

MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON APRIL 17, 2006, 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	Ed Heathcott
Mayor Pro-Tem	Frances Wubbenhorst
Councilmember	Joyce Berube
Councilmember	Russell Hamley
Councilmember	A.J. Widacki
City Manager	Mike Castro
City Attorney	Kenneth Wall
City Secretary	LaKeisha Cannon-Scott

Absent: Councilmember Greg Holden

Additional Staff in attendance: Director of Finance Isabel Kato, Building Official John Brown, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Brown, Police Chief Charles Wedemeyer, and Fire Chief Kathy Hutchens.

The invocation was given by Mayor Ed Heathcott and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Ed Heathcott.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Robert Jenkins, 15514 Congo Lane, addressed Council and stated his concerns regarding an emergency storm shelter during hurricanes.

Jeff Kopecky, 16125 Delozier, addressed Council and complemented the City and the Parks & Recreation Committee for Founder's Day. In addition, he complemented the EMS Department for the current response time to citizens of Jersey Village. He gave additional comments regarding the proposed annexation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mike Castro reported the following:

1. March 2006 Financial Statements for Governmental Funds, March 2006 Financial Statements for Enterprise Funds, Investment Report, and Detail Collection Summary Report.
2. Departmental Request Report and Open Records Request Report for March 2006.
3. Fire & Emergency Services Departmental Report for March 2006.

4. Warrant Officer, Police, Crime Prevention Unit & Police Training & Activity Departmental Reports for March 2006.
5. Municipal Court Departmental Report, Warrant History Comparison Report, General Revenue Report, and Charges Filed Report for March 2006.
6. Public Works Departmental Report for March 2006.
7. Combined Monthly and Annual Mileage Report.
8. Golf Course Advisory Committee Detailed Reports/History (Memo, Financials, Monthly Report), and Minutes of the February meeting.

DOCKETED JOINT PUBLIC HEARING: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of the March 20, 2006, Regular Session held at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda as presented.

Voting “Aye” Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Hamley, and Widacki.

Voting “No” None.

Passed 4 to 0, with Councilmember Holden absent.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO THE RECREATION & EVENTS COMMITTEE AND FOUNDER’S DAY VOLUNTEERS.** *Mr. Michael Brown, Interim Parks & Recreation Director.*

Mayor Ed Heathcott and Interim Parks & Recreation Director Michael Brown issued certificates of appreciation to the Recreation & Events Committee. Mayor Ed Heathcott thanked the committee and Michael Brown for their hard work on Founder’s Day.

2. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE**

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK. *City Council.*

Mayor Ed Heathcott presented a proclamation to Fire Chief Kathy Hutchens in recognition of Emergency Medical Services Week.

3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – PRESENTATION BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY REGARDING PROPOSED FRANCHISE AGREEMENT MODIFICATIONS AND PENDING RATE CASE. *Mr. Mike Castro, City Manager.*

Frank Jeanes of Centerpoint Energy gave a detailed presentation regarding proposed modifications to the current franchise agreement with the City of Jersey Village.

A brief discussion ensued among Council, Staff, and Mr. Jeanes regarding proposed modifications to the current franchise agreement.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2006-14 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HARRIS COUNTY FOR ELECTION SERVICES. *Ms. LaKeisha Cannon-Scott, City Secretary.*

Mayor Pro-Tem Wubbenhorst made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Widacki, to approve Resolution No. 2006-14.

Voting “Aye” Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Hamley, and Widacki.

Voting “No” None.

Motion Passed 4 to 0, with Councilmember Holden absent.

5. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2006-15 CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 15817 CONGO LANE SHOULD BE DECLARED TO BE A SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED. *Mr. John Brown, Building Official.*

Councilmember Hamley made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Widacki, to approve Resolution No. 2006-15.

Building Official John Brown gave a brief overview regarding the structure located at 15814 Congo Lane.

A brief discussion ensued among Council, Staff, and the new owners of the property. The history of the property and the new property owners’ plan to bring the property into compliance was discussed in detail.

Voting "Aye" Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, and Widacki.

Voting "No" Councilmember Hamley.

Motion Passed 3 to 1, with Councilmember Holden absent.

- 6. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RESOLUTION NO. 2006-16 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SBC INTERNET SERVICES, INC. FOR INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE. *Mr. Bob Blevins, Information Technology Administrator.***

Councilmember Widacki made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Berube, to approve Resolution No. 2006-16.

Voting "Aye" Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Hamley, and Widacki.

Voting "No" None.

Motion Passed 4 to 0, with Councilmember Holden absent.

- 7. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – ORDINANCE NO. 2006-15 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT FINES, FEES, COURT COSTS AND OTHER CHARGES BY CREDIT CARD AND ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR PROCESSING CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS. *Ms. Isabel Kato, Finance Director.***

Councilmember Berube made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Widacki, to approve Ordinance No. 2006-15.

A brief discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the fee for processing credit card payments.

Voting "Aye" Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Hamley, and Widacki.

Voting "No" None.

Motion Passed 4 to 0, with Councilmember Holden absent.

MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT/COMMENTS

Mayor Ed Heathcott gave an update on his trip to Spain and Portugal. He stated it was a wonderful trip and the City of Jersey Village received much recognition during his visit.

He stated the Founder's Day Event was special and he thanked everyone involved. In closing, he commended the Police Department for their outstanding work in protecting the citizens of Jersey Village.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORTS/COMMENTS

Councilmember Wubbenhorst thanked Interim Parks & Recreation Director Michael Brown and the Recreation & Events Committee for their hard work in preparing the Founder's Day Event. She thanked additional Staff that was involved with preparing for the event. She invited the citizens to participate in the upcoming Citizens Police Academy.

Councilmember Berube stated the Founder's Day Event was wonderful. She thanked all the departments that participated in preparing for the event.

Councilmember Hamley stated the Founder's Day Event was a good event. He stated a citywide yearly event where citizens can meet the city representatives would be good.

Councilmember Widacki stated the Founder's Day Event was a wonderful event.

Councilmember Widacki made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Hamley, to adjourn the regular session.

Voting "Aye" Councilmembers Wubbenhorst, Berube, Hamley, and Widacki.

Voting "No" None.

Motion Passed 4 to 0, with Councilmember Holden absent.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes approved as submitted and/or corrected this the 15th day of May, A.D., 2006.

/s/
Ed Heathcott
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/
LaKeisha Cannon-Scott
City Secretary