

**City of Woodcreek Council Meeting
April 8, 2009**

MINUTES

1.) Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.

2.) Invocation

3.) Pledge

4.) Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Caldwell, Councilmember Gumbert, Councilmember Rasco, Councilmember Henderson, Councilmember Eskelund, City Administrator Sybesma, Public Works Director Wood

Absent: Mayor Whitehead

5.) Public Comments: None

6.) Report Items

A.) Mr. Terry White of the Pedernales Electric Co-Op, representing Joab Moritz, presented a franchise payment of \$8,229.22 and reported that there was not much to update the Council on, and that relations between the City and the PEC remain good.

B.) Mr. David Baker reported to the City Council on the Jacob's Well Grant, stating that construction on the project would begin on June 1st with the help of volunteers from American Youthworks. In addition, plans had been made for some trail construction on Earth Day, April 18. Mr. Baker requested that a committee be formed consisting of one or two Council members, along with City Administrator Sybesma and himself, to help work out a timeline and master plan. These items will then be presented to the Council at its May 13th meeting, and finalized contracts will be signed thereafter.

C.) Councilmember Rasco reported that, according to the City of Woodcreek's 2020 Master Plan, we need to reduce the local deer population by 50% every few years to prevent overpopulation. He noted that we first need to determine if there are in fact too many deer in the city, and suggested a few proposals for managing them. Mr. Rasco recommended the formation of a citizen taskforce as well as the arrangement of a town hall meeting to discuss the issue with citizens.

D.) Public Works Director Wood discussed the issue of utility cuts within city streets and right-of-ways not going deep enough, recommending a utility cut of at least 18 to 24 inches be required. Councilmember Eskelund said that the city needs something in its ordinances specifying an 18 inch street cut from the top of the street surface to the top of the utility line. Mr. Wood also noted that these requirements would only affect street cuts and not utility lines going from the street to a house.

E.) City Administrator Sybesma gave an update on the TxDOT safety improvements, stating that once the paving work is done, the traffic lights will be able to be turned on. He also said that it will be the city's responsibility to provide power to the front entrance lights as well as the irrigation system.

F.) City Administrator Sybesma reported that the lease for the city's current Sharp copier machine will be up in a year, and that we need to replace it. He noted that Dahill has said they will take the current copier, void any of the city's unpaid maintenance fees

to Dahill, and agree to include the costs for ink, toner, and other items in a future lease with the city.

G.) City Financial Coordinator Amy Bell reported that budget amendments made at the previous Council meeting should help the city make up for areas it was over budget in, and that the budget is in line as a whole.

7.) Discussion Items

A.) Mayor Pro-Tem Caldwell began the discussion of amending the City of Woodcreek's Health and Sanitation Ordinance by stating that the issue was that of the fire hazard posed by overgrown grass and other vegetation. Due to these risks, she believes there needs to be language in our ordinance that limits how high grass and other vegetation can be allowed to grow. After some discussion, the Council decided to not take any action on this item, rather to wait until further research into the issue has been made. Any comments that Councilmembers had were to be given to City Administrator Sybesma

B.) Councilmember Eskelund motioned to authorize the installation of new stop signs for Brookside Drive (North Bound) at its intersection with Brookmeadow, Shady Grove Drive (North Bound) at its intersection with Brookmeadow, Overbrook Court (North Bound) at its intersection with Brookhollow Drive, and, in lieu of the existing yield sign, Par Circle (North Bound) at its intersection with Brookhollow Drive and updating the Traffic-Control Sign Ordinance, with Councilmember Henderson seconding. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

C.) Councilmember Rasco motioned for approval of the bid from Oldmixon Electrical Contracting, LLC for Electrician Services for the moving of electrical service to a new electrical pole in relation of the RR 12/Woodcreek Drive Intersection Safety Improvement project, with Councilmember Eskelund seconding. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

D.) Councilmember Gumbert motioned for approval of entering into a 60 Month Lease Agreement with Dahill Industries for copier service in the amount of \$149.96/month, with Councilmember Henderson seconding. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

E.) Councilmember Gumbert motioned the acceptance of the City Administrator's Certificate of Unopposed Candidates for the May 9, 2009 General Election, with Councilmember Eskelund seconding. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

F.) Council Member Henderson motioned the acceptance of an Order Declaring Unopposed Candidates for the Positions of two Alderman and Mayor elected and Canceling the City of Woodcreek May 9, 2009 General Election, with Councilmember Gumbert seconding. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

G.) Councilmember Gumbert motioned to approve proclaiming April 2009 as Cancer Awareness Month, with Councilmember Rasco seconding. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

8.) Consent Items

A.) Councilmember Gumbert motioned to approve the minutes of the Woodcreek City Council Meeting of March 11, 2009, with Councilmember Henderson seconding. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

B.) Councilmember Gumbert motioned to approve Warrants, with Councilmember Eskelund seconding. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

9.) Executive Session As Authorized by Sections 551.071, Related to Consultation with Attorney

A.) The City Council convened in Executive Session at approximately 8:45 p.m. to discuss Cause No. 07-1588; City of Woodcreek v. Aqua Texas & MMMDK 1205 LTD in the 207th Judicial District Court of Hays County, Texas.

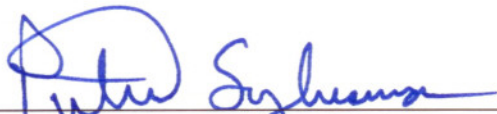
10.) Reconvene in Open Session

A.) The City Council reconvened in Open Session at approximately 9:05 p.m. Councilmember Eskelund motioned to non-sue, with Councilmember Gumbert seconding. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

11.) Adjourn. Council adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Gloria Whitehead, Mayor



Pieter Sybesma, City Administrator