

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 5, 2010

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Town Council of the Town of Shady Shores, Texas convened in a regular meeting on April 5, 2010 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 Betty Brown, Councilmembers Polly Carter, Jerry Williams, and Nita Watkins. Charles Grimes was absent. A quorum was present.

2. Pledge Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

(HONOR THE TEXAS FLAG; I PLEDGE ALLECIANCE TO THEE, TEXAS, ONE STATE UNDER GOD, ONE AND INDIVISIBLE.)

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.

Mike Saunders, Town Engineer was present. Survey has been completed. Included Shady Shores Road as far as Meadowview, and Arbor Shores. Also present was Thomas Hoover.

- a) **Discuss and take appropriate action regarding drainage on south side of west Shady Shores Road from Arbor Shores to the corps property—removing a tree and removing a culvert.**

ACTION TAKEN: POLLY CARTER MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE BIDS FOR THIS PROJECT. SECONDED BY JERRY WILLIAMS.

FOR: UNANIMOUS THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0

- b) **Discuss and take appropriate action regarding authorized survey of Meadowview Estates and Arbor Shores Estates.**

ACTION TAKEN: JERRY WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO TABLE ANY ACTION REGARDING AGENDA ITEM # 3b. PRETAINING TO THE SURVEY OF MEADOWVIEW ESTATES AND ARBOR SHORES ESTATES. SECONDED BY NITA WATKINS.

FOR: UNANIMOUS THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0

4. Discussion and take appropriate action regarding adopting a Resolution updating signatories on bank accounts

RESOLUTION NO. 708

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SHADY SHORES, TEXAS, DESIGNATING SIGNATORIES FOR THE WELLS FARGO, NORTHSTAR BANK OF TEXAS, BBVA COMPASS BANK, ACCOUNTS.

WHEREAS, the Town of Shady Shores has an account at the WELLS FARGO BANK, NORTHSTAR BANK OF TEXAS, BBVA COMPASS BANK ACCOUNTS; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF SHADY SHORES, TEXAS, THAT;

The Town Council of the Town of Shady Shores hereby approves **OLIVE STEPHENS, BETTY BROWN, AND POLLY CARTER** as signatories for the above mentioned accounts with the WELLS FARGO BANK, NORTHSTAR BANK OF TEXAS, BBVA COMPASS BANK.

The Town Council of the Town of Shady Shores hereby declares that this Resolution shall become effective **APRIL 5TH, 2010.**

PASSED AND APPROVED this the **5TH** day of **APRIL 2010.**

ACTION TAKEN: JERRY WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 708 UPDATING THE SIGNATORIES FOR THE BANK ACCOUNTS AT WELLS FARGO, NORTHSTAR BANK OF TEXAS AND BBVA COMPASS BANK BECOMING EFFECTIVE APRIL 5, 2010. SECONDED BY POLLY CARTER.

FOR: UNANIMOUS THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0

**5. Discussion and take appropriate action regarding study of street lights in town.
(Presentation by George Human)**

Signed up to speak on this item were: Sharon Bounds, Patty Durkin, John McKenzie

Study of Street Lights and Cost Concerns

It is my understanding that the City budget is strained by the fact that it is now paying over a \$1000 per month for the streetlights in the Cielo subdivision originally assumed to be paid for by the Home Owner's Association. According to Danny Hodges of Oncor, this subdivision has approximately 37- 100-watt high pressure sodium lights. There are only three other subdivisions in the Town of Shady Shores which have street lights. Those are all Mercury vapor lights in the Arbor Shores area which has approximately 9, Olive Branch which has three and The Lakes of Shady Shores which has approximately 11. I did notice that at least 3 lights were not burning within the lighted subdivisions.

I understand that only about half of the towns population has street lights within their subdivisions but that all the citizens are footing the bill which is \$ 1,280/mo. or \$15,360 per year. Assuming about 500 residences, this cost averages about \$31 per household per year paid from City taxes. If the residents of the subdivisions with streetlights within their subdivisions, paid for the lights in their own subdivision, the cost per home would range from approximately \$4 to \$7 per month or \$48 to \$84 per year depending on the number of lights and the number of homes in the particular subdivision. The above estimates were generated by counting the approximate number of homes and street lights per lighted subdivision. In larger Cities, which have streetlights at most residential street intersections and at the end of cul-de-sacs, the cost is paid by the City as a part of the standard City services.

The only engineering involved in my study of this issue relates to the relative safety of the neighborhoods with and without street lights and that is somewhat subjective as well. Most people will tell you that finding intersections and reading street signs is much easier with street lighted intersections. Most police officers will tell you that well lighted neighborhoods are safer from thefts and vandalism.

I did notice while doing the night driving in the Cielo subdivision and not being familiar with the area, that when turning onto a cul-de-sac where the light at the end of even a short cul-de-sac was burned out that it was much less obvious that I was on a dead end street.

In my opinion, since only about half the residents in the town have streetlights, those without the benefit of streetlights in their neighborhoods should not bear any of the cost for those who benefit from them.

ACTION TAKEN: JERRY WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION THAT ON AGENDA ITEM #5 THAT WE CONTINUE TO FUND THE ELECTRICITY NEEDED FOR THESE LIGHTS AND CONSIDER IT IN OUR ANNUAL BUDGET. SECONDED BY POLLY CARTER.

FOR: UNANIMOUS

THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0

6. Discussion and take appropriate action regarding traffic study at west Shady Shores Road at the gazebo curve. (Presentation by George Human)

Signed up to speak was Sharon Bounds.

Recommendations Related to Curve Problems

On Wednesday, February 10, 2010 I was engaged by Mayor Olive Stephens to Study the above concerns and to make written recommendations.

On that date, before and after going over the issues and history with you, I studied the areas during daylight and dark hours assessing the problems and possible solutions.

Study of Curve and Triangle formed by Shady shores Road and Fritz Lane

The Olive Garden Gazebo has been damaged at east twice by vehicles failing to properly negotiate the sharp curve on Shady Shores Road. My understanding is that one accident occurred southbound and one was westbound. The southbound accident occurred after dark and the time of day for the westbound accident was not given.

The southbound section has a compound curve which becomes sharper as it continues south. So it begins turning east long before the pole mounted chevrons in front of the gazebo are anywhere near the driver's view . In the night photo, note the barely visible chevrons to the far left of the driver's view and barely illuminated by the headlights.

The white edge stripe in the severest part of the southbound approach to the curve has a gap of approximately 120 feet as the pavement edge veers to the right for the connection to Fritz Lane.

At night, since the area has no lighting, only the headlights on the reflectorized pavement markings provide any guidance around westbound to northbound curve. Also, since the terrain is very flat, drivers unfamiliar with the curve approaching both from the east and north have limited information as to the severity of the curve they are approaching.

It is recommended that sharp turn signs with 20MPH advisory speed signs mounted below them replace the existing curve and "slow" signs on both approaches. The existing signs with rounded curve arrows are not recommended for curves with safe speeds of less than 30MPH.

The westbound to northbound approach is not a compound curve and therefore reflective chevrons would provide added guidance on this approach. The existing four chevrons for southbound traffic could be repositioned for westbound traffic with the direction indicators reversed.

For the southbound approach, continuation of the 4' white reflective edge line striping parallel to the yellow centerline stripes is recommended as 3 foot dashed lines with 3 foot skips across the paved departure area. Since there is no place to install post mounted chevrons in the direct line of the drivers view on this approach, the painted edge lines should not be considered completely adequate for guidance. recommend adding white reflective raised markers similar to the blue ones you have identifying the location of fire hydrants. It is recommended that the reflective markers be placed at least in the area of the current gap in the solid edge line at the beginning of each recommended dashed lines.

The painted dashed edge lines should cost about \$1.00/foot installed or \$60 and the buttons about \$4 each installed or about \$80. My guess is that all of the recommended items could be handled in less than a day by one supplier/installer.

ACTION TAKEN: JERRY WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SUGGESTIONS FROM MR. HUMAN REGARDING THE CURVE AT WEST SHADY SHORES

ROAD CALLED THE GAZEBO CURVE IN A TIMELY MANNER—TRY TO GET THOSE PURCHASED AND INSTALLED *AMENDED BY BETTY BROWN WITH A DEADLINE”— WITHIN SIXTY 60 DAYS. SECONDED BY BETTY BROWN.

FOR: UNANIMOUS THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0

7. Discussion and take appropriate action regarding appropriating additional funds for the LAKE CITIES 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

ACTION TAKEN: BETTY BROWN MADE A MOTION THAT WE APPROVE THE TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) ALREADY BUDGETED FOR A TITLE SPONSORSHIP TO THE LAKE DALLAS 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION AND APPROPRIATE NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS ABOVE THE TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) BUDGETED. SECONDED BY JERRY WILLIAMS.

FOR: UNANIMOUS THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0

8. Discussion and take appropriate action regarding changing the council meeting date in May.

ACTION TAKEN: NITA WATKINS MADE A MOTION TO CHANGE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATE TO TUESDAY---MAY 11, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. SECONDED BY JERRY WILLIAMS.

FOR; UNANIMOUS THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0

9. Reports from Council and Committee Chairpersons

Mayor Olive Stephens-Budget, Finance, ATV report

Town will have been incorporated for 50 years later this year.

Mayor Pro tem Betty Brown—Water Well report,

Councilmember Nita Watkins, Financials, Roads Funding

Councilmember Polly Carter- Special projects, Corps Committee, roads

Resurfacing Shahan Road and Oakwood Circle

Float for the 4th of July Celebration

Walking club

50 year celebration for Shady Shores

Lake Cities Sun tends to be negative in its reporting. For example, the recent article progress 2010 and describing us as “blowing in the wind” and just focused on “new subdivisions” in Shady Shores. What does “blowing in the wind “mean? It seems pretty derogatory.

Many things are happening in Shady Shores like the:

The *Hi Neighbor Program* —The first event was a Christmas Party in the new Town Hall, and a Spring weekend clean-up day. Also in the Spring will be the start of the Neighbor Walking Club, a float for the council in the Lake Dallas a July 4th parade, and Hi Neighbor classes are planned, in the community center, during the summer.

- The town has a web site used to disseminate news and information about the town.
- + We re now fully in the new town hall which was paid for with cash. The town has no debt.
- The boat ramp has been redone and it is the only free boat ramp on the west side of the lake. This helps accommodate our residents, many having very large boats.
- Last year, we finished paving the last of the gravel roads in town.
- While there have not been new subdivisions this year, residents are adding amenities to their homes. One resident is building a very ornate (expensive) esthetically pleasing fence on a Lakeshore Road corner; another is building a junior Olympic size swimming pool. Remodeling projects of all kinds are being undertaken over town.
- Your article uses only one metric to describe things happening-new subdivisions. Many residents moved to Shady Shores because of the peaceful rural nature of the town. They don’t necessarily want excessive growth. In Shady Shores, building sites in new subdivisions require a ½ acre lot, which drives up the basic cost of a home. So the average price of a new

home in Shady Shores is higher than in other Lake Cities towns.
The negative attitude of your articles is infectious and can become self fulfilling prophecies, pushing a recession into a depression.

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Councilmember Charles Grimes-Corps Committee, Police Department (Most recent police report)

Councilmember Jerry Williams---tree watering report, roads

Trees survived the winter and over watering by mother nature.
Sink hole just past Polly's house—on Lakeshore
Flags down because of high winds.

10. CITIZENS COMMENTS

No Citizen comments.

11. Approval of Minutes

(a) MARCH 1, 2010 REGULAR MEETING

ACTION TAKEN: JERRY WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINURES AS WRITTEN FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2010 . SECONDED BY NITA WATKINS.

FOR: UNANIMOUS THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0

12. Discussion and take appropriate action to consider future agenda items.

Discussion and action on additional street lights in the Town of Shady Shores.
Possibly form a committee to do a study on where we need additional street lights in the town.
Possible budget amendment needed.

13. Adjourn

ACTION TAKEN: JERRY WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY NITA WATKINS.

FOR: UNANIMOUS THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0

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:

ACTING TOWN SECRETARY