

THE CITY OF WOODBRANCH VILLAGE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 2017

The City of Woodbranch Village council met in a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 21, 2017, in the City Hall Building at 58A Woodbranch Drive, New Caney, Texas, 77357. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Vera Craig. Roll Call showed as being present Councilman Scott Essmeier, Councilman TJ Mulhern, Councilman Mark Kroll, Mayor Vera Craig, City Attorney Leonard Schneider and Councilwoman Debbie Lawson. Charlotte Smith was present to take the minutes of the meeting. Mayor Vera Craig led the meeting with a prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

REGULAR MEETING (7:00 P.M.)

#5. Sign in Sheet and Resident Comments

Jason Jordan – resident requesting council investigate/consider the possibilities of contracting with the City of Roman Forest Police Department to patrol the City of Woodbranch. Mr. Jordan presented council with a sample copy of the March 2017 City of Roman Forest Police Department Monthly Report.

No other names appeared on the sign in sheet.

#6. CONSENT AGENDA

#6a. Approve Minutes from November 30, 2017 – Special Meeting

Copies of the minutes are on file in the City Secretary's office.

#6b. Approve Financial Statement for General Fund – November 2017

Copies of this statement are on file in the City Secretary's office.

#6c. Approve Financial Statement for Water & Sewer Fund – November 2017

Copies of this statement are on file in the City Secretary's office.

#6d. Approve Financial Statement for Debt Service Fund – November 2017

Copies of this statement are on file in the City Secretary's office.

#6e. Approve Bills General Fund – December 2017

Copies of the bills are on file in the City Secretary's office.

#6f. Approve Bills Water & Sewer Fund – December 2017

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#6g. Approve Bills Debt Service Fund – December 2017

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#6h. Approve Police Report – November 2017

Copies of this report are on file in the City Secretary's office.

#6i. Approve Road & Ditch Report, Bureau Veritas & Storm Water Management Report – November 2017

Copies of these reports are on file in the City Secretary's office.

The motion to approve items 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e, 6f, 6g, 6h and 6i was made by Councilman Mark Kroll. The motion was seconded by Councilman Scott Essmeier, motion carried.

#7. Operator's Report – November 2017

Copies of these reports are on file in the City Secretary's office.

The motion to approve the report as submitted was made by Councilman Scott Essmeier. The motion was seconded by Councilman TJ Mulhern, motion carried.

#8. Consider and/or take possible action on appointment to fill the vacancy of unexpired term for Councilmember Position 4

The motion to approve the appointment of resident Brent Purser, to fill the vacancy of unexpired term for Councilmember Position 4 and to serve for a term of one year, was made by Councilman Scott Essmeier. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Debbie Lawson, motion carried. City Secretary Charlotte Smith administered the Oath of Office to Council Position 4, Brent Purser, and he was seated.

#9. Consider, discuss and/or take possible action on seeking legal advice regarding a waiver of liability for flood damage construction done without inspections (Vera Craig, Mayor)

No action was taken on this item.

The motion to go in to Closed Executive Session, to receive legal advice on items 9, 10 and 11, was made by Councilman Scott Essmeier. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Debbie Lawson, motion carried.

Council went in to Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Meetings Act TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.071 – (Consultation with Attorney) - To receive legal advice at 7:14 p.m.

Council reconvened in to regular session at 7:24 p.m. No action was taken.

#10. Consider, discuss and/or take possible action on seeking legal advice regarding recommended electrical work not being done on flood damaged homes (Vera Craig, Mayor)

No action was taken on this item.

#11. Consider, discuss and/or take possible action on the dis-annexation of the 28.825 acres in Woodway Forest owned by NB Residences

The motion to not proceed with the dis-annexation, of the 28.825 acres in Woodway Forest owned by NB Residences, was made by Councilman Scott Essmeier. The motion was seconded by Councilman TJ Mulhern, motion carried.

#12. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the payment of video franchise fees to the City of Woodbranch Village, by AT&T who will begin paying the 5% fee for U-verse TV customers located within the City
The motion to accept the franchise fees was made by Councilman Scott Essmeier. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mark Kroll, motion carried.

#13. Discussion, consideration and possible action to require AT&T to pay a 1% of the ATT's gross revenue for Public, Educational and Governmental "PEG" Access Channels ("PEG") more commonly known as a PEG fee

No action was taken on this item.

#14. Item of Community Interest - (Hear announcements concerning items of community interest from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff for which no action will be discussed or taken.)

Mayor Vera Craig read aloud the Entergy announcement regarding the smart meters project to begin in the year 2018.

#15. Closed Executive Session in Accordance with the Open Meetings Act TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.074 – To discuss personnel matters -

Council went in to closed session at 7:54 p.m. City Secretary, Charlotte Smith was excused from the meeting.

(A) – to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline and or dismissal of a public officer or employee – Rene Silva and Fred Young

#16. Reconvene and take possible action

Council reconvened in to open session at 8:46 p.m. No action was taken.

#17. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. was made by Councilman Scott Essmeier. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mark Kroll, motion carried.