

THE CITY OF WOODBRANCH VILLAGE  
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 26, 2017

The City of Woodbranch Village council met in a regular meeting and public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 26, 2017, in the City Hall Building at 58A Woodbranch Drive, New Caney, Texas, 77357. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Vera Craig with the public hearing opening at 7:02 p.m. Roll Call showed as being present Councilman Scott Essmeier, Councilman TJ Mulhern, Councilman Mark Kroll, Mayor Vera Craig and Councilwoman Debbie Lawson. City Attorney Leonard Schneider was also in attendance. City Secretary Charlotte Smith was present to take the minutes of the meeting. Mayor Vera Craig led the meeting with a prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

REGULAR MEETING (7:00 P.M.)

#5. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING (7:00 P.M.)

The hearing was opened at 7:02 p.m.

#6. Conduct a public information meeting to review potential environmental impacts of the proposed pump station and ground storage tank project and receive public input.

No questions were asked regarding the project.

#7. Close Public Hearing

The hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

#8. Sign in Sheet and Resident Comments

No names appeared on the sign in sheet.

#9. CONSENT AGENDA

#9a. Approve Minutes from the September 28, 2017 – Regular Meeting and Workshop

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

#9b. Approve Financial Statement General Fund – September 2017

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

#9c. Approve Financial Statement Water & Sewer Fund – September 2017

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

#9d. Approve Financial Statement Debt Service – September 2017

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

#9e. Approve Bills for the General Fund – October 2017

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

#9f. Approve Bills for the Water & Sewer Fund – October 2017

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

#9g. Approve Bills for the Debt Service Fund – October 2017

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

#9h. Approve Police Report – September 2017

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

#9i. Road & Ditch, Bureau Veritas & Storm Water Management Report – September 2017

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

The motion to approve items 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e, 9f, 9g, 9h and 9i was made by Councilman Scott Essmeier. The motion was seconded by Councilman TJ Mulhern, motion carried.

#10. Approve Operator's Report – September 2017

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

The motion to approve the report as submitted was made by Councilman Mark Kroll. The motion was seconded by Councilman TJ Mulhern, motion carried.

#11. Consider, discuss and/or take possible action on the request submitted by 159 Linnwood for a variance to her excessive water bill due to a water leak that went undiscovered during the flooding from Hurricane Harvey

The motion to table this item was made by Councilman Scott Essmeier. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mark Kroll, motion carried.

#12. Andres Bahena, NB Residences, LLC – owner of a tract located in Woodway Forest Section 1, Imelda Diaz, Engineer and Developer Representative and Ghandi Saad, PE, CFM, RSG Engineering, Inc. – would like to discuss the feasibility of their proposed utility and drainage request

No action was taken on this item.

#13. Consider, discuss and/or take possible action on the Agreement for Technical Services submitted by O'Malley Strand Associates, Inc. (Vera Craig, Mayor)

The motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilman Scott Essmeier. The motion was seconded by Councilman TJ Mulhern, motion carried.

#14. Consider and/or take possible action on the final plat approval request submitted by Mark Martin, Lilliput Farms Developer

The motion to approve the final plat, subject to the approval of the addendum to the original Development Agreement and authorizing the Mayor to sign the amendment and plat, was made by Councilwoman Debbie Lawson. The motion was seconded by Councilman TJ Mulhern, motion carried

#15. Consider, discuss and/or take possible action on Ordinance 270-2017 – an ordinance of the City of Woodbranch Village, Texas approving a surcharge rider allowing Entergy Texas, Inc. to recover incremental franchise rental fees through a surcharge calculated pursuant to the rate set forth in subsection 11(A) of Ordinance 269-2017 approved on September 28, 2017; and finding and determining that the meeting at which this ordinance was considered was opt to the public and in accordance with Texas law

The motion to approve the ordinance was made by Councilman Scott Essmeier. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mark Kroll, motion carried.

#16. Consider, discuss and/or take possible action on the bid submitted by Generator Supercenter for the repair of the generator at city hall

The motion to approve the bid made by Councilman Mark Kroll. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott Essmeier, motion carried.

#17. Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Meetings Act TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.074 – To discuss personnel matters -

Council went in to closed session at 7:50 p.m.

- (A) – to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline and or dismissal of a public officer or employee – Waylon O'Neill, James Rodgers, Rene Silva and Fred Young

#18. Reconvene and take possible action

Council reconvened in to open session at 8:39 p.m. The motion to accept the letters of resignation submitted by Officer Waylon O'Neill and Officer James Rodgers was made by Councilman Scott Essmeier. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mark Kroll, motion carried. No further action was taken.

#19. Consider, discuss and/or take possible action on changing the November regular meeting to Thursday, November 30, 2017 (Vera Craig, Mayor)

The motion to approve the moving of the meeting was made by Councilman Scott Essmeier. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mark Kroll, motion carried.

#20. Item 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.)

Councilman Mark Kroll asked for the discussion of the one-way water valve to serve Tavola subdivision be discussed on a future agenda.

No other announcements were made.

#21. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. was made by Councilman Scott Essmeier. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mark Kroll, motion carried.

