

THE CITY OF WOODBRANCH VILLAGE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2020

The City of Woodbranch Village council met in a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 22, 2020, in the City Hall Building at 58A Woodbranch Drive, New Caney, Texas, 77357. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Mike Tyson. Roll call showed as being present Councilman Jim Beard, Councilwoman Trisha Marie Cranney, Councilwoman Nancy Mulhern, Mayor Mike Tyson, Councilwoman Annette Dobson and Councilwoman Carey Porter. City Secretary Charlotte Smith was present to take the minutes of the meeting. Councilwoman Mulhern led the meeting with a prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

REGULAR MEETING (7:00 P.M.)

The special meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m.

#5. Sign in Sheet

No names appeared on the sign in sheet.

#6. CONSENT AGENDA

#7. Approve Minutes from the September 23, 2020 – Special Meeting

Copies of the minutes are on file in the City Secretary's office.

#8. Approve Financial Statement General Fund – September 2020

Copies of this statement are on file in the City Secretary's office.

#9. Approve Financial Statement Water & Sewer Fund – September 2020

Copies of this statement are on file in the City Secretary's office.

#10. Approve Financial Statement Debt Service – September 2020

Copies of this statement are on file in the City Secretary's office.

#11. Approve Bills for the General Fund – October 2020

Copies of the bills are on file in the City Secretary's office.

#12. Approve Bills for the Water & Sewer Fund – October 2020

Copies of the bills are on file in the City Secretary's office.

#13. Approve Bills for the Debt Service Fund – October 2020

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#14. Approve the Ground Storage Progress Report – September 2020

Copies of this report are on file in the City Secretary's office.

#15. Approve the Court Activity Report – September 2020

Copies of this report are on file in the City Secretary's office.

#16. Approve the Police Activity Report – September 2020

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#17. Road & Ditch, Bureau Veritas & Storm Water Management Report – September 2020

Copies of these reports are on file in the City Secretary's office.

The motion to approve items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 made by Councilwoman Dobson. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beard, motion carried.

#18. Operator's Report – September 2020

Copies of this report are on file in the City Secretary's office. The motion to approve the report, as submitted, was made by Councilwoman Mulhern. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beard, motion carried.

Harley Parmenter requested city council ask the City Attorney for guidance with a council request, of Inframark, to provide a list of vendor recommendations to use in situations where residents are attempting connections that would require boring under the street.

#19. Consider, discuss and/or take possible action on the request for a variance to Ordinance 246-2015, Section 7C – prohibiting the use of a recreational vehicles as a permanent or temporary dwelling within the city limits submitted by resident William Stanley

The motion to approve a 180-day variance, as long as there is progress with construction, was made by Councilman Beard. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dobson, motion carried

#20. Consider and discuss amendments to Ordinance 297-2020 – an ordinance of the City of Woodbranch Village, Texas relation to the operation of golf carts on public streets and roads within the city limits; providing exceptions; providing penalties for violation of the ordinances not less than \$50.00 or to exceed \$500.00; providing for severability; and providing an effective date and providing for enforcement (Mike Tyson, Mayor)

The motion to approve the ordinance was made by Councilwoman Dobson. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cranney, motion carried

#21. Consider, discuss and/or take possible action on the bid options submitted by Motorola for the purchase of new radio systems in the police department

The motion to approve bid #3, for \$40,308.20, was made by Councilwoman Dobson. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mulhern, motion carried.

Chief Singleton also announced GT Distributors will be appraising all outstanding weapons left in the property room.

#22. Items of Community Interest - (Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers and City Staff for which no action will be discussed or taken.)

Mayor Tyson announced the Commissioner's office had completed the work order from 2018 and he plans on getting with Councilman Beard to survey the city for the next project. He reported they have not jetted culverts on Elm Street yet and the plans for addressing issues at Magnolia and Linnwood.

Councilwoman Cranney announced details of a \$400,000,000 grant, \$20,000,000 of which is designated to raise Roman Forest Blvd. bridge with the remaining balance to be used for digging out Peach Creek, San Jacinto East and West Fork. Proposals for these projects are posted on Recovery Montgomery County website.

Councilwoman Cranney also reported San Jacinto County is in the process of constructing a solid waste landfill in the middle of the National Forest. And stated that it shouldn't matter to us except for the location they have selected for this is in Precinct 3 of San Jacinto County. It is supposed to be laid out in two phases, and in between the two phases is Jay Hawker creek. The property is in the 100-year flood plain with Jay Hawker creek running right in the center of it. Jay Hawker creek feeds right in to Peach creek. If there is a flood event, we have the potential of all of that waste coming in to our creek. There is a Facebook page called "Stop, the land fill in San Jacinto County." They have a petition going. The permits have already been filed with TCEQ but if there is enough citizen concern, about environmental issues, then TCEQ will hold a public hearing to hear the public's concerns. The concerns have to be relative to water quality.

Councilwoman Porter asked if Councilwoman Cranney if she knew how close it would be to the creek. Councilwoman Cranney stated she did and that it was on the drawings she had.

Councilwoman Cranney stated further they've outlined site 1 and site 2 by their drawing. If you look at their entire area they own, the 100-year flood plain goes right through the center of it. The site is supposed to be located at the intersection of FM1725 and Fostoria. North of Jay Hawker Road if you are looking for the area. Over 800 acres that they have dug a sand pit out of, now they are through digging sand and want to make something else with it. She stated she has heard the total surrounding area, they are saying they are going to need a buffer, it's like 2000 acres. Which would affect Peach Creek, the entire neighborhood where they are still building homes. She has reported this to Commissioner Metts, and sent him all of her information, so he will be checking in to it.

Councilwoman Dobson mentioned she saw a post on Facebook regarding citizen interest in another community Thanksgiving dinner.

No other announcements were made.

#23. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. was made by Councilman Beard. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cranney, motion carried.