

MINUTES OF A CITY OF PINEY POINT VILLAGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024, 6:00 P.M. AT ECCLESIA CHURCH, 325 PINEY POINT ROAD, PINEY POINT VILLAGE, TEXAS.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Mark Kobelan, Michael Herminghaus, Dale Dodds, Joel Bender, Aliza Dutt, and Jonathan Curth.

City Representatives Present: Bobby Pennington, City Administrator; David Olson, City Attorney; Solace Southwick, Police Commissioner; James Huguenard, Police Commissioner; Ray Schultz, Police Chief; Zeb Nash, Fire Commissioner; Howard Miller, Interim Fire Chief; Joe Moore, City Engineer.

I. Call To Order

- At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Kobelan declared a quorum and called the meeting to order.
- Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag.

II. Citizens Wishing to Address Council

- Solace Southwick is calling for a truce or understanding among election candidates regarding the placement and limitation of political yard signs.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and possible action on the Memorial Villages Police Department Monthly Report: a.) Update on activities, b) Review and presentation of the 2023 Racial Profiling Data Report, c) Update Regarding E-Bike Regulation, d) Consideration and possible action on employee insurance coverage for April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, including health, vision, and dental in partnership with the Memorial Villages Police Department and the City of Bunker Hill Village, Texas.

- In the month of January, the MVPD responded to and handled a total of 1,014 calls and incidents for Piney Point Village alone. Additionally, 626 house watch checks were conducted, and 117 citations were issued, with 243 as warnings during this period.
- The MVPD has completed and presented its annual report on racial profiling. In 2023, the department conducted 7,734 traffic stops across all cities. During these stops, the driver's race was unknown in 99.5% of cases. The data shows no evidence of a pattern of race-based traffic stops, arrests, searches, or citations issued within the department.
- The department is currently working forward on policy recommendations for e-bike regulations.
- Regarding employee health insurance coverage, Alliant was able to negotiate with BCBS and lower the original renewal offer received from 19.3% (\$121,262) to 11.6% (\$73,012). However, this reduction is subject to MVPD renewing the dental coverage with BCBS for the 2024-2025 plan year.
- Councilmember Bender moved to approve employee insurance coverage for April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, including health, vision, and dental, in partnership with the Memorial Villages Police Department and the City of Bunker Hill Village, Texas. The motion was seconded by Herminghaus.
 - AYES: Herminghaus, Dodds, Bender, Dutt, and Curth.
 - NAYS: None.
- The motion carried.

2. Consideration and possible action on the Village Fire Department Monthly Report: a) Update on activities, b) Statement of year-end financials (unaudited).

- In January, VFD responded to 250 incidents across all the villages in the service area, with an average response time of 4 minutes and 19 seconds.
- VFD representatives distributed the report material in the meeting. The electronic version of the agenda packet included an unaudited report on the VFD financials. After the audit is completed, a final report will be presented with comments taken into consideration.
- No further action was taken.

3. Consideration and possible action on a revised resolution to establish a joint election with Spring Branch

Independent School District for the General Municipal Election on May 4, 2024, designating a change in early voting venue.

- The staff recommended a revised Resolution of Order for the General Municipal Election on May 4, 2024, due to the conditions at 7676 Woodway.
 - The early voting polling place will be located at 325 Piney Point Road. Voting will take place from April 22 to April 26, 2024, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. In addition, early voting is scheduled for April 29 and April 30, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Councilmember Herminghaus moved to approve a revised Resolution of Order, calling to establish a joint election with Spring Branch Independent School District for the General Municipal Election on May 4, 2024, as Resolution 2024.02. The motion was seconded by Bender.
 - AYES: Herminghaus, Dodds, Bender, Dutt, and Curth.
 - NAYS: None.
 - The motion carried.
- 4. Consideration and possible action to request proposals for landscape installation of Greenbay landscape design near Hedwig Road.**
- The city is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to complete the Landscape Project on Greenbay Street and is requesting sealed bids. This process will reach out to vendors for proposals and give public notice in the Memorial Examiner.
 - The council requested that the exhibit design be available on the city website.
 - Councilmember Bender moved to approve the request for proposals on landscape installation of Greenbay landscape design near Hedwig Road. The motion was seconded by Dodds.
 - AYES: Herminghaus, Dodds, Bender, Dutt, and Curth.
 - NAYS: None.
 - The motion carried.
- 5. Consideration and possible action on a three-year extended agreement with EZ-Task that includes a redesign of the website.**
- Councilmember Bender moved to approve a three-year extended agreement with EZ-Task that includes a redesign of the website. The motion was seconded by Dodds.
 - AYES: Herminghaus, Dodds, Bender, Dutt, and Curth.
 - NAYS: None.
 - The motion carried.
- 6. Consideration and possible action on the purchase and planned placement of school zone flashing beacons.**
- The Council requested that staff review all school zones, assess signage, and explore school participation options for public and private schools.
 - The item has been postponed for further discussion.
- 7. Consideration and possible action on the monthly report presented by the Mayor.**
- No action taken.
- 8. Consideration and possible action on the City Administrator's Monthly Report, including but not limited to a) Financial Related Items, (Financial Report – January 2024, Property Tax Report, Disbursements); b) Signage for Greenbay Crosswalk; c) Update on Current Specific Use Permit Projects.**
- The Council has requested staff follow up on correcting dates in the Tax-Accessor's Property Tax Report. Additionally, they have requested to view the year-end financials, which will show The Kinkaid School contribution accrual in FY2023.
 - The Council discussed and provided staff direction for improved signage at the Greenbay crosswalk.
 - The Council discussed delays with SFEC SUP, and specific issues related to drainage and lighting.
 - Councilmember Bender moved to approve disbursements as presented. The motion was seconded by Dodds.
 - AYES: Herminghaus, Dodds, Bender, Dutt, and Curth.
 - NAYS: None.
 - The motion carried.

9. Consideration and possible action on the Engineer's Report.

- During the discussion, Monzer Hourani addressed the issue of drainage and landscaping along South Piney Point Road.
- No action was taken.

10. Consideration and possible action on approval of the Regular Session Meeting Minutes held on January 22, 2024.

- Councilmember Bender moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 22, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Herminghaus.
 - AYES: Herminghaus, Dodds, Bender, Dutt, and Curth.
 - NAYS: None.
- The motion carried.

11. Discuss and consider possible action on any future agenda items, meeting dates, and similar matters.

- There are three meetings scheduled in March: a beautification meeting on March 11th, an engineering meeting on March 13th, and a regular council meeting on March 25th.
- March 29 is a City Holiday in observation of Good Friday.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

16. The City Council executive meeting pursuant to the provision of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney and Section 551.072, Real Estate Property. Section 551.074.

- The council convened into executive session at 8:31 p.m.
- The council reconvened into the regular public meeting at 8:51 p.m.

17. Consideration and possible action on items discussed in the Executive Session.

- Councilmember Bender moved to approve the termination contract at 7676 Woodway. The motion was seconded by Herminghaus.
 - AYES: Herminghaus, Dodds, Bender, Dutt, and Curth.
 - NAYS: None.
- The motion carried.
- No other formal action was taken from the Executive Session.

V. ADJOURNMENT

18. Adjourn.

- Councilmember Bender made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Herminghaus.
- Mayor Kobelan adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

PASSED and APPROVED, this 25th day of March 2024.


Mark Kobelan, Mayor



ATTEST:


Robert Pennington, City Secretary