an ordinance adopting the tax rate for 2011.

Councilman Evans made a motion to adopt the tax rate for 2011, seconded by Councilwoman Worley. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion/action regarding the July 31, 2011 and the August 31, 2011 financial statements.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Register made a motion to accept the July 31, 2011 and the August 31, 2011 financial statements, seconded by Councilwoman Worley. Motion passed unanimously.

12. City Administrator's Report to council

Mrs. Gonzales related to council that Chief Morales would be out of town October 9-14, 2011 for his mandatory continuing education training for all chiefs of police. This takes place every two years.

13. Mayor's Report to Council.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Register told council that Mayor Francis did not leave anything for him.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Approved this 17th day of November 2011.

Kirk W. Francis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank Morales
City Administrator
Acting City Secretary