

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2009
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

The Town Council of the Town of Shady Shores, Texas convened in a regular meeting on March 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., Shady Shores Community Center, 101 South Shady Shores Road, Shady Shores, Texas. Notice of the meeting was posted as required by Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Government Code. The following members were present: Mayor Olive Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem Nita Watkins, Council members Polly Carter, Charles Grimes, Sherry Starr and Jerry Williams. A quorum was present.

2. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag was recited by all present.

3. Discuss on-going projects with Town Engineer, Mike Saunders.

Town Engineer, Mike Saunders was not present.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

4. Discussion and take appropriate action regarding Final Plat of Lot 1, Block 1 Shady Creek Estates, Being 4.622 Acres Situated in the W.D. Durham Survey, Abstract No. 330 (Presentation by Dan Hopkins, 10004 Candlebrook Drive, Dallas, Texas 75243)

ACTION TAKEN: JERRY WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINAL PLAT OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1, SHADY CREEK ESTATES, BEING 4.622 ACRES SITUATED IN THE W. D. DURHAM SURVEY, ABSTRACT NOT. 330. SECONDED BY NITA WATKINS.

FOR: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED 5-0

5. Discussion and take appropriate action regarding adopting a Resolution recognizing the necessity of protecting our limited water supply resources from pollution.

David Ryburn, Manager of Special Projects for Upper Trinity Regional Water District made a power point presentation to the council assisted by Johnny Harris, Representing LCMUA.

RESOLUTION NO: 703

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SHADY SHORES, TEXAS, RECOGNIZING THE NECESSITY OF PROTECTING OUR LIMITED WATER SUPPLY RESOURCES FROM POLLUTION; ENDORSING WATERSHED PROTECTION AS AN URGENT REGIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY, CITIES, TOWNS AND UTILITIES LOCATED IN THE WATERSHED OF LEWISVILLE LAKE; AND EXPRESSING OUR INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN WATERSHED PROTECTION STRATEGIES TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC WELFARE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Shady Shores, Texas is located in the Lewisville Lake watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that in the long-run our “watershed address” could be as significant for the well-being of our neighborhood as our “street address”: and

WHEREAS, the watershed of Lewisville Lake is an area of on-going growth and development; and, the population in this watershed is expected to continue to increase, rapidly transforming the upper reaches of Lewisville Lake and its watershed from a rural setting to an area with urban characteristics; and

WHEREAS, we believe that a coordinated Watershed Protection Program will help preserve, protect and enhance existing waterways in this vital watershed, including greenbelts, floodplains, streams, riparian lands and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, these waterways and environmental assets extend into and through each community in this watershed—thus, knitting homes, businesses and communities into a greater neighborhood—with shared environmental resources to sustain a high quality of life for each community; and

WHEREAS, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, has developed a list of suggested *Strategies and Key Elements* for watershed protection, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, it is advisable to advance the Lewisville Lake Watershed Protection Program in a cooperative manner with neighboring communities, considering appropriate policies and actions that will help preserve and protect water resources—right where we live.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SHADY SHORES, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the Town Council endorses the timeliness of Watershed Protection, as outlined in the preamble of this resolution, to protect the water assets and water resources that are essential elements of our community's economy and quality of life.

SECTION 2. That the Town Council expresses its intention to participate in a coordinated Lewisville Lake Watershed Protection Program—to help protect the watershed, right where we live, knowing that the quality of life for our people depends on preservation of these irreplaceable water assets.

SECTION 3. That the Town Council does hereby direct staff to review the attached *Strategies and Key Elements* for timely recommendations and for incorporation of appropriate items into local policies, practices and standards.

SECTION 4. That the Town Council wishes to express its appreciation to the Upper Trinity Regional Water District for serving in a continuing role as facilitator for the development and implementation of a coordinated Watershed Protection Program with strategies and best management practices for the protection of our watershed.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2ND DAY OF MARCH 2009.

Attachment: Exhibit A: Strategies and Key Elements of the Lewisville Lake Watershed Protection Program

STRATEGIES AND KEY ELEMENTS OF THE LEWISVILLE LAKE WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

Protecting our fragile watersheds is a priority need for every citizen and every community. The greenbelts and floodplains, streams and waterways, riparian lands and wetlands: all are unique and irreplaceable. These are the important assets that a watershed protection program is designed to preserve and safeguard. Our quality of life and safe drinking water for our families all depend on being successful in watershed protection.

Strategies (the tools) for a successful Watershed Protection Program can be quite varied, but typically will include many of the following measures and activities:

1. STRATEGIES FOR PROTECTING WATERSHEDS

- Preservation of existing natural areas, including flood plains and riparian lands.
- Enforcement of erosion control measures at construction sites.
- Establishing guidelines for use of fertilizers and chemicals in landscaped areas, to minimize runoff.
- Use of organic practices for landscape and gardening activities.
- Recycle yard clippings into organic compost.
- Improving native vegetation in buffer zones between waterways and developed areas.
- Using floodplains for parks and open space, for habitat and for utility corridors or frail systems.
- Use of voluntary conservation easements to acquire property rights to valuable greenbelt land, enabling the preservation of these resources for future generations.
- Conversion of braided streams and gravel pits to wetlands or greenbelts.
- Using water assets and resources for community recreation, for educational purposes, and to enhance quality of life.
- Cooperation and collaboration between communities who jointly share water resource assets such as creeks and other elements of the common watershed.
- Promoting public education and watershed awareness programs.
 - Installation of Watershed Awareness Signs in public places and along roadways.

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2. KEY ELEMENTS FOR A WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

Establishing Greenbelts. A coordinated Watershed Protection Program by the communities

located in the Lewisville Lake watershed will help preserve and protect existing waterways, greenbelts, floodplains, streams, riparian lands and wetlands. These assets perform the vital function of filtering out pollutants such as pesticides and fertilizers and **other** harmful chemicals from entering the streams and waterways, thereby helping safeguard the quality of water entering water supply lakes.

- **Protecting Water Quality. We all live in a watershed, the area around our neighborhood or community from which rainwater drains to a common waterway. A watershed includes yards, roadways, parks, construction sites, streams, flood plains, etc.**

A. Each person’s individual actions **in the watershed directly affect the** valuable downstream water resources. Everyday activities around homes and businesses have an impact **either good or bad** on the watershed.

B. Trash left in the watershed is a common problem both a pollutant to the water and an eyesore to the neighborhood. Community groups often organize volunteers to help cleanup local waterway&

C. Overuse or improper use of fertilizer, pesticides and **other chemicals in landscape** activities is a significant source of pollutants that find their way into water resources.

Therefore, key strategies to protect water quality include the development of guidelines to educate the public about such pollutants, and encouraging the use of organic practices in gardening and landscapes. A strong educational program in schools and for the public about protecting watersheds and water quality is vital. A typical theme for public information can be:

“Do you know your watershed address?”

- **Water Conservation. Water is a precious resource for life. In planning for adequate fixture water supplies, conservation of existing resources at home and at work is a first step. Communities working together, offering public information programs concerning earth-friendly landscape techniques and irrigation practices can be a major strategy for water conservation. As a double benefit, the strategies that promote water conservation also tend to protect the quality of water resources. For example, the Texas Smartscape’ program encourages the use of organic techniques for landscaped areas (requiring less fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals) to help conserve water, and to protect water quality, also.**
- **Collection of Household Hazardous Waste. Proper disposal of Household Hazardous Waste helps protect the watershed and our drinking water resources. Many typical household products such as solvents, pharmaceuticals, cleaning supplies, batteries, paint, pesticides and weed killer pose potential hazards to our drinking water sources. Working with the communities in the watershed, Upper Trinity sponsors a program to safely collect and dispose of such leftover hazardous materials from households.**
- **Education/Public Awareness. Watercourses extend into and through each community in the watershed knitting neighborhoods and communities together with a shared environmental resource. Strong public education, public awareness and outreach programs must play a major role in the success of water quality preservation and protection measures.**

ACTION TAKEN: NITA WATKINS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 703 RECOGNIZING THE NECESSITY OF PROTECTING OUR LIMITED WATER SUPPLY RESOURCES FROM POLLUTION; ENDORSING WATERSHED PROTECTION AS AN URGENT REGIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY, CITIES, TOWNS AND UTILITIES LOCATED IN THE WATERSHED OF LEWISVILLE LAKE. SECONDED BY SHERRY STARR. FOR: UNANIMOUS THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

6. Reports from Council and Committee Chairpersons

Mayor Olive Stephens-Budget, finance, Emergency Manager Coordinator, Emergency Sirens, Connection of sewer line to accessory building.

Financial reports to be placed in council boxes each month.

Mayor Pro tem Nita Watkins-Financials, Roads Funding

Advertising for Mustang drainage to be in the Lake Cities Sun on March 7th and 12th and in the Dallas Morning News. Bid opening on April 2nd.

Councilmember Sherry Starr—Special projects (No reports)

Councilmember Polly Carter- Special projects, Corps Committee

Naming the council chambers after Mayor Olive Stephens

Councilmember Charles Grimes-Corps Committee, Police Department (January police report) 46 calls—4 minute response time—racial profiling report presented to Shady Shores council by Corinth police department.

Councilmember Jerry Williams-Shoreline report (No report)

7. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Nita Watkins spoke about ways to honor outstanding citizens in Shady Shores.

Bill Cissell spoke about Make A Difference Day-Spring Clean-up Day on possibly April 4th

8. Approval of Minutes

(a) FEBRUARY 2, 2009 REGULAR MEETING

Item #8 should read and then they will be able to buy plants.

ACTION TAKEN: NITA WATKINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2009 REGULAR MEETING WITH THE CORRECTION MADE. SECONDED BY POLLY CARTER.

FOR: UNANIMOUS THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

8. Adjourn

ACTION TAKEN: SHERRY STARR MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY CHARLES GRIMES.

FOR: UNANIMOUS THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0

As authorized by section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed executive session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the city attorney on any agenda item listed herein.

_____ Olive Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Secretary