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**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
116 ASPEN LANE
CITY OF HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS
THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2012
5:00 P.M.**

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a Regular Council Meeting Thursday, July 26, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, 116 Aspen Lane, Hill Country Village, Texas. This was an open meeting subject to the open meeting law of the State of Texas.

Members Present:

Mayor Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Councilman Carl A. Register
Councilman George “Rick” Evans
Councilman James Allen
Councilwoman Elizabeth Worley
Councilwoman Jane Cronk

Members Absent:

City Staff Present:

Frank Morales, City Administrator and Police Chief
Jennifer Gonzales, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to order.

Mayor Durand-Hollis called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Durand-Hollis led those present in a moment of silence and led 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separately, unless requested by a Council Member or a citizen, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in their normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been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 May 17, 2012.

4. Discussion/action on approval of the October 2012 – September 2013 City of Hill Country Village Master Calendar.

5. Discussion/action on reappointing two existing members to the Economic Development Corporation.

6. Discussion/action approving an ordinance designating the North Central Times as the official newspaper of the City of Hill Country Village and the Express New as the alternate newspaper for the City of Hill Country Village.

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

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

7. Discussion/action appointing a person to fill the vacancy on city council.

Councilman Evans moved to go into executive session, seconded by Councilman Register.

Mayor Durand-Hollis recessed the regular city council meeting at 5:03 p.m. for executive session.

Mayor Durand-Hollis reconvened at 5:32 p.m. for the regular city council meeting.

Councilwoman Worley moved to appoint Ms. Jane Cronk to fill the vacancy on city council, seconded by Councilman Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Administering Oath of Office and Obtain Statement of Official from newly appointed member of city council.

Mayor Durand-Hollis swore in Councilwoman Cronk.

9. 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.

Mr. Steve Marceau, Mr. Roger Simpson and Ms. Melissa Childers-White signed up to speak. Mr. Marceau and Mr. Simpson chose to wait for their item to come up to speak. Ms. Childers-White spoke about recycling. She wanted to know if in fact Waste Management was recycling what the residents put in their recycling bin.

10. Discussion/action approving an Interlocal Agreement with San Antonio Water System.

Stacey Isenberg from San Antonio Water System introduced herself and spoke about the transition from Bexar Met to SAWS. She briefed council that SAWS would be collecting .76 per bill for sewer services and that they would keep .8% for uncollected fees.

Councilman Allen asked if everyone paid, would they still get the .8%.

Ms. Isenberg related the .8% was a standard fee that SAWS would keep from each entity whether paid or not.

Mr. Kirk Francis spoke about a letter he had given council. If council doesn't sign the ILA with SAWS, the city would have to do our own billing for the 37 sewer accounts we currently have.

Councilman Evans made a motion approving an Interlocal Agreement with the San Antonio Water System, seconded by Councilman Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion/action approving an ordinance for the placement of a stop sign for westbound traffic on Tomahawk Trail where it intersects with Pontiac Lane.

Councilman Register told council he observed the traffic at Tomahawk Trail and Pontiac. He believed this area needed a stop sign.

Councilman Register made a motion to approve an ordinance for the placement of a stop sign for westbound traffic on Tomahawk Trail where it intersects with Pontiac Lane, seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion/action approving an ordinance approving the placement of traffic calming devices on Hidden View.

Councilman Allen talked about his concerns during the school year. He said traffic backs up at that location and it is downhill with a blind curve. He has asked city staff to further study the area with the traffic counter.

Councilman Evans told council this very same situation was brought up years ago. About 90% of HCV residents aren't affected by it and about 10% of the residents are. He would like to see more studies done and police enforcement.

Councilman Register asked Chief Morales why they had put up temporary signs before.

Chief Morales told him the former City Administrator asked the police department to put the signs up on a trial basis. The signs were put up on two separate occasions and on both occasions were allegedly removed by a resident. The signs were never put up again.

Chief Morales briefed council that there were more cars in that area in the morning before school and after school. Last study showed average speed was 25-27 mph and about 25 tickets were issued in that area in a year's time. Chief Morales told council a letter had been sent out previously to the principal at Hidden Forest Elementary to try and help with the situation.

Councilwoman Worley asked what the traffic calming devices would be a solution to. She would like to see enforcement take place and a study when school starts up again.

Councilwoman Cronk asked where the speed bumps would go.

Mr. Kirk Francis commented to council that he thought not enough research has been done to make a decision.

Ms. Melissa Childers-White asked council to get the citizens of HCV involved and see what they wanted.

Mr. Roger Simpson was not opposed to speed bumps, but didn't think the village needed clutter.

Ms. Karen Magnon told council she was against the speed bumps. She also said about four other HCV residents were against them also but couldn't be here for the meeting.

No action was taken.

13. Discussion on dumpsters and a fence behind the Hill Country Plaza Shopping Center.

City Administrator Morales told council the work on the fence was completed and the dumpsters had been moved.

14. Discussion/action regarding the May 31, 2012 and June 30, 2012 financial statement.

Councilman Register informed council he thought the city is in good shape.

Councilman Register made a motion to accept the May 31, 2012 and the June 30, 2012 financial statements, seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Durand-Hollis recessed the open session at 6:25 p.m. for a public hearing.

15. A public hearing on FY 2012-2013 budget of the Hill Country Village Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and possible City Council action on such EDC budget.

The council discussed the EDC budget and requested to take no action at this time.

16. A public hearing, discussion and action regarding City of Hill Country Village Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget and tax rate.

There was discussion among all members of the council on the budget. They directed city staff to look at cash reserve numbers and sales tax revenue.

Mayor Durand-Hollis reconvened at 6:30 p.m. for the open session.

17. Discussion/action approving an Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Dispatch Services between the County of Bexar and the City of Hill Country Village.

Mr. Kirk Francis told council that the Bexar County Sheriff's Office could not cancel us due to health/safety issue.

Chief Morales briefed council that he had been informed by Mr. Robert Adelman, Bexar County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Manager that if we failed to sign their agreement they would stop services October 2012. If that occurred we would then have to go out and contract with another law enforcement agency for dispatch services.

Councilman Register wanted to know what the logic behind this was and are there any possible negotiations.

Councilman Allen told council that Commissioner Kevin Wolff agrees the citizens are being charged twice. He related he could meet with Commissioner Wolff along with Mayor Durand-Hollis.

Councilman Evans asked what are options are, and if they may cut us any slack.

18. Discussion/action approving a Memorandum of Understanding with a possible resolution to allow the police department the ability to be members of the Alamo Area Tactical Response Team.

Sergeant Fox spoke to council about an incident that occurred on Axis Trail in 2010. He told council the police department was upgrading police equipment and that three police officers had attended the San Antonio Police Department SWAT training. He would like the police department to be proactive not reactive in these situations.

Mr. Jerry Grubbs from the Selma Police Department told council if a situation arose and we did not have the personnel to send then we would not be held accountable. The only time our officers would respond is if they were available. In turn the team would always be available to us in case we needed them.

Chief Morales told council the money to fund this endeavor was not in the budget.

Councilman Evans would like to see how much this would cost.

Officer Frank Lara from the Live Oak Police Department related that on average the team responds to 5-6 barricaded incidents, 4-5 suicides and several felony warrant situations per year. The training these officers will get from the Alamo Area Tactical Response Team could be brought back to their own officers.

19. Discussion/action approving a resolution transferring title and ownership from the City of Hill Country Village, Texas of a Vemeer BC 1000 XL chipper purchased with funds given to the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under Grant #03-18-G09 to the City of Somerset, Texas.

Councilman Evans asked City Administrator Morales if we were using the chipper.

City Administrator Morales told council we were not using it since we only had one public works employee.

Morales further informed the council that the chipper cannot be sold since it was awarded to the city from a grant.

Councilman Register made a motion to approve a resolution transferring title and ownership from the City of Hill Country Village, Texas of a Vemeer BC 1000 XL chipper purchased with funds given to the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under Grant #03-18-G09 to the City of Somerset, Texas, seconded by Councilman Allen. Motion passed unanimously.

20. Discussion/action regarding awarding a contract for Bank Depository services.

Tabled until the September city council meeting.

21. Mayor's Report to Council.

Mayor Durand-Hollis wanted to thank Mr. Kirk Francis for all his hard work.

Mayor Durand-Hollis spoke to council about having a Special Meeting in August for the road maintenance sales tax election.

22. Communications with City Administrator.

None

23. Adjourn

THE COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISCUSS AND APPROPRIATELY ACT UPON ANY ITEM STATED ON THIS AGENDA IN OPEN SESSION. THE COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT ANY TIME DURING THE COURSE OF THIS MEETING TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE MATTERS LISTED ABOVE, AS AUTHORIZED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.071 (CONSULTATIONS WITH ATTORNEY), 551.072 (DELIBERATIONS

ABOUT REAL PROPERTY), 551.073 (DELIBERATIONS ABOUT GIFTS AND DONATIONS), 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS), 551.076 (DELIBERATIONS ABOUT SECURITY DEVICES) AND 551.086 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT). NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Approved this 20th day of September 2012.

Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Frank Morales
City Administrator
Acting City Secretary