

MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2007, AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE CIVIC CENTER AUDITORIUM, 16327 LAKEVIEW, JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS.

The meeting was called to order with the following present:

Mayor	Russell Hamley
Mayor Pro-Tem	Frances Wubbenhorst
Councilmember	Joyce Berube
Councilmember	Ernie English
Councilmember	Jill Klein
Councilmember	Greg Holden
City Manager	Mike Castro
City Attorney	Kenneth Wall
City Secretary	LaKeisha Cannon-Scott

Additional Staff in attendance: Finance Director Isabel Kato, Fire Chief Mark Bitz, Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Brown, Police Chief Charles Wedemeyer, Public Works Director Danny Segundo.

Mayor Russell Hamley gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

A City Proclamation in memory of the late Bob Biggs, expressing appreciation for his years of service and dedication to the City of Jersey Village as a member of the Golf Course Advisory Committee was read by Mayor Russell Hamley.

Councilmember Berube made brief comments of appreciation regarding the hard work and dedicated service of the late Bob Biggs.

In addition, Mayor Hamley also made brief comments of appreciation regarding the hard work and dedicated service of the late Bob Biggs.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mark Malloy, 7803 Hamilton Circle, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding the noise abatement for the toll road. He reported his summary of the meetings with the Harris County Toll Road Authority and the Cypress-Fairbanks School District regarding the noise study and possible noise mitigation.

Jeff Kopecky, 16125 Delozier, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding commercial vehicle parking within the City of Jersey Village. He gave a list of streets that currently have commercial vehicles parking overnight. In addition, he asked Council to look into the code enforcement issues.

Jim Fields, 14131 St. Helier, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding commercial vehicles parking overnight, junk vehicles, and the no-parking zone at the golf course.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mike Castro reported the following:

1. November 2007 Monthly Fund Balances Report, Governmental Funds, and Enterprise Funds.
2. Departmental Request Report and Open Records Request Report for November 2007.
3. Fire & Emergency Services Departmental Report for November 2007.
4. Jersey Village Police Activity Report, Crime Prevention Unit, Warrant Report and Investigations/Calls for Service Report for November 2007.
5. Municipal Court Collection Report, Municipal Court Activity Report, Municipal Court Courtroom Activity Report, Detailed Report, and Revenue Comparison Report for November 2007.
6. Public Works Departmental Report for November 2007.
7. Combined Monthly and Annual Mileage Report.
8. Golf Course Monthly Report, Golf Course Financial Statements Report, and Parks & Recreation Departmental Report for November 2007.

No additional comments were made by the City Manager.

Mayor Hamley introduced the reappointed members of the Municipal Court Clerk and the new reserve officers.

DOCKETED JOINT PUBLIC HEARING: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of the November 12, 2007, Special Session held at 7:00 p.m.
2. Minutes of the November 19, 2007, Regular Session held at 7:00 p.m.

B. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-44 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY2007-2008 BUDGET (AMBULANCE BILLING). *Mr. Mark Bitz, Fire Chief.*

C. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2007-45 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY2007-2008

BUDGET (OUTSOURCING INSPECTION AND PLAN REVIEW SERVICES). *Mr. Danny Segundo, Public Works Director.*

- D. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-57 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, APPOINTING GENE W. FROHBIETER AS THE PRESIDING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE; DON R. BYRNES AND MARTIN HALICK AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE. *Ms. Isabel Kato, Finance Director.***
- E. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-58 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, APPOINTING HELEN WO AS MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE. *Ms. Isabel Kato, Finance Director.***
- F. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-59 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICIA K. GUESS AND JOHN D. CORGIAT AS RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE. *Mr. Charles Wedemeyer, Police Chief.***
- G. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-60 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS COUNTY FOR STREET RAISING THROUGHOUT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY. *Mr. Danny Segundo, Public Works Director.***
- H. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-61 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH URETEK, USA, FOR STREET RAISING THROUGHOUT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY. *Mr. Danny Segundo, Public Works Director.***
- I. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-62 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, DECLARING FLEET UNITS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL. *Mr. Danny Segundo, Public Works Director.***

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember English to approve Consent Agenda Items A-I as presented.

Voting "Aye" Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Holden, Klein, and English.

Voting "No" None.

Passed 5 to 0.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPTS FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY. *Hall, Barnum, Luchessi Architects.*

City Manager Mike Castro gave a brief introduction of Mr. Hall of Hall, Barnum, Luchessi Architects.

Bill Hall of Hall, Barnum, Luchessi Architects gave a brief presentation to Council and Staff regarding the proposed expansion of the Police Department Facility.

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Mr. Hall regarding the required expansion space.

Additional brief discussion ensued regarding possible disruption to the day to day operations of the Police Department, cost of the expansion, and adequate storage for equipment.

Additional information in detail regarding the site plan and final master plan will be developed further and discussed with the City in the upcoming weeks.

2. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – UPDATE REGARDING MEETINGS OF THE PARKS REVIEW COMMITTEE. *Mr. Jim Pulliam, Parks Review Committee Chairman.*

Parks Review Committee Chairman Jim Pulliam gave a report of the past meetings of the committee.

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Chairman Pulliam regarding the priority listing and city poll information.

Councilmember English thanked the committee for the timeliness of the work completed thus far by the committee.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – REMOVE RESOLUTION NO. 2007-52 FROM THE TABLE. *City Council.*

Mayor Hamley removed New Business Item No. 3.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2007-52 – ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH KBR FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE KENNEL FOR ANIMAL SHELTER. Mr. Danny Segundo, Public Works Director.

After a brief review of options presented by City Manager Mike Castro, Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember English to direct Staff to negotiate a six month contract with Dr. Sean for review during the next Council meeting.

Public Works Director Danny Segundo gave a brief overview regarding the replacement of the animal shelter and possible alternatives.

Lengthy discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the current process and the impact of alternative methods for housing animals.

Councilmember Holden stated his concerns regarding the limitations with the alternative methods presented and requested Council to consider liability issues and the higher current level of service provided by the City.

Councilmember Berube stated her comments regarding moving forward with the alternative of contracting with Dr. Sean for housing animals.

City Manager Mike Castro gave a brief overview of the charges associated with the alternative of contracting with Dr. Sean.

Additional lengthy discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the issue; councilmembers were for or against building a new facility and the alternative methods.

Voting “Aye” Councilmembers Berube and English.

Voting “No” Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Holden, and Klein.

Failed 3 to 2.

Councilmember Holden made the motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst to approve Resolution No. 2007-52, entering into a contract with KBR for the replacement of the kennel for animal shelter.

Voting “Aye” Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Holden, and Klein.

Voting “No” Councilmember English.

Passed 4 to 1.

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – DISCUSSION REGARDING LAWN CARE SERVICE REGISTRATION. Ms. Joyce Berube, Councilmember.

Councilmember Berube made brief comments regarding the possible requirement of lawn care service registration and informing the citizens regarding proper disposal of lawn clippings and the trash pick-up schedule.

City Attorney Ken Wall made brief comments regarding some selective language for a possible ordinance.

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the issue.

Councilmember Holden stated his concerns of opposition for a possible city ordinance due to the city possibly targeting only one section of businesses and not all businesses working in the city.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst made brief comments regarding possible help from citizens spotting the issues of improper lawn clipping disposal and reporting them to the city.

In addition, Mayor Hamley stated his concerns regarding targeting only one type of business.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORTS/COMMENTS

Councilmember Klein reported on the Holiday in the Park Event and asked everyone to look for the upcoming Spring Fling Event in March.

Councilmember English stated he would like to see a review and recommendation of an ordinance regarding the animal shelter fees. In addition, he thanked the Fire/EMS Department for the Santa visits.

Councilmember Berube stated the Santa visit program during the Christmas Holiday is a wonderful program. In addition, she congratulated the Recreation and Events Committee for the success of the Holiday in the Park Event.

Councilmember Holden thanked the Fire/EMS Department for the Santa visits. In addition he asked for follow-up information from Code Enforcement and an update regarding the web e-blast service.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst thanked the volunteers and Staff for the success of the Holiday In the Park Event and Santa visits. She thanked the judges and welcomed the Reserve Officers. In addition, she thanked the citizens for voicing the code enforcement issues in the city.

MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT/COMMENTS

Mayor Hamley asked for the inclusion of a Code Enforcement Log under the City Manager's Report on future agendas. He stated his appreciation of the report from the Parks Review Committee. In conclusion, he stated that the Harris County Toll Road Authority may possibly conduct a public meeting for Jersey Village in January.

Mayor Russell Hamley adjourned the regular session at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted and/or corrected this the 21st day of January, A.D., 2008.

Russell Hamley
Mayor

ATTEST:

LaKeisha Cannon-Scott
City Secretary