

**MINUTES  
THE CITY OF PINEY POINT VILLAGE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINEY POINT VILLAGE MET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M. AT MEMORIAL DRIVE ELEMENTARY, 11202 SMITHDALE ROAD, HOUSTON, TX, TO DISCUSS THE AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Lee Butler, Mayor Pro Tem John Ebeling, Dale Dodds, Henry Kollenberg, and Joel Bender.

**ABSENT:** Ron Goodwine

**CITY STAFF:** Ben Griffin, City Administrator; Maggie Carty, City Secretary; Annette Arriaga, Director of Planning, Development, & Permits; Mike Peloquin, Building Official/ Code Officer; David Olson with Olson & Olson; John Peterson and Mitch Parnell with HDR Engineering Co.

**GUESTS:** Chris Anderson, Tom Owen, Byrom Cooley, John Driscoll

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lee Butler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Butler conducted the meeting with the agenda items in the following order:

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:**

Mr. Tom Owen of 11517 Raintree Circle addressed Council regarding City right-of-way property on Chuckanut. He is experiencing flooding into his yard, pool, and pond from runoff of City property due to new construction on his street. He requested to install a sump pump at the back of his property, on the corner of the City right-of-way, to bring the drainage out to the overflow ditch on Chuckanut. He will pay for the installation and maintenance. John Peterson, City Engineer, reported to Council that he went to the site to examine the situation and he believes it would be a benefit to the City and the citizen to move forward with the project. Councilman Kollenberg recommended moving forward through regular permitting procedures.

Mr. Vincent Pilegge completed a Request to Speak Form to address Council regarding traffic signs with old yellow poles being replaced or painted to match the green City street signs. He was not present to speak to Council. Mike Peloquin informed Council that Texas Transportation Code states traffic warning signs must be yellow.

**1. Discuss and take possible action on the MVPD monthly report.**

Chief Sanders introduced Officer Michelle Owens who gave an update on the Texas Best Practices accreditation process. MVPD is currently nearing the completion of phase one which is rewriting the policy manual. The second phase is the compliance phase which will include employee training. The final phase is the inspection phase. She estimates twelve months to completion. Regarding the DARE program, Officer Owens gave a brief update on activities in the local schools.

Chief Sanders introduced Officer Oscar Miller who addressed Council regarding National Night Out on October 7, 2014.

**2. Discuss and take possible action on the VFD monthly report.**

No report was given and no action taken.

**3. Discuss and take possible action on the VFD 2015 Budget.**

Mayor Pro Tem Ebeling made a motion to approve the Village Fire Department 2015 Budget as presented. Councilman Bender seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**4. Open Public Hearing on the Proposed 2014 Property Tax Rate.**

Mayor Butler opened the Public Hearing stating the proposed tax rate for 2014 will remain the same as the previous year of .25514 per \$100 of valuation. A question was asked regarding the tax rate remaining the same. A question was asked regarding the 2014 Budget vs Actual increase in Public Works and Capital Projects. A question was asked regarding the anticipated bond issuance.

The Public Hearing was closed on the Proposed 2014 Property Tax Rate.

**5. Open Public Hearing on the Proposed 2015 Budget.**

Mayor Butler opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2015 Budget. There were no comments or questions.

The Public Hearing was closed on the Proposed 2015 Budget.

Mayor Butler announced the next Public Hearing on the 2014 Property Tax Rate and 2015 Budget will be held on Monday, September 29, 2014 and the vote is scheduled for October 6, 2014.

**6. Discuss and take possible action on the City Administrator's monthly report, including but not limited to:**

**August 2014 Financials**

**Plans for Piney Point's participation in National Night Out**

**Update on Ordinance Review**

**Update on Committee for Public Safety on Private Streets**

**Update on Linebarger contract to collect past due court fines.**

Ben Griffin, City Administrator, presented the August 2014 Financials and discussed increase in revenues, budget variances, debt service, General Fund, and Metro Fund. He announced Piney Points participation in National Night Out.

Ordinance Review was discussed by Councilman Bender, specifically the Fence Ordinance, Gas Meter Deposits, Non-Conforming Structures, and Generators. It was agreed that clarity is needed on these issues. Councilman Kollenberg suggested the Council first discuss the process and how to proceed before taking action. This item will be added to an agenda at a regular council meeting before the end of the year.

David Olson, City Attorney, presented an ordinance regarding public safety on private streets. The Council will review the ordinance and it will be added to a future agenda.

Ben Griffin discussed the contract with Linebarger and their performance in regards to collecting outstanding court fees. The deadline to cancel the contract has passed. This item will be placed on the agenda in July to re-evaluate and take possible action at that time.

**7. Discuss and take possible action on a request by Mr. Lance Berkman to remove impervious cover on city right of way and replace with a new smaller portion of stairs and walkway on city right of way.**

Item withdrawn from Agenda prior to meeting. Delegated to City Staff to move forward through regular permitting procedures.

**8. Discuss and take possible action on a request by Mrs. Shelly Baker to add an irrigation system in the city right of way along Smithdale at Bakers Cover.**

Item withdrawn from Agenda prior to meeting. Delegated to City Staff to move forward through regular permitting procedures.

**9. Discuss and take possible action on Dr. Vivekananthan's request for a driveway turn around on the city right of way.**

Item withdrawn from Agenda prior to meeting by Dr. Vivekananthan.

**11. Discuss and take possible action on a contract amendment with VF Waste regarding recycling.**

Item will be moved to September 29, 2014 Agenda.

**12. Discuss and take possible action on designating a representative and alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council.**

Councilman Dodds is the current representative and agreed to continue to serve. Councilman Bender made a motion to reappoint Councilman Dodds as the City's representative on the Houston-Galveston Area Council. Mayor Pro Tem Ebeling seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**10. Discuss and take possible action on the City Engineer's monthly report of ongoing projects including but not limited to: Batch #1 Project, Hedwig Road Project, 2014 Paving Project, Windermere Drainage, Woods Edge 9A Drainage, Blalock / S. Piney Point Project, Smithdale Estates Bypass, MDE Drainage Project, and Drainage on Dunsinane.**

John Peterson, City Engineer gave brief update on projects. There is a Pre-bid meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> for the 2014 Paving Project. Harris County approved the project for Blalock/S.Piney Point Road. Harris County wants the city to repave the entire street. Regarding Windermere Drainage Project, he is working with Olson & Olson on an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Houston to finalize details. A proposal should be ready by next Council Meeting.

Mitch Parnell discussed Batch #1 Project. The project is complete except for one item, the gate behind the church. A contractor has been selected for the job and will complete the work shortly.

Drainage on Dunsinane, John Peterson will check on cost to tie into the new drainage system. Owner of older house will pay for his portion of project.

**13. Discuss and take possible action on future agenda items.**

No action taken.

**14. Discuss and take possible action on minutes from the August 25, 2014 Council Meeting.**

Councilman Dodds moved to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2014 Council meeting. Councilman Bender seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**15. Adjournment**

A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn by Councilman Dodds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bender and approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of September 2014.



F. Lee Butler  
Mayor



Maggie Carty  
City Secretary

