

**MINUTES
THE CITY OF PINEY POINT VILLAGE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINEY POINT VILLAGE MET IN A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M. AT ECCLESIA CHURCH, 325 PINEY POINT RD, HOUSTON, TEXAS, TO DISCUSS THE AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW.

Council Members Present: Mayor Mark Kobelan, Joel Bender, Dale Dodds, Aliza Dutt, Michael Herminghaus, Brian Thompson

City Staff Present: Bobby Pennington, City Administrator; Karen Farris, City Secretary, Annette Arriaga, Director of Planning and Development; City Attorney; Aaron Croley, City Engineer

Mayor Kobelan declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL - *At this time, any person with city-related business may speak to the Council. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, if a member of the public comments or inquiries about a subject that is not specifically identified on the agenda, a member of Council or a Staff Member may only respond by giving a statement of specific factual information or by reciting existing policy. The City Council may not deliberate or vote on the non-agenda matter.*

There were no citizens wishing to address council regarding items that are not on the agenda.

Mayor Kobelan opened the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m. to provide the citizens of Piney Point Village an opportunity to comment regarding the Annual Budget and Property Tax Rate.

1. Public Hearing on adopting the proposed 2023 Budget.
2. Public Hearing on adopting 2022 Proposed Property Tax Rate.

There were no citizens present wishing to comment on the Annual Budget and Property Tax Rate. Mayor Kobelan closed the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Discussion and action on Ordinance No. 2022.09.26 adopting the proposed 2023 Budget. [A vote to adopt the budget must be a record vote.] Council Member Herminghaus made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022.09.26 approving the

proposed 2023 Budget. Council Member Bender seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Council Member Thompson	Aye
Council Member Herminghaus	Aye
Council Member Bender	Aye
Council Member Dutt	Aye
Council Member Dodds	Aye

The motion passed.

2. Discussion and action on the maintenance and operations component of the tax rate, action on the debt service component of the tax rate, and action on Ordinance No. 2022.09.26A concerning the combined proposed 2022 Tax Rate. [A vote to ratify the property tax reflected in the budget.]

Council Member Bender made a motion to ratify the maintenance and operations component of the tax rate at \$0.224025. Council Member Dodds seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Council Member Thompson	Aye
Council Member Herminghaus	Aye
Council Member Bender	Aye
Council Member Dutt	Aye
Council Member Dodds	Aye

The motion passed.

Council Member Bender made a motion to ratify the debt service component of the tax rate at \$0.031115. Council Member Dodds seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Council Member Thompson	Aye
Council Member Herminghaus	Aye
Council Member Bender	Aye
Council Member Dutt	Aye
Council Member Dodds	Aye

The motion passed.

Council Member Bender made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022.09.26A ratifying the combined proposed 2022 tax rate at \$0.255140. Council Member Dodds seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Council Member Thompson	Aye
Council Member Herminghaus	Aye
Council Member Bender	Aye
Council Member Dutt	Aye
Council Member Dodds	Aye

The motion passed.

3. Discussion and possible action on the Memorial Villages Police Department Monthly Report. Chief Schultz presented the monthly report for August 2022.

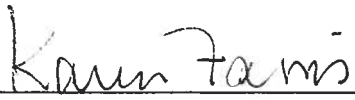
4. Discussion and possible action on the Village Fire Department Monthly Report.
Commissioner Nash presented the monthly report for August 2022. There was discussion regarding the Village Fire Department budget. There was discussion regarding replacing firefighters protective gear because it poses a health risk. The protective gear can contain PFAS, synthetic chemicals associated with an increased risk of certain cancers. Commissioner Nash reported that the line item for protective gear would need to be increased from \$26,000 to \$176,000 which would be funded by the current ambulance billing revenue. Council reiterated their concern for the well-being and safety of their firefighters. Mayor Kobelan commented for record that he did not want this activity of using ambulance funds each year to turn into a slush fund. Commissioner Nash confirmed.
5. Discussion and action to amend the Village Fire Department 2022 Budget. Council Member Bender made a motion to amend the Village Fire Department budget to increase the protective gear line item from \$26,000 to \$150,000 from the ambulance fund. Council Member Dodds seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
6. Discussion and action on the Harris County Public Library Interlocal Agreement. Council Member Dodds made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Harris County Public Library to donate \$1,500 so Harris County Public Library may purchase library materials and other items for the Spring Branch Memorial Library. Council Member Dutt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
7. Discussion and action on HGAC Designation. Council Member Dodds made a motion to designate Council Member Dutt as Representative to the General Assembly of the Houston-Galveston Area Council for 2023. Council Member Bender seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Council Member Bender made a motion to designate Council Member Herminghaus as the Official Alternate authorized to serve as the voting representative of the Houston-Galveston Area Council for 2023. Council Member Herminghaus seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
8. Discussion and possible action on the Mayor's Monthly Report.
 - Landscaping
 - Water Fountains, concrete pads, and landscaping
9. Discussion and action on the City Administrator's Monthly Report including but not limited to:
 - Financial Report
 - Purchasing Authorization: Council Member Herminghaus made a motion to authorize raising the current limit authority of the Mayor from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and authorize raising the current limit authority of the City Administrator from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Council Member Bender seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - Tree Replacement Program: Council Member Bender made a motion to approve the purchase of thirty Loblolly Pines at the cost of \$245 per tree at a total cost of \$7,350. Council Member Dutt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - Water Fountain Installation: Council Member Dodds made a motion to approve the installation of the water fountains at Quail Hollow/Blalock and

- Marchmont/Wilding Lane at a cost of \$2,750. Council Member Dutt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Arbor Day is November 5th: The city will purchase 50 trees at a cost of \$750 plus \$100 for delivery.
 - Verizon – First Amendment to Concealed Network Node Deployment Agreement: Council Member Dutt made a motion to modify the address and design requirements of an existing approved node and to provide additional authorization for the City Administrator to allow modifications in the location of an Approved Node of up to an additional two hundred (200) feet. Council Member Dodds seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - Update on Specific Use Permit Projects
 - Update on Review of Sign Ordinance and Lot Coverage will be discussed next month.
10. Discussion and action on quotes received for asphalt point repairs and crack sealing on Memorial Drive between Greenbay and San Felipe. Council Member Dodds made a motion to accept the bid for \$46,492.75 on HDR Job # 10336216 for Memorial Drive Asphalt Point Repairs with AAA Asphalt Paving, Inc. Council Member Bender seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 11. Discussion and possible action on the Engineer's Report. The Engineer's Report for this month includes updates to Wilding Lane Project, 96-inch CMP Replacement Project, Tokeneke & Country Squires Project, other various maintenance projects, and future projects.
 12. Discussion and action on the approval of the Minutes of the August 22, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. Council Member Bender made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 22, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 13. Discussion and consider action on any future agenda items, meeting dates, etc.
 14. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The City Council will adjourn into closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code (Consultation with Attorney). Executive Session was not needed.
 15. Discussion and consider possible action on items discussed in Executive Session. There was not an Executive Session.
 16. Adjourn - Council Member Bender made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day October, 2022.



Mark Kobelan
Mayor



Karen Farris
City Secretary