

CITY OF CUMBY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2008

THE CITY OF CUMBY, TEXAS, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008, AT 7:00 PM, AT 101 MAIN STREET IN CUMBY, TEXAS.

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT: MAYOR JEFF STRICKLAND, COMMISSIONER LEON HIGGINBOTHAM, COMMISSIONER TRAVIS BAXLEY, ANGIE ALLEN, LA NORA POWELL, MARY WESTBROOK, JOHN LITTLEFIELD, TONY WEBB, DAVID WEATHERBEE, THOMAS JENKINS, JAMES PEMBERTON.

- 1) MAYOR STRICKLAND CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.
- 2) COMMISSIONER BAXLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING. COMMISSIONER HIGGINBOTHAM SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL APPROVE. MOTION PASSED.
- 3) PRESENTATION BY THE CITIZENS:
 - A) THOMAS JENKINS – THOMAS JENKINS TOLD THE COUCNIL THAT HIS MAIN THING IS WITH COMMISSIONER BAXLEY. HE STATED THAT HE CAME IN TO THE CITY HALL THE OTHER DAY TO TALK ABOUT HIS TRASH BILL AND THAT IT GOT REAL HEATED, AND THAT COMMISSIONER BAXLEY THREATENED TO KICK HIS BUTT, THOMAS STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT WAS REAL PROFESSIONEL FOR A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO ACT. THOMAS STATED THAT HE WOULD BE CONTACTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ABOUT HAVING CITY WORKERS WORK ON COMMISSIONER BAXLEY'S RENT HOUSES. THOMAS ASKED HOW THE CITY KEEPS UP WITH MILEAGE FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBERS. THOMAS HEARD THAT COMMISSIONER BAXLEY WILL FILL UP HIS TRUCK AND GO TO TOWN TO GET SUPPLIES. HE WANTED TO KNOW HOW WE DEAL WITH MILEAGE OR IF THE CITY LETS HIM FILL UP ON HIS OWN? THOMAS STATED THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER THINGS HE SHOULD HAVE WROTE DOWN, BUT HE HAD STATED THE MAIN THINGS. THOMAS LET COMMISSIONER BAXLEY KNOW THAT HE DIDN'T THINK THAT HE HAD THE TEMPERAMENT TO BE IN OFFICE. THOMAS STATED THAT IF COMMISSIONER BAXLEY WAS A BETTER PERSON HE WOULD QUIT NIT PICKING PEOPLE AND CALLING THE COPS EVERYTIME SOMEONE NEEDS THEIR YARD MOWED. THOMAS STATED THAT HE HOPES THAT COMMISSIONER BAXLEY WOULD RESIGN. COMMISSIONER BAXLEY LET THOMAS KNOW THAT HE WOULD NOT BE RESIGNING. THOMAS ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD BE STARTING A PETITION ON WEDNESDAY. COMMISSIONER BAXLEY STATED THAT BEFORE HE GOT IN THOMAS JENKINS FACE AND HE HAS WITNISSES AND WE HAVE IT ON TAPE THOMAS CALLED COMMISSIONER BAXLEY A SNAKE IN THE GRASS AND SAID COMMISSIONER BAXLEY HAS DONE NOTHING FOR THE CITY. COMMISSIONER BAXLEY ASKED THOMAS JENKINS WHERE

HAD HE BEEN. COMMISSIONER BAXLEY TOLD THOMAS JENKINS TO GO AHEAD AND GET A PETITION FOR HIM TO GET OUT OF OFFICE AND THAT IT WOULD NOT TAKE 15 MINUTES FOR A PETITION TO VOTE THIS CITY DRY AND WHERE WOULD THAT LEAVE THOMAS? THOMAS STATED THAT HE WOULD START A GROCERY STORE. COMMISSIONER HIGGINBOTHAM STATED THAT THIS TOWN COULD SURE USE A GROCERY STORE. MARY WESTBROOK SPOKE UP AND STATED THAT ANYTIME SHE ASKED THE COUNCIL FOR HELP WITH ORDINANCE VIOLATION THE COUNCIL HAD BEEN MORE THAN HELPFUL TO HER. COMMISSIONER BAXLEY STATED THAT MOST OF THE ORDINANCES WERE UP DATED DURING HIS TERMS IN OFFICE THAT IS WHY HIS NAME IS ON THEM. THOMAS STATED THAT HE USE TO BE A RESERVE POLICE OFFICER AND KNOWS HOW COMMISSIONER BAXLEY CALLED THE COPS EVERYTIME SOMEONE NEEDED THEIR YARD MOWED. COMMISSIONER BAXLEY LET THOMAS KNOW THAT IS HIS JOB AS A COMMISSIONER. THOMAS STATED THAT HE THOUGHT IT WAS REAL PROFESSIONAL OF COMMISSIONER BAXLEY TO CALL THE CHIEF AND HAVE THOMAS FIRED WHEN THEY HAD THE ALTERCATION IN THE CITY HALL. THOMAS STATED THAT HE WORKED FOR FREE AS A RESERVE POSITION SO NOW YOU PUT SOME OF THE OFFICERS IN A DANGER BECAUSE THOMAS CAN'T GO OUT ANYMORE. THOMAS STATED THAT HE DID RESIGN BEFORE COMMISSIONER BAXLEY DID THAT BECAUSE I KNOW YOU ARE A SNAKE AND I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO DO THAT. COMMISSIONER BAXLEY LET THOMAS KNOW THAT IF HE CALLED HIM A SNAKE AGAIN HE WOULD BE ESCORTED OUT OF THE ROOM. THOMAS ASKED IF IT WAS AGAINST THE LAW. OFFICER SANTOS TOLD THOMAS TO CALM DOWN AND TO TALK IN A ORDERLY FASHION OR HE WOULD BE ASKED TO LEAVE. THOMAS CALLED COMMISSIONER BAXLEY A SNAKE. OFFICER SANTOS THEN REMOVED THOMAS JENKINS FROM THE COUNCIL ROOM. MAYOR STRICKLAND LET THE CITIZENS KNOW THAT THIS HAS BEEN AN ONGOING PROPLRM FOR A LONG TIME. THOMAS WILL SHOW UP TO EVERY CITY COUNCIL MEETING SAY HIS FIVE MINUTES AND ASKED TO LEAVE JUST LIKE TONIGHT. NO BODY HAS PICKED ON HIM, THOMAS HAS TRIED TO SLIDE STUFF UNDER THE UMBRELA WHILE HE WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF CUMBY. HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN FIRED A MONTH BEFORE HE WAS ASKED TO RESIGN FOR CONDUCT UNBECOMING OF AN OFFICER.

B) JAMES PEMENRTON – MR. PEMBERTON PRESENTED THE COUNCIL A COPY OF HIS PROPERTY LINES. HE HAD HIS PROPERTY SURVEYED AND THE SURVEY SHOW'S TWO UNDEVELOPED ROAD EASEMENTS, ROWE STREET, AND DICKERSON STREET. MR. PEMBERTON ASKED THE COUNCIL IF THE CITY EVER PLANED ON DEVELOPING THE ROADS. AS OF NOW MR. PEMBERTON'S DRIVEWAY AND GARAGE SIT ON THE UNDEVELOPED ROWE STREET. THE COUNCIL LET MR. PEMBERTON KNOW THAT THE UNDEVELOPED STREETS WOULD NOT BECOME DEVELOPED. THE COUNCIL LET MR. PEMBERTON KNOW THAT THEY WOULD GET WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SEE ABOUT THE PROPER PROCEDURES OF RELEASING THE

EASEMENTS. THE CITY SECRETARY WILL GET BACK WITH MR. PEMBERTON UPON TALKING TO THE CITY ATTORNEY.

4) OLD BUSINESS

A) STREETS: SAME

B) WATER: WELLS PUMPED 3,351,500. WATER SOLD 2,783,400. THE WWTP & CHURCHES PUMPED 407,900. THERE WAS A LOSS OF 160,200. 220 POUNDS OF CHLORINE WERE USED.

C) SEWER PLANT: REPLACED THE STARTER ON BIG PADDLE WHEEL

D) FIRE PLUGS: SAME

E) WELL SITUATION: WELLS IN GOOD SHAPE

F) LEAK SITUATION: LEAKS ARE BEING FIXED AS NEEDED

5) NEW BUSINESS:

A) JOHN LITTLEFIELD / SOUTHWEST ENGINEERS: MR. LITTLEFIELD INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO THE COUNCIL & LET THE COUNCIL KNOW THAT HIS COMPANY WORKS WITH SEVERAL LITTLE TOWNS ACROSS THE STATE. THE NEXT GRANT PROJECT WILL BE TO MOVE THE WATER & SEWER LINES ON FRISCO STREET. MR. LITTLEFIELD SAID THAT THIS WILL BE A COSTLY PROJECT DUE TO ALL THE DRIVEWAY'S AND UTILITY LINES. AFTER RUNNING THE PREMINILARY NUMBERS MR. LITTLEFIELD ESTIMATES THAT THERE IS ENOUGH MONEY IN THIS GRANT CYCLE TO COMPLETE HALF OF FRISCO STREET. MR. LITTLEFIELD ASKED THE COUNCIL IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO JUST THE WATER ,JUST THE SEWER LINES OR BOTH UP TO THE RAILROAD TRACKS. MR. LITTLEFIELD ASKED THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER WHAT THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS AND WE WILL GO FROM THERE. COMMISSIONER HIGGINBOTHAM ASKED MR. LITTLEFIELD ABOUT TIME LINES ON PROJECTS. ON PAST PROJECTS THE CITY WILL RECEIVE BIDS FOR AN AMOUNT AND BY THE TIME THE PROJECT STARTS THE MATERIALS HAVE INCREASED. MR. LITTLEFIELD LET COMMISSIONER HIGGINBOTHAM KNOW THAT THEY PROCEED VERY QUICKLY TO KEEP THE PROJECT COST LOW.

6) FIRE DEPT: FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 35 CALLS. 8 CITY, 27 COUNTY, 9 GRASS FIRES, 1 STRUCTURE FIRES, 12 MEDICAL, 12 MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION, 1 INVESTIGATION. YEARLY TOTAL OF 307.

7) POLICE DEPT: POLICE DEPT SPENT \$ 1252.89 ON FUEL, \$224.49 ON UTILITIES, \$ 727.49 VEHICLE MAINT., \$207.46 ON UNIFORMS. THERE WAS 1 ARRESTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPT. 121 WARINGS AND CITATIONS WERE ISSUED.

8) PAY THE MONTHLY BILLS: COMMISSIONER HIGGINOTHAM MADE A MOTION TO PAY THE MONTHLY BILLS. COMMISSIONER BAXLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL APPROVE. MOTION PASSED.

9) ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL: MAYOR STRICKLAND LET EVERYONE KNOW THAT THE NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE MOVED TO THE SECOND TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH DUE TO THE ELECTION.

MAYOR STRICKLAND CLOSED THE REGULAR MEETING.


MAYOR JEFF STRICKLAND

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY