

**MINUTES
PINEY POINT VILLAGE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011**

The City Council of The City of Piney Point Village held a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at Memorial Drive Elementary 11202 Smithdale, Houston, Texas 77024.

Mayor Nemeth announced that a quorum of the Council was present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Mayor Peter Nemeth, Mayor Pro Tem John Ebeling, Councilman Henry Kollenberg, Councilman Dale Dodds, Councilman Joel Bender, Councilman Ron Goodwine, City Administrator Terri Johnson, City Secretary Amanda Davenport, City Engineers John Peterson and Joe Moore and City Attorney David Olson.

Mayor Nemeth led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, Mayor Nemeth moved two items to the front of the agenda due to time constraints on the presenters of these items.

1. Discuss and take action regarding joint election with Spring Branch Independent School District and changing the polling place from Memorial Drive Elementary to Spring Branch Middle School.

The City Secretary presented this item to Council with a short explanation of this issue including background information that necessitated these changes in the election procedures locally. Karen Wilson with Spring Branch Independent School District was introduced and she thanked Council for their time to consider these changes and answered several questions from Councilmembers. The attorneys for both entities will collaborate on an Interlocal Agreement and move forward with the joint election process.

6. Discuss and take action on the monthly financial report for August, 2011.

Randy Reimer was in attendance and discussed the August 2011 financial report with Council.

Mayor Nemeth returned to the regular agenda format and asked for any city announcements. Mayor Nemeth discussed with Council a request for a future agenda item regarding the generator ordinance.

Mayor Nemeth called for any citizens wishing to speak to Council and Mr. Tom Roth of Hedwig Village stated that he had a request for agenda item #12 and would speak during that item.

2. Discuss and take action regarding the final taxable value notice received from Harris County and changes to the proposed budget and tax rate.

Mayor Nemeth informed Council that the final taxable value from the tax office came in lower than the preliminary taxable values that Council had based the proposed 2012 budget on. This item was for discussion only.

3. Open Public Hearing regarding the 2011 Tax Rate.

Mayor Nemeth opened the Public Hearing on the 2011 tax rate at 6:20 p.m.

No person in attendance spoke for or against the proposed tax rate.

Mayor Nemeth closed the Public Hearing at 6:21 p.m.

4. Discuss and take action on the monthly Memorial Villages Police Department report.

In the absence of Commissioner Butler and Chief Brye, Lt. Haril Walpole gave the monthly Memorial Villages Police Department report.

5. Discuss and take action on the monthly Village Fire Department report.

Alternate Fire Commissioner Zeb Nash gave the monthly Village Fire Department report and stated that they have received the \$717,000.00 grant for the radio communications and they will be applying for a grant for a new ambulance.

7. Discuss and take action on the 2011 Paving Improvements additional concrete point repair.

John Peterson presented this item to Council and no action was taken on this item.

8. Discuss and take action on possible improvements on Green Point Court.

John Peterson presented two options to Council as possible solutions to the Green Point Court drainage problems.

George and Ashley Clark and Mrs. Jean White were in attendance and discussed these options with Council and Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson will bring back to Council at the Oct. 10, 2011 meeting a proposal on the \$29,870.00 option.

9. Discuss and take action on current projects in the City.

John Peterson discussed the Hermosa Court project, the 2011 Paving Improvements Project and the TxDot Hedwig Road Bridge project with Council.

No action was taken.

10. Discuss and take action on a contract for election supplies and machines with Election Systems & Software, Inc. (ES&S).

Mayor Nemeth passed this item.

11. Discuss and take action on Resolution No. 11.09.26 designating a City of Piney Point representative and an alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly for 2012.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ebeling to approve Resolution No. 11.09.26 appointing Dale Dodds as the 2012 Piney Point HGAC Representative and appointing Ron Goodwine as the Alternate Representative. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bender and passed unanimously.

12. Discuss and take action on plans for the Dec. 4, 2011 Carol Tree Park holiday celebration.

The City Secretary presented this item to Council. Discussion took place regarding entertainment and tree lighting. Mr. Tom Roth, a Hedwig Village resident, requested that Council honor Mrs. Dorothy Carsey Sumner by being the official tree lighter. Mrs. Sumner is a longtime village resident and currently resides in Piney Point Village.

13. Discuss and take action on tax rate notice publications.

Mayor Nemeth presented this item for discussion only.

14. Discuss and take action on minutes from the August 22, 2011 City Council meeting.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ebeling to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2011 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bender and passed unanimously.

15. Executive Session:

The City Council will adjourn into closed executive session pursuant to section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY): specifically to discuss legal requirements for accepting bids for public works projects.

The Mayor recessed the regular meeting and opened the Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

The Mayor closed the Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

16. Action, if any, out of the executive session.

Motion was made by Councilman Kollenberg to give the Mayor the authority to give notice of appropriate action on the Claymore/Smithdale project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bender and passed unanimously.

17. Mayor Nemeth adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of November, 2011.

Peter G. Nemeth
Mayor

Attest:

Amanda Davenport
City Secretary